

Am I A God 471

Chapter 471

“D*mn it, what exactly did these guys do to Rice Cake?”

After all, an earthquake was no common occurrence in Jiangmen City. Meanwhile, the onset of the earthquake coincided perfectly with Rice Cake’s disappearance. Even an idiot would suspect that Rice Cake had something to do with it. Just one year ago, Rice Cake did cause a small-scale earthquake within Jiangmen City because of her bodily pains.

With worry continually gnawing at him, Zhao Yao sped up even more as he shouted in Xiao Yu’s direction, “Hurry up!”

Xiao Yu was bewildered by Zhao Yao’s sudden change in tone and asked, “What happened?”

Zhao Yao responded in his usual calm voice, “I have a bad feeling.”

With that said, he had already bolted forward, moving in the direction which Inspector Ho had pointed towards.

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Meanwhile, Cheese was baffled by Rice Cake’s behavior. She just kept crying and showed no signs of stopping anytime soon.

Kimchi added, “I think there was a slight vibration just now.”

“Hmph,” Cheese had no time for Kimchi’s baseless worries. Instead, his sight was fixed on that pair of watery eyes. Rice Cake started to roll across the ground with tears streaming down her crimson cheeks. Cheese felt a pain searing through him and responded, “Rice Cake, just look at what the humans have done to you. You cannot continue to pander to your addiction. All these humans’ toys will only make your actions tardy. You should join us and play actual games.”

Anger seared through her as Rice Cake retorted, word by word, “I! Want! My! Internet!”

Cheese could only shake his head in despair. They continued to traverse across the vast grasslands with cats happily chasing after one another. Their angelic laughter was music to anyone's ears. This sort of play allowed the cats to hone their hunting techniques.

“Just look at how much fun they're having! This is our tradition! It allows us to improve and become better hunters!” Cheese descended to the ground and picked up a furball before walking towards Rice Cake. A wide grin spread across his face as he uttered, “Rice Cake, join me and have some fun! This will make you forget about all those useless stuff.”

In a split second, the rocks which used to immobilize Rice Cake vaporized into thin air and exposed her true body.

Fish Ball sprang on this opportunity and shouted, “This looks like so much fun! I would love to play with that furball!”

Suddenly, Noodle's concerned voice rang in Fish Ball's ear, “Fish Ball, I'm starting to lose sensation in my lips. Is this a sign of recovery?”

Meanwhile, Cheese had gently set the furball on the ground. With a light tap, the furball had rolled all the way to Rice Cake's feet.

Excitement shot out of Cheese's eyes as he looked towards Rice Cake with a brilliant smile, “Rice Cake, throw that back to me.”

“Childish,” Rice Cake slid Cheese a condescending glare as if he were a r*tard. She slammed against the furball with all her might, hurling it into the air before it disappeared amongst the bushes.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Instantly, the surrounding supercats sprang into action and went straight for the furball. Rice Cake's lips curled with disdain as she sneered, “A bunch of country bumpkins.”

Cheese let out that same sigh of despair and commented, “Rice Cake, you are still a cat and this is what a cat should do.” However, Rice Cake was completely indifferent to his words. Instead, her annoyance flared.

However, Cheese was not about to give up. After that, he brought Rice Cake to a large plot of land that was covered with a unique white rock. At least 10 supercats were using it to sharpen their claws.

A perplexed expression distorted Rice Cake's features as she asked, "What are they doing?"

Overwhelmed with nostalgia, Cheese answered, "These young supercats are training their claws. Every time they sharpen them, they will break and re-grow into stronger, sharper and more deadly claws. I, too, used to train here when I was younger."

At the same time, Cheese threw his paw in the air and revealed five razor-sharp claws. He slowly ran his paw against the white rock as five straight lines emerged.

Brimming with pride, Cheese stared at his wonderful creation and continued, "Do you see this? Originally, this wide field was covered with your usual rocks. However, after countless cats have gone through this rigorous training and left behind the multiple scratch marks, these rocks have turned white."

Cheese's eyes darted towards Rice Cake and asked, "Rice Cake, do you want to try? When our superpower fails us, our claws and our fangs will become our final weapons."

Rice Cake's face scrunched into a grimace as she watched the young supercats' claws break in two as their training progressed. She could not help but comment, "This is too primitive, too barbaric. Back home, Zhao Yao helps me trim my nails."

Cheese immediately interrupted her words, "Humans do that because they fear our true power! Rice Cake, you must forget about your past and revert to a true cat!"

Fish Ball added, "Rice Cake, I agree with him. You should just stay here while we return and explain everything to Zhao Yao."

Cheese immediately shot Fish Ball a look of disdain and sneered, "Fish Ball, you too must stay here. Just take a look at yourself. Humans have enticed you with so much food that you can barely jump over a tiny wall."

With his voice shaking with embarrassment, Fish Ball replied, "Actually, I prefer to use the door."

Suddenly, Noodle stretched his mouth open and stuck out his long tongue saying, “I suddenly feel so much better. However, why are there so many dogs around? Are they all superdogs?”

After walking for another 300 meters, a small cabin emerged before them. It reeked of the smell of blood. Tens of fishes were laid neatly in a row, with one cat standing opposite each fish. Suddenly, they began to tear the fishes into pieces with their claws and fangs. Some of the fishes were still alive as the cats devoured them.

“What the f*ck?” Rice Cake could not believe her eyes, “What are they trying to do?”

“They’re eating.” Kimchi explained, “These are fishes freshly caught from the surrounding sea. I have to admit, they taste pretty good.”

“I’m asking you why you have to eat them raw.” Rice Cake watched as a cat severed a fish’s head into two with fresh blood dripping from the corner of its lips. Rice Cake shut her eyes in disgust and muttered, “Disgusting.”

“Disgusting?” Kimchi quivered with indignation, “We have been eating fresh fishes since the dawn of time. This helps with our muscle growth and makes our teeth stronger. This is what we should eat!”

“Enough!” Rice Cake’s body locked up with rage, “I do not want to spend another minute in this d*mned place! Bring me back now! Immediately!” Following her deafening roar, her body began to vibrate. A barely visible mist emerged, shrouding her entire body.

Cheese could only shake his head and sighed, “Rice Cake, it seems like there is much that you have to learn. You will thank me after you’ve grown accustomed to this place.”

With that, he slammed his paw against the ground. Immediately, blocks of soil broke off from the ground and flew towards Rice Cake, encapsulating her body within it.

“Let me out!” Rice Cake continued to protest, “I want my internet! I want my games! I do not want to stay in this backward place! I’d rather die! All you primitive cats! Country bumpkins! All you b*stards! Zhao Yao will never forgive you!”

Cheese could only shake his head in despair. He cocked his head skywards as he levitated, along with the giant mass of soil, towards the tallest mountain on the island.

Halfway into their flight, the island started to shake. The vibration grew stronger and stronger as waves emerged from the sea and crashed into one another.

Cheese stared at this scene in disbelief. Instantly, he turned his head towards Kimchi and asked, “Are you doing this?”

“I’m not. I’m only capable of changing the weather. I cannot create a tsunami or an earthquake!” Kimchi too looked confused as he replied, “Maybe it’s just a coincidence?”

However, the vibration ended as abruptly as it started. Hence, Cheese and Kimchi decided to ignore it as they continued flying towards the top. The owner of this island, Cat Sage, sat there awaiting them.

Chapter 472: Chance Encounter

Rice Cake followed behind, albeit unwillingly, as they approached a breathtaking building perched on the top of the mountain.

Before even setting foot on the marble floor, they could already sense a peculiar matter floating in the air.

Instinctively, Fish Ball drew in a deep breath, washing his lungs with this unique air. To his amazement, a mysterious force swept through his body as he gasped in excitement, “What is this?”

Cheese replied with a gentle smile, “This is the power of the sage rock.”

Instead of quelling his curiosity, it made Fish Ball even more excited, “What is a sage rock?”

However, Cheese chose to remain silent and replied with that same smile. Then, he led them through the giant gates and into the spectacular hallway. Inside, the mysterious feeling only

intensified. This feeling materialized out of thin air and pervaded every single living cell within Fish Ball's body.

At that moment, Fish Ball felt an exponential increase in strength. He had turned from an ordinary torchlight into a blinding spotlight.

Before he could continue relishing in this inexplicable feeling, he was distracted by the interiors of the building. Five or six supercats were strewn all across, with some sitting, lying and resting on the cushions and cat beds present. Their eyes were barely open and it seemed like they were on the verge of sleeping. They simply slid them a glance when they heard their approach.

In the center of the imposing building lay a rock which was barely the size of a brain. Fish Ball instantly recognized it to be the source of that mysterious feeling.

However, what caught Fish Ball by surprise was not this seemingly ordinary rock but the tiny rat stretched across it. With its eyes squinted into a tiny line, it seemed like it was enjoying itself.

With Cheese leading the fore, the rest followed behind quickly. Cheese bent his knees as his head inclined forward for a bow, "Cat Sage, I have returned."

Fish Ball's jaws went slack as he watched the event occurred before his eyes, "Isn't this just an ordinary rat? Why are they treating him like their boss? Have they gone out of their minds?"

Immediately, Fish Ball's brazen words were met with Kimchi's furious gaze as he retorted, "Shut your nonsense. The Cat Sage is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent. He can be whatever he wishes to, be it a rat, a tiger or even a dragon. He had merely adopted a rat's body for convenience sake."

Fish Ball could only stare at this seemingly ordinary rat in amazement. At the same time, the rat's eyelids began to quiver before revealing his beady eyes. Those pair of beady eyes began to scrutinize Fish Ball, followed by Noodle and finally Rice Cake. With a genial smile, he asked, "Cheese, have you brought some new friends back to us?"

Cheese nodded his head before removing a chunk of soil from Rice Cake's body, revealing her tiny head. Immediately, Rice Cake reciprocated with a death glare directed straight at him.

“Haha,” Cat Sage’s deep yet gentle voice reverberated in all their heads, “I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of you into our big family. From today onwards, you will be a part of us. You will be our brothers. I hope that you can look out for one another. One for all, all for one.”

With that, Cat Sage floated in mid-air as a whiff of green smoke plunged towards Fish Ball, Rice Cake, and Noodle. Instantly, it had morphed into a menacing Bengal Tiger with his razor-sharp claws coupled with a whip-like tail. Fish Ball could even detect the stench of blood in his breath as shivers ran down his spine.

Only Rice Cake remained in her defensive posture as she continued to gnash at him, adamant to stand her ground.

In his Bengal Tiger form, Cat Sage began to walk around them in circles, slowly. He took a few quick sniffs before explaining, “Cat Island might be a big and happy family. However, there is no such thing as free lunch. You have to work for your food. Nothing comes without hard work. If you put in your best, Cat Island will definitely reciprocate accordingly.”

With his eyes glued to that mysterious rock, Fish Ball asked daringly, “What is the matter with that rock there?” Fish Ball’s eyes had never left that rock the moment he set foot in this place. Just the thought of it being able to strengthen his superpower made Fish Ball drunk with happiness.

Cat Sage replied with a cordial smile, “This rock came from beyond the sky. It holds an unbelievable power.

I’m sure you guys have felt it as well. It can increase your strength. However, this rock has its limits. Within a given time frame, the number of supercats that it can influence is limited. Hence, only the most gifted of supercats are allowed to stay here and continue to receive the gift of the sage rock.”

Immediately, Fish Ball and Noodle’s face were overcome with awe. Cat Sage noticed it and spoke in an alluring tone, “Tell me about your gifts.”

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Above the sea, Zhao Yao and Xiao Yu stared at the thick layer of fog obstructing their way. With no hesitation, they plunged into it. However, this was no ordinary fog with its unusually low visibility. You couldn’t see anything which fell beyond the one-meter radius zone.

Zhao Yao stretched his arm out of the gate and shouted, “This fog is too thick! Grab on to my arm!”

Hand in hand, the duo continued to fly through the thick fog slowly. However, after more than 10 minutes of aimless flying, they were still shrouded by more fog and sounds of crashing waves ringing in their ears. It seemed as if they had not moved a single inch.

Xiao Yu clarified, “Are you sure they’re really inside the fog? What exactly is inside this fog?”

At this moment, Zhao Yao pressed his index finger against his lips, gesturing Xiao Yu to keep her mouth shut. His ears quivered as he recognized the distant rumbling sound.

On a sandy beach not too far away, two muscular blonde men had just descended on the shores.

They were clad in military gears and armed with the most sophisticated weapons. They seemed like they were from the Special Forces.

A tinge of hesitation flashed across their eyes as they stared at this seemingly borderless fog.

The density of this fog definitely fell out of the norm.

A middle-aged Caucasian man spoke, “Number 0’s control over aerolites has improved considerably. The supercats working under him are definitely no pushovers.”

“How strong can he possibly get? The aerolite is merely the size of my fist. All he can do is bully those country bumpkins living in these third world countries.” The other Caucasian replied. He was a handsome man with his chiseled jawline hidden beneath his full beard. He spoke condescendingly, “If he wasn’t so good at running away, we would have caught him and gotten back the stolen aerolite.”

Unbeknownst to them, Zhao Yao and Xiao Yu had floated right behind them while they were totally engrossed in their conversation.

Xiao Yu had difficulty making out the shadows beyond that thick fog. Afraid of giving herself away, she typed a string of words on her phone before shoving it in Zhao Yao's face, "What are they saying? Can you understand them?"

Both men were Americans. Hence, the entire conversation was in English. As an elementary school student who only recently joined a middle school, Xiao Yu could not understand a single word they spoke. However, she knew that it was in English which was why she approached Zhao Yao.

Seeing that lame question shoved in his face, Zhao Yao replied with another string of text, "Are you saying you can't understand that simple English? How did you even manage to get past elementary school?"

Xiao Yu shot him a furious glare and retorted, "Are you trying to say that you understand everything?"

Another string of text appeared, "You don't say? They are discussing their dinner plans. One of them is inclining towards steak while the other one wants pizza. Tell me, who is the one who is interested in steak. Is it Jerry or Tom?"

A tinge of hesitation flashed across her eyes as Xiao Yu replied cautiously, "Tom ... Tom?"

"Wrong!" Zhao Yao interrupted, "It's Jerry! You can't even pass such a simple listening comprehension test. Your impending middle school life will be disastrous. You should get some English tuition when you get back."

Chapter 473: The Mission

Fuerdai – A Chinese term used to describe the children of the nouveau riche in China

Xiao Yu instantly rolled her eyes as Zhao Yao's revolting words rang in her ears. With anger searing through her body, she commented, "A cat will always behave like a cat. However, humans may sometime forget to behave like a normal human being."

"Hmph?" Zhao Yao's ears gave a quick twitch as he mumbled, "I think there's someone else here."

Meanwhile, the other two Americans had also detected the unfamiliar presence. In the blink of an eye, they had bolted forward like two weightless spirits.

A thought crossed Zhao Yao's head as he observed those two Caucasians' behavior, "Is this the power of their abilities? Is it the power of wind or gravity?"

With that thought lingering in his head, Zhao Yao had grabbed onto Xiao Yu's arm and pulled her through the dense fog. Immediately, they noticed tens of hazy shadows huddled together on the beach. However, the fog was simply too thick. Even Zhao Yao had no means of seeing their faces.

Currently, those few people had yet to notice the newcomers' arrival. They remained deeply absorbed in their conversations.

"When will this stupid fog finally dissipate? Are we just going to stay here and wait?"

"Do not try anything stupid in such conditions. You'll simply get yourself lost."

Another man exclaimed, "We are actually just a stone's throw from Jiangmen City. There's bound to be lots of ships in our area. We will be rescued the moment the fog lifts."

Zhao Yao understood their predicament by eavesdropping on their brief exchange. These people here had most likely lost their way when they entered the rough sea and ended up stranded on this island because of the fog.

However, joy welled up inside Zhao Yao as his eyes slowly gravitated upwards. In front of him was a sea of golden exclamation marks floating above their heads. Even under such poor visibility conditions, Zhao Yao could still see the unmistakable exclamation marks.

His mouth fell open when he noticed an absence of exclamation mark above a particular individual. Zhao Yao bit back a scream and could hardly believe his eyes.

Zhao Yao pondered, "Shouldn't all the victims stranded here be praying for someone to save them? Why doesn't this guy want to be saved?"

However, the Americans adopted a starkly different approach. Instead of surveying the situation discreetly, they approached the stranded victims with their somewhat incoherent Mandarin, "Hi, I am Captain William Johnson of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Currently, we are working alongside the

Chinese forces to address the fog problem. Could you kindly share with us everything that had happened to you since you've landed on the island?"

Xiao Yu immediately shot Zhao Yao a condescending glare when he heard the American's words, "Nice try, Tom and Jerry?"

"You actually believe in his bullshit? I'm telling you that his real name is Tom."

Zhao Yao saw through his lies instantly. Firstly, Inspector Ho had never mentioned a word about any co-operation with the Americans. Secondly, this water was under Chinese jurisdiction. They would never cede any control to any Americans to address the superpower situation.

However, the victims perceived the American's gesture in a completely different manner. To them, William was a beacon of hope. They flocked to him and drowned him with a deluge of words.

William listened as his brows slowly snapped together. Suddenly, he withdrew a pistol from his holster and aimed it straight at the crowd. A brief period of silence ensued before they broke out in screams.

William threatened them with his menacing words, "I'm not here to save you. Those people will be coming slightly later. I am here on a covert mission sanctioned by the United Nations. I want you to tell me what exactly happened to you after you saw the fog. No details shall be omitted. If not, I can simply deal with you based on wartime principles."

His words rekindled their hopes. Faced with the threat of the gun, none of them protested and regurgitated the entire incident right from the top.

Zhao Yao too stood by the side and listened to their story. It was generally the same. A fog suddenly emerged above the sea. After entering the fogged area, they lost all contact with the outside world. Finally, they reached this shoreline and ended up on this island.

Zhao Yao could not resist the temptation and decided to let Xiao Yu wait for him. With the help of the fog, Zhao Yao blended into the crowd perfectly with no one realizing it. His hand suddenly shot skywards as he asked, "Does anyone need my help? Don't be shy. I'm sure I can help you in one way or another."

The victims were completely indifferent to Zhao Yao's words. Instead, it aroused the attention of the two Americans. They swept their heads around and approached Zhao Yao. With their eyes squinted into a hard line, they scrutinized him from head to toe and asked, "Are you also a victim of the fog?" They just found Zhao Yao's behavior to be too calm, unusually calm.

Zhao Yao answered, "Yeah. I was on my yacht and was shocked when I hit the shorelines."

William's eyebrow shot upwards as he thought, "Oh, a Fuerdai? I guess he's only this calm because he has no idea what's going on."

They continued to listen to the rest of their stories. A line started to etch between William's brows as he slid his partner a disappointing gaze. A hint of despondency was evident in both their expressions.

They had reliable information that Number 0 had escaped to this island and had accumulated a vast number of supercats. He even used the aerolite fragments to boost the cats' power. However, these victims were truly ordinary and ignorant victims. They haven't met a single supercat of the island.

Knowing that nothing useful could be extracted out of them, the two Americans decided to leave them alone. With one step forward, they had reduced the gravitational force acting on their bodies as they bolted forward, into the depths of the island.

However, they immediately stopped after taking the first step as they stared in shock at their surroundings.

William whispered, "I was sure we had already taken a step forward."

To their abject surprise, they were still stuck in the middle of the crowd and had yet to move a single inch.

In a moment of fear, William dashed forward again only to see his body returning to the same spot after each step.

The crowd began to slide them a confused look. Only William's partner had that same solemn expression hanging on his face. They slid each other a glare and recognized each other's thoughts instantly.

“It’s a superpower. There is an apostle, amongst the victims, who is trying to stop them.”

His every muscle tensed as William once again tried to bolt forward. With his partner’s eyes glued to his body, he wanted to find out what exactly was stopping them from escaping.

When the world came to a standstill, Zhao Yao strolled forward before slinging William across his back and returning him to his original spot.

When time resumed, William was startled to find himself back in that same spot.

He turned his head towards his partner and asked, “How is it? Joseph, did you manage to find out what is going on?”

A confused expression hung over Joseph’s face as he gave a furious shake of his head, “No. I just saw you take a step forward and yet you remained at the exact same spot.”

Zhao Yao had difficulty suppressing his laughter as he watched this pair of confused men. Then, he brought Xiao Yu towards the man with no golden exclamation mark. His plan was to stall the American’s advancements while he addressed the victims’ problems. After that, he would then release them for him to track.

Zhao Yao’s eyes darted up and down as he scrutinized the man before him. He seemed like an ordinary teenager, but there was something different about him. On the surface, he seemed completely flustered and yet his heartbeat remained the same throughout. He didn’t sound worried at all, which was completely different from the rest.

Suddenly, the entire island was struck by another earthquake. This time, the vibration was far stronger than before as the victims fell to the ground, failing to stand back up.

An alarm rang in his head as Zhao Yao thought, “Hmph, this vibration is worse than before. Rice Cake’s power will only get stronger as her pain worsens. Are they torturing her?”

“I have to be fast. However, it’s too dangerous for me to barge in on my own when the supercats on this island have no idea what’s going on.”

Despite his trouncing of the apostles in the auction, Zhao Yao was still that same careful and cautious man. The victory did not turn him into an obnoxious fool. He maintained the same composure as during the auction. He only acted previously when he had collected sufficient intel.

However, Rice Cake's predicament was a ticking time bomb. He had to act fast.

Chapter 474: God-system

Zhao Yao's eyes lingered at this suspicious character for a split second before he reached his arm forward and tossed him behind the extradimensional belly gate. The thick mist rendered everyone oblivious to his disappearance.

Zhao Yao commanded the cats inside his belly, "I want you to interrogate him and find out what's wrong with him."

This seemingly ordinary man stared dumbfoundedly as darkness blanketed his vision before he opened his eyes to a foreign land. He turned his head around to see tens of cats staring viciously at him.

Matcha licked his paws in a blood-curdling manner. With his eyes fixed on him, Matcha shouted at Old Cat, "Old Cat, tell this man to answer truthfully for these claws have no eyes."

Meanwhile, Zhao Yao had initially planned to tag behind the two Americans as they ventured forth. However, he had to forgo this plan for a more expedient approach.

"If it wasn't for Rice Cake, I could have simply followed behind them and find out what exactly is going on. This would at least save me from any mysterious power's sneak attack."

"However, I need to get Rice Cake out asap. I need to resort to a more efficient plan while also completing these victims' missions."

With that, Zhao Yao translated his thoughts into action. An illusion blanketed down on the victims, robbing them including the two Americans of their five senses. In one fell swoop, Zhao Yao tossed all of them into the extradimensional belly.

Xiao Yu stared at this puzzling scene and asked, “What are you trying to do?”

Zhao Yao replied sternly, “I’m obviously trying to save all of them. How can you bear to leave them down here as they wait in vain for help that might never arrive?”

There was only one place which could accommodate them all. Hence, Zhao Yao had no choice but to temporarily house these unconscious people in his belly.

After all, these were premium material for Zhao Yao to work with. He intended to cash them out slowly. When Rice Cake’s issue is resolved, he would have more than enough time to deal with these flustered individuals, one by one.

After settling the distressed, Zhao Yao focused his attention back on the Americans. He thought about it briefly before deciding on keeping William while throwing the other one into his belly. With a snap of his fingers, he had cast another illusion as he slowly seeped into William’s consciousness.

William felt as if a whirlwind had exploded in his head as he jolted awake. Immediately, he was alerted to an agonizing pain running down his arm. To his shock, it was a huge spider! He immediately swatted it away only to reveal his swollen arm. He was arrested with fear as he thought, “Am I poisoned?”

However, he instantly felt a mysterious flow of warm energy emerging from that same spot.

“Is this ... power?”

A flurry of images whizzed through his head. These were images Zhao Yao had implanted using his illusion

Spiderman, Spiderman 2, Spiderman 3 ...

“What the f*ck is going on? I haven’t even watched Spiderman 3. Why would I even think of it?”

However, the images which popped into his head ignored his words as they continued flooding him with all the movie footages.

The brainwashing was taking effect as William stared at his arm in disbelief, “Don’t tell me that this spider bite has also awakened the power residing within me?”

While William was stuck in his own thoughts, darkness had once again blanketed his vision. He couldn’t see anything. It was just emptiness. Suddenly, a panel materialized out of the void. On it, a word was printed – gd-syste.

“What ... what ... is this?” William stared in shock at this baffling scene. He immediately googled the word and realized that it comprised two modules in its most basic form. They were ‘physical properties’ and ‘mission panel’.

By continually completing more missions, he could improve his physical properties in the fields of strength, speed, and intelligence. With a stronger body, he could take on even more daunting missions which would unlock hidden features within the system.

Upon closer inspection, William noticed a string of grey words written beneath the mission panel. Their abilities comprised strength, animal spirits, mosaic, pets, wings, sweepstakes, recharge, malls, friends, homes, heroes ...

“There are so many functions! This is interesting.”

Suddenly, a roulette sprang out of nowhere. The rewards written on it were stone sword, angel’s blood, demonic strength, Zeus’s power, holy light... Written above it were the words, ‘newcomers’ reward’.

“Why are some words in English while others are in Mandarin? Thankfully I’m still able to understand some basic Mandarin.”

“A lucky draw right at the start?” William stared intently at the rotating roulette as his heart pounded rapidly against the wall of his chest, “Don’t tell me that this system is actually legit?”

Finally, the roulette wheel’s spin started to slow down as the ball landed in a section labeled “Immense strength coupled with skin that even spears cannot penetrate.”

“Is this even real?” William decided to put his ‘newfound strength’ to the test. He threw his clenched fist in the air and cocked his body like a bow as he readied himself for an earth-shattering blow.

At the same time, a red glimmer had flashed across Zhao Yao’s eyes as he took control of Ares’s power.

With his immaculate timing, William’s punch was met with a resounding explosion as beads of sand flew in all directions. It was as if a bomb had detonated at the exact position where he punched. As the dust settled, a huge crater was left standing there.

“So strong?” William was taken aback by this incredible scene. He stared at his own fists in utter shock and muttered, “And yet I do not feel a hint of pain at all. This body is far tougher than I had imagined.”

Excitement overwhelmed him as William broke into a huge smile, “I have finally awakened my superpower. With this power, I can continue to grow and become infinitely strong. I will be the next human standing atop the shoulders of the gods!”

Immediately, the glint disappeared from his eyes as he surveyed his surroundings with suspicion. He realized that both his partner and the victims had all collapsed to the ground, unconscious. Obviously, he had no idea that it was simply a part of Zhao Yao’s illusion.

Since everyone was asleep, he had no intentions to wake them up. Instead, he fixed his attention on the mission panel and read through the content, “Leave the beach and enter the depths of the island. Mission reward: strength + 0.”

William glanced at his current physical properties and realized that all his physical attributes were currently 0. Hence, an increase of + 0 would double his current strength.

His current punch was enough to create a huge crater on the beach. He dared not imagine just how strong he would become with the impending boost.

A delighted smile started tugging at the corner of his lips as he considered. After all, this new mission did not clash with his original mission. Furthermore, it even rewarded him with such an incredible power. There was no reason for him to refuse it. Hence, he tensed his muscle and bolted forward. However, he was immediately notified to the completion of the mission when he had just taken one step out of the beach.

“What? It’s so easy?” He thought about it briefly before slamming his foot against the ground.

The earth beneath his foot started to crack as chunks of gravel exploded skywards, sending the projectiles flying in all directions. This devastating force was enough to distort the ground surrounding him as holes and gaps emerged all over the place. Even William himself was taken aback by the intensity of it.

William stared at his amazing foot before glancing back at the mission panel.

“Continue moving forward and complete your search for the supercats on the island. Reward: Speed + 0.”

With a bent of his knees, William had exploded forward like a rocket as he plunged into the depths of the island.

“Hahahaha! The supercats and aerolite on the island will all belong to me! With them and gd-syste, I will become an unprecedented force in the world. No one will dare to fight against me.”

Those words were music to Zhao Yao’s ears. His lips curled into a smile as he tugged Xiao Yu forward, “I’ll simply let this guy lead the way and find out about the supercats hiding on the island.”

Chapter 475: Plantation Department

Meanwhile, Fish Ball, Rice Cake and Noodle were making their way across the grass plains when an elderly white cat caught up to them, “Hey, aren’t you the newcomers? Hi, my name is Carrot but you can call me Grandpa Carrot.

I’m reminding the three of you to never ever belittle us, the plantation department. Even though most cats on the island do so, they forget that our department is the very foundation on which this island is built upon. All the grains and vegetables that the cats eat come from our hard work!

Even though you are assigned to this department because of your somewhat weaker abilities, I do not want you to feel discouraged. Power isn’t everything. Without a potent power, you can still achieve success with a positive mindset and a relentless attitude.”

However, those words were getting on Fish Ball's nerves as his face scrunched into a grimace, "D*mn it! After all, I am the Daniel Wu of the cat kingdom, how dare that silly old cat randomly dispatch me into this useless place."

Fish Ball could never erase the scene from his head when he demonstrated his power. The entire hall broke out into a chorus of laughter, led by none other than that mean Cat Sage.

"These bunch of b*stards! I swear to god that I will climb and crawl my way up to the very top of the island. Then, everyone will have to look up to me with admiration and fear!"

"Alright, stop wallowing in self-pity because you got sent here because of your lousy ability. We are all part of a huge, loving family. I assure you that there will be zero discrimination." Carrot attempted to encourage them when he noticed the paper documenting their powers.

"Hmph, glow, speak and body vibration?" Carrot stroked his chin thoughtfully before concluding, "Alright, we shall just split the load according to your powers. Rice Cake, you are in charge of loosening the soil. Fish Ball, you shall illuminate the place during the night. Noodle, you are basically in charge of everything else."

Noodle's blood boiled as he retorted, "Are you bloody kidding me? Didn't you just mention that you don't discriminate according to our superpower? Why am I responsible for all the remaining work? This is a blatant discrimination!"

The white cat seemed oblivious to Noodle's scream. Instead, he simply slapped his paws together before sliding Noodle a nonchalant glance, "Alright, since there are no disagreements, we shall end our meeting."

"D*mn it! This guy has prejudice written across his stupid face!" Noodle could hardly contain the raging anger erupting within him. He swept his head around only to realize that Carrot was not the only prejudiced one around. The rest of them had already assumed a nonchalant expression before sliding a condescending glare in his direction.

Noodle could only bank his hopes on the one remaining cat as he cocked his head towards Fish Ball, "Fish Ball, let's go! I can't take this anymore. We will talk to Cat Sage and request for a change in the department."

However, Fish Ball was already surrounded by the troves of female cats belonging to the plantation department, as moans and laughter echoed in their direction.

Fish Ball wagged his paws towards Noodle and commented, “I don’t even know this stupid dog. He reeks of the stench of garbage. Who would even want to be close to him? Meowhahaha!”

“That’s right, Fish Ball. You should not go anywhere near those silly dogs. On our island, they’re only qualified to become our slaves. Nothing more than that.”

“Get out, you silly dog! You are not worthy to stay inside this house!”

Noodle could not believe the words of discrimination pouring into his ears. He turned his head around to a sea of sinister laughter coupled with condescending glares. For a split second, he understood, “It’s never about my ability. They are laughing at me because of my species. They despise my dog bloodline!”

Fish Ball noticed the despondent Noodle in the corner of his eyes and whispered to himself, “I’m so sorry silly dog. I have no choice but to sacrifice your self-esteem in my ascent towards the top of the food chain.”

Noodle instantly plunged into despair. Even though the poison had already dissipated from his body, he could still feel the agonizing pain tearing through him.

He turned his head towards Rice Cake, out of concern, only to see her body shriveled in a corner. She was like a lifeless flower devoid of the nourishment of water, dried and withered.

“Rice Cake! What happened to you?” Noodle rushed forward and cupped her face in his paws, “Rice Cake, who did this to you?”

“Inter ... Internet,” Slowly, Rice Cake opened her bloodshot eyes as she continued murmuring, “I need internet.”

“You are addicted!” Noodle was left speechless by her nonsensical behavior, “Just one day without internet and you’re a shell of your past!”

Sensing the hostility in the air, Noodle chose to pick Rice Cake off the ground before bringing her outside. With a bucket full of water, he splashed them all on Rice Cake's body in an attempt to jolt her to her senses.

Seeing the drenched Rice Cake, Noodle felt as though she had expanded a little.

Suddenly, the tremors returned to the island. However, Noodle didn't seem to be affected by the shaking at all. He was oblivious to it.

"Come to think of it, it felt like nothing when I lifted Rice Cake off the ground. I've felt unusually strong the moment the effects of the poison wore off."

With that, Noodle decided to put his physical conditioning to the test.

Initially, he began with a run. With a few strides, all that was left were his shadows as his body disappeared off towards the horizon.

"That's incredible! My speed is crazy fast!" Even Noodle himself was taken aback by his supersonic speed. However, he was not about to stop. Instead, he continued with his experimentation. He sank his razor-sharp claws into the earth and created a 1-meter deep hole in a matter of seconds.

"My strength and stamina have improved considerably!"

"Why did this happen?"

The husky was burning with curiosity. Suddenly, an unorthodox idea popped into his head, "Don't tell me it's because of that thing I ate in the toilet this morning ... curry?"

Suddenly, his eyes began to twinkle with excitement. In retrospect, he could clearly identify the feelings he experienced throughout the entire ordeal.

"I managed to acquire a superpower after accidentally ingesting curry?" Noodle had been wallowing in self-pity since the day he learned about his lack of superpower. However, this serendipitous discovery caused his eyes to blaze with anticipation, "Maybe my strength requires me to take in curry in order to grow stronger?"

Suddenly, his ears gave a slight shudder. Then, two cats emerged from the bushes as they sauntered off into the distance. They looked so relaxed and at ease. By straining his ears, he could even pick up their conversation.

“I finally managed to get it out. It has been stuck inside me for days!”

“Meowhaha! Who told you to eat that stuff off the ground?”

A flicker of determination flashed across Noodle’s eyes as he observed the cats disappeared into the distance.

“In order to save everyone, in order to escape from this island ... even if it’s curry ... I have to ...”

Immediately, Noodle was possessed with a clear goal as he pounced into the bushes with a faint smile painted across his face.

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Boom ... boom. The Cat Sage who had turned into his rat form could acutely detect the tremors of the ground, “Why is the earthquake increasing in frequency? What the hell is going on? Also, the efficiency of the aerolite is dropping. Has it reached its physical limit?”

Meanwhile, Cheese, Kimchi, and six other supercats were lying in the grand hall as they basked in the magical effects of the aerolite.

Furtively, Cheese shot Cat Sage a glance as he thought, “I always thought that Rice Cake would share similar powers to me. Never mind. She will at least be safe as long as she stays on the island. A lifetime of peace and tranquility awaits her.”

Suddenly, a Dragon Li came running over, “Cat Sage, Cat Sage! A disaster!”

With his forehead furrowed, Cat Sage asked, “What happened?”

“Some ... someone had managed to break through the fog. They are in our territory!”

While Cat Sage was deeply engrossed in the Dragon Li's report, Nekomata had secretly levitated to the middle of the grand hall, with his eyes glued to that mysterious aerolite. His eyes were brimming with curiosity.

"I want to touch that thing so badly. I wonder what it feels like."

Chapter 476: The Battle

Nekomata's body floated aimlessly around the aerolite, with his eyes glued to that intriguing object. The aerolite was the only thing on his mind.

In the process of doing so, Nekomata felt something strange. It seemed like his power was increasing, bit by bit.

Naturally, he was clueless about the story behind it. This aerolite was part of the meteorite which gave birth to the thousands of supercats roaming across the Earth.

Since acquiring this coveted aerolite, the Cat Sage had retreated to the cat island.

Cat Sage was a learned individual. He knew that it was impossible to survive alone in this increasingly complex and dangerous world. No matter how great an individual was, he was still bound to have his weaknesses. Hence, he required the support of stronger companions.

Coupling his individual strength with the aerolite's enigmatic effects, Cat Sage commenced his search for strong individuals. By naming the aerolite Sage Rock, he had come to build the cat island which we know of today.

Hearing news of a trespasser, who was an apostle, successfully infiltrating his base, a line began to etch across his forehead, "An apostle? However, he came alone. It's highly likely that he got lost and somehow managed to intrude on us."

With that, his eyes gravitated in the direction of an orange and black cat, "Number one, number two, I want you to bring that apostle over. However, do not injure him. If he is too strong for you, immediately retreat. Do not let your hunger for bloodshed blind you. After all, time is on our side."

The two cats shot one another a glance before they got to their feet and proceeded towards the exit.

Kimchi cautioned, “Cat Sage, the humans have started to notice the presence of the cat island. I believe the fog will not stop them for long.”

“It’s okay,” Cat Sage responded with a dismissive wave of his paw. In his rat form, he began to rub his body against the aerolite and continued, “I can feel it. My power is on the brink of a whole new level. By then, I’ll treat these pathetic beings to a sneak preview to my new power. I’m sure they’re smart enough to choose life over death. This will spell the beginning of cat island’s ascent.”

Just moments after their deployment, the supercat who first reported to Cat Sage came sprinting with its tail caught between its legs, “Bad ... it’s bad, really bad.”

Cat Sage’s annoyance flared as he retorted, “What is the matter now?”

“Cat Sage! Number one and number two had been destroyed by the apostle and are held captive by him.”

“What?” Cat Sage leaped from the aerolite with his every muscle tensed with fury, “Both number one and two are captured by him?”

“It’s not just the two of them! That apostle is wreaking havoc on the island, capturing any cat which meets his eyes. He is insane! He isn’t even human!”

Cheese slowly got to his feet and shouted, “Cat Sage, let me take care of that brazen fool. I will make him regret his every single action.”

Cat Sage was no fool. He shook his head and answered, “The fact that the apostle had successfully captured number one and two means that he is no pushover. Furthermore, he is absolutely confident in his abilities.”

With that thought in his head, Cat Sage added, “Since it has come to this, I would like the rest of you to join me in staying here. This place will mark our ultimate fortification. He shall not pass us.”

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The past 10 minutes spent bashing through the fog was no joke. It was torturous. Finally, a faint smile spread across William's face as he noticed the supercats on the island.

"Number 0 has truly exceeded my expectations. I never expected him to be able to gather so many supercats on this island."

William handled the bulk of metal wires as if they were cotton twine. With his monstrous strength, he had bent and twisted them into a huge metal bag.

Beneath William's foot laid the unconscious number one and two which were previously dispatched by Cat Sage. They couldn't even put up any form of resistance against William.

They were not the only ones. Beside them laid tens of other supercats which shared a similar fate to them as they laid unconscious on the ground.

"So many supercats! I'll be rich if I manage to bring all of them back! Furthermore ..."

Mechanically, William tossed the unconscious supercats into his metal bag, with his mind focused on one thought: the status of his god_system. Since arriving at the island and capturing the supercats, he had completed multiple missions which elevated his combat strength to the next level.

William's journey since his successful breakthrough of the fog was unprecedented. Any supercat which obstructed his path was knocked unconscious with a single blow before they were thrown into the bag. With the metal bag slung across his shoulders, he continued his journey.

Number one and two proved to be stronger than the rest, but they too were destroyed in William's hands.

Happiness sparkled inside William as he stared at his god_system interface, "As long as I have this, I can continue to complete more missions and continue to grow stronger. It's only a matter of time before I become the strongest apostle around."

“Even if I don’t return to my original organization, I already have what it takes to establish my very own supercat organisation from this mission’s loot. The cats and aerolite in this place will form the foundation of my dreams!”

Just the thought of it sent a wave of warmth spreading across his chest, “Not bad, not bad at all! There are so many cats here. Anyone of them combined with ten apostles will form a superpower detachment. And I haven’t even gotten to the part of the aerolite!”

William was drunk with happiness. With a quick twitch of his calf muscles, he had propelled his body tens of meters in the air. It was as if he were immune to the effects of gravity.

Zhao Yao and Xiao Yu continued tagging behind William. However, there was a tinge of fear across Xiao Yu’s face as she slid William a guarded look. Her eyes darted towards Zhao Yao as she whispered into his ears, “Who the hell is he? Why is he so strong?” She was flabbergasted by William’s absurd display of strength.

“Erm, just another American soldier, I guess he’s something like Rambo, the Punisher or Batman,” Zhao Yao replied casually. Meanwhile, a red flicker continued to flash across his eyes as he manipulated Ares’s power.

In reality, the three of them were shrouded within the sphere of the deflective field. Every horrific attack produced by William was amplified by the deflective field. This was how he managed to shatter the ground, leaped across the vast fields and even bypassed the supercats’ defenses.

Zhao Yao was simply using William as a pawn to assess the strength of the supercats’ aboard the island.

With her finger pointed straight at Zhao Yao’s eye, Xiao Yu asked, “Hey, your eyes have turned red since the start of our journey. Please tell me that you’re not wearing those colored contact lenses.”

Zhao Yao corrected her, “I’m not wearing those frivolous contact lenses. This is part of my power.”

Meanwhile, William spotted the neat rows of cottages in the corner of his eyes as a smile tugged at his lips, “Are they there?” To him, the island had already morphed into a giant treasure trove, brimming with gold and silver. He wasted no time as his body darted towards the cottages.

A thunderous blast swept into the surroundings as a giant crater emerged from William's descent. This time around, the earth he stood on began to crack as countless piles of soil came flying towards him, enveloping his entire body within it.

"Hmph? Another supercat?" William smirked. He didn't even bother to lower his metal bag. Instead, he thrust his right fist in the air before swinging them in a seemingly haphazard manner. Immediately, the airwaves produced clashed against the piles of soil, intercepting every single attack and rendered them futile.

William slowly raised his head to the sight of Cheese, Kimchi and four other supercats surrounding him in a circle. A tiger stood in the far corner with a rock dangling by his fangs. The tiger's vicious stare was enough to send chills down any human's spine.

Chapter 477: Resentment

William's gaze froze momentarily when he noticed the tiger and the seemingly ordinary rock by its mouth, "Is that number 0?"

Based on the intel acquired, the apostle responsible for the theft of the aerolite fragments, number 0, had the power to mutate into different animals.

Tigers definitely did not exist in this part of the world, which meant that he was number zero. From there, William even deduced that the rock was the aerolite he had been searching for.

Meanwhile, Zhao Yao had assigned William a new mission via his illusion.

"Defeat the seven supercats standing in front of you and you will be rewarded with strength + 0, speed + 0."

"I guess today is my lucky day. This journey has led me all the way to the aerolite. I even managed to snag a few missions on the way here." A smug smile spread across William's face as he rested the metal bag gently against the ground, "Number 0, I'm assuming that you are the leader of this island. By extension, does that mean that I gain control over every single cat here if I defeat you?"

Sweat trickled down his spine when Cat Sage heard those words. It had been a long time since someone last referred to him as number 0. Immediately, his eyes darted in William's direction, pinning him down with his ice-cold glare.

"This guy, did he come all the way from America?" A certain viciousness returned to Cat Sage's expression, "Since it has come to this, I have no choice but to capture him."

While Cat Sage was still caught up in his thoughts, a resounding explosion had already echoed in his ears as William's body teleported in front of him. William's punch tore through the air particles, producing airwaves which swept across the surroundings as it went straight for his target – Cat Sage.

Immediately, William's body bounced off at an even faster speed as he crashed into the forests, bulldozing the trees in his way.

"D*mn it," William struggled to return to his feet. Somehow, that menacing tiger had already evolved into a daunting and gargantuan dragon. The dragon's eyes were fixed on him, with no signs of fear.

Cat Sage ordered coolly, "Kill him."

Immediately, the six supercats acted on his orders.

Soil, grass, and rocks fell from the sky like projectiles, pelting William. This was the work of Cheese.

Suddenly, a monstrous dark cloud loomed over their position. Lightning seemed imminent and it was aimed straight at William. This was Kimchi's power.

The four remaining supercats cast their individual powers, commencing their combined attack on William.

Zhao Yao noticed the turn of tides and reacted by supplementing William with 30% of his deflective field. This was the perfect opportunity for him to understand the supercats on the battlefield.

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Fish Ball was ambling across the plantation department as he withheld a giant yawn, “Those females cats sure are troublesome, but it’s okay. I’ve finally taken care of them. With my superb performance, I believe I have elevated myself to quite an envious position in the department.”

“Rice Cake?”

“Noodle?”

Fish Ball called out as he sauntered in the forest’s direction, “Hurry and come out now! Stop playing! The department head has called for a meeting!”

Despite how loud he called, no one responded to him. Their unresponsiveness was starting to get on Fish Ball’s nerves, “D*mn it, where have those two fools gone to?”

Suddenly, his ears gave a slight shudder. He was sure he heard something. Hence, he bolted in the direction of that sound and saw the useless pair lying motionlessly on the ground. Noodle’s shoulders and head would bob from time to time. It seemed like they were eating something behind his back!

“Hmph, Noodle, is that you?” Fish Ball dashed forward with a look of curiosity, “What are the two of you eating? You guys seem so happy.”

Noodle’s body froze the moment that familiar voice rang in his head. He immediately swept his body around, not forgetting to block the ‘thing’ from Fish Ball’s intent glare.

Noodle then gave a dismissive wave of his paws as sweat beaded his forehead, “It’s ... it’s nothing, hahaha. By the way, what brings you here today? Don’t be shy, you can just speak your mind.”

Suddenly, a look of shock seized Fish Ball’s expression as he pointed his paw in Noodle’s direction, “You!”

Noodle’s heart skipped a beat as he stared dumbfoundedly at Fish Ball, “D*mn it, how did he manage to see through my pretense? I guess I can only kill him ...”

Fish Ball then pointed his finger at Noodle's belly and exclaimed, "When did your belly suddenly turn so big?"

Noodle could finally breathe a sigh of relief as he answered, "Oh so you were referring to this? It's nothing. I think it's because of all the binge eating coupled with my constipation."

"Oh," Suddenly, that same appalled expression returned to Fish Ball's face as he threw his finger in Noodle's direction, "You!"

"I knew it. He saw through my act!" Unknowingly, Noodle's lips had already drawn back into a snarl. He responded with an even more ferocious expression.

Actually, Fish Ball was pointing to the spot behind Noodle as he clarified, "What is Rice Cake doing on the floor? Is she okay?"

Once again, Noodle could finally breathe as he replied, "It's nothing. He just fainted because there wasn't any internet."

Fish Ball walked towards Rice Cake before continuing, "Then hurry and wake her up now! The head of department instructed me to inform you guys about the meeting. Quickly go and gather now."

Noodle nodded his head as disappointment sagged through him, "D*mn it, I ate so much and yet I don't feel like I've grown any stronger. What's wrong?"

For the split second when Noodle had dropped his guard, Fish Ball had already pounced forward and landed right smack on the spot which Noodle was trying to hide. Fish Ball bellowed in laughter before taunting, "Silly dog, what exactly are you trying to hide? I bet you're sneakily keeping all the good food to yourself!"

"No!" Noodle's body flew forward in an attempt to intercept Fish Ball in mid-air.

However, Fish Ball's expression went blank as he stared wide-eyed at Noodle. Then, his expression changed as he slid Noodle a condescending glare.

Noodle was writhing in pain as he asked, "So you saw it?"

Fish Ball continued to slide him a disparaging glare as he replied, “Did you just eat ...”

“Curry!” Noodle screamed, “I ate lots of curry just now! What’s wrong with that? What do you have against curry?”

“Oh, so it was just curry? I mistook it for something else.” Fish Ball’s upper lips curled as he continued, “I guess there’s nothing strange about a husky eating curry ...”

With that, Fish Ball hurried over to Rice Cake and welcomed her with a few tight slaps across her cheeks, “Hey, Rice Cake, wake up. We should be leaving.”

Unbeknownst to Fish Ball, Noodle had suddenly appeared before him with a pair of bloodshot eyes as he whispered menacingly in his ears, “Actually, you saw it, right?”

The anger was palpable. Fish Ball felt the sweat accumulating on the back of his forehead as it slid down his spine. He ignored Noodle’s words and continued his rapid slaps across Rice Cake’s cheeks to no avail. Hence, he changed his strategy and started dragging her out by her neck.

However, he felt a pair of fangs sank into his calves. He lowered his eyes and saw that same bloodshot eyes with that intense glare, “Do you despise me? Do you think that I’m a pervert?”

Fish Ball felt his heart pounding against his chest. He tried to ease the tension with an awkward laugh, “How can that be possible? We grew up together. Why would I ever despise you? Come on, give me a hand and drag Rice Cake out of this place. The department head said it was urgent.”

Suddenly, Rice Cake’s body began to vibrate once again. There was even some buzzing sound coming from her mouth.

Fish Ball pressed his ears against it only to hear the following words, “I ... want ... my ... internet.”

The voice was so haunting that it sent shivers down Fish Ball’s spine. Immediately, Fish Ball’s vibration started to grow even stronger.

Following that soft buzz, even Noodle and Fish Ball were also affected by the shaking as they started to vibrate violently.

Fish Ball felt as if his skeleton was breaking into two from all the shaking as he shouted, “Stop! Rice Cake! Stop what you’re doing!”

“It’s futile! The emotional turmoil had forced Fish Ball into a deep slumber!” Noodle continued roaring, “What potent anger and pain! I feel it! We share the same pain running down our vein! Rice Cake, wake up! Join me in experiencing the pains of the world!”

Fish Ball retorted angrily, “Same pain down your vein my ass! Rice Cake’s unhappiness is totally different from yours!”

Chapter 478: Rampage!

With a thunderous boom, Fish Ball was tossed skywards as his body somersaulted in the air.

Meanwhile, the vibrating Noodle grabbed on to Rice Cake as he returned to his feet steadily.

A newfound clarity flashed across Noodle’s eyes, “I finally recall!”

With a grimace stretched across his face, Fish Ball replied, “What did you finally remember?”

“I’m no ordinary husky.”

Fish Ball instantly collapsed to the ground, cackling in laughter.

However, Noodle was absolutely unfazed by Fish Ball’s response. Instead, he continued coolly, “My dream is to change the world.”

The smile continued tugging at Fish Ball’s lips as he sneered, “What a wonderful dream!”

“Rice Cake! Are you acknowledging me for who I truly am?” Tears shrouded his eyes as he stared intently at the cat who truly understood him, “I can feel the sadness sprouting within you. From today onwards, I’ll name you the ultimate sorrow. Follow me. Together, we’ll experience the pains of the world in its truest and most untainted form. We will continue to revolutionize the world!”

Following his epic speech, Noodle realized that he was no longer affected by the vibrations even though Rice Cake continued to emit the buzzing from her non-stop shaking. Somehow, he was impervious to its effects.

“Pain my ass!” Fish Ball shot him down, “The only thing that happened was someone caught you eating ... curry. And you looked thrilled to be eating it!”

Noodle’s eyes stretched wide open as those condescending words rang in his head. He responded by shooting Fish Ball a death glare.

Currently, Noodle’s mental state was in a flux and it could be attributed to a multitude of reasons. Firstly, it was all the unfortunate events that befell him which resulted in extreme emotional changes. Next, Rice Cake’s non-stop vibration had somehow led to a concussion of some sorts. Hence, his originally stabilized consciousness was struck with some very unique changes.

Now, Noodle was no longer capable of reining in his own emotions, rendering him impulsive and irritable.

Hence, he responded to those disdainful words by sprinting forward and hurling Rice Cake in Fish Ball’s direction.

Bam!

However, it completely missed the target and landed straight on the ground. Maybe it’s because this was his first attempt at the ultimate sorrow, or maybe his dog paws were simply not nimble and steady enough.

Following Rice Cake’s crash, the horrendous vibrations had slammed straight onto the ground. It was as if the floor had been washed by a meteorite shower, with the point of contact as the epicenter. Gigantic waves emerged, leaving a one-meter-deep crater behind.

Fish Ball, who was hurled in the air by the vibration, struggled to regain his footing as he stared in disbelief at Noodle and Rice Cake, who was resting in his paws.

Suddenly, his eyes turned bloodshot as he shot Fish Ball a death glare. Immediately, he pounced forward while the ultimate sorrow continued to emit a soft yet heart wrenching cry, "I ... want ... my ... internet."

Fish Ball's fur stood on all ends as he witnessed this unexpected turn of events. He had no choice but to emit a blinding light from his body.

Instantly, the sky was flooded by Fish Ball's dazzling rays. Fish Ball was like a living flash bomb. This took Noodle by surprise as he let out an ear-splitting shriek. Meanwhile, Fish Ball turned around and ran away with all his remaining strength.

With the illuminated Fish Ball leading the pack, Noodle was hot on his heels with Rice Cake cradled in his arms. Fish Ball had no choice but to traverse across the convoluted terrain. He hoped the dense forest would be enough to lose his pursuers.

However, Rice Cake was simply too strong. Anything which came into contact with her was vaporized to pieces be it the trees, the scrubs or even the granite rocks. Nothing could stand up against it.

"D*mn it!" Fish Ball was barely able to breathe when he swept his head around to this incredulous scene, "Noodle! Just wait! Xiao Yu is gonna kill you when she hears about it!"

"Hahaha, Xiao Yu will die the moment she arrives." With Rice Cake resting in his paws, Noodle threw his arm forward, slicing the huge tree before him into two.

By now, he had realized the two components to Rice Cake's power. The first vibration could directly vaporize the intended target. The other vibration could create an unprecedented slicing force. It was as good as a high-frequency blade.

Despite Rice Cake's overwhelming strength, Noodle still failed to seal his win. Fish Ball was simply too white to the extent that Noodle couldn't even make out his body with his naked eye. His swipes could only be targeted in a general location. After hours of relentless search, he still couldn't catch up to Fish Ball. Instead, he had destroyed the forest. Fallen trees desecrated the grounds.

In response to Noodle's words, Fish Ball yelled, "Zhao Yao will never let you off!"

"Even Zhao Yao cannot do a single thing against us." This was followed up by another powerful smash which sent shockwaves sweeping across the ground, "The husky will never be a man's slave!"

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Inside one of the cottages belonging to the plantation department, department head, Carrot, was lazing on a cushion as a line etched between his brows. He commented, "Why is that Fish Ball so bloody slow? What's so difficult about getting that silly dog over?"

Hearing Carrot's baseless accusations, one female cat immediately jumped to his defense, "How can you push all the blame to our Fish Ball? You can only blame that stupid dog for his tardiness! He is the one pulling our dear Fish Ball behind."

Another female cat chimed along, "Yes. Our dear Fish Ball accompanied us the entire day. I bet he is exhausted. You should never have sent him out on such an exhausting mission."

"Why isn't Master Fish Ball back yet? Don't tell me something happened to him! Carrot, get out now and find him!"

"Tsk," Carrot could feel the anger raging within him when those senseless cries rang in his head, "Fish Ball, that disgusting gigolo." In his mind, he had decided to leave the toughest job for him when he returned.

"Hmph, you'll spend the rest of your time toiling in the fields. You will be filthy and smelly and will have no time to clean your fur. Your white fur would turn black in a matter of days. Let's see how you can continue chasing those stupid girls."

While Carrot remained engrossed in his own thoughts, the doors swung open with a loud slam as Fish Ball collapsed to the ground. He was gasping for breath as he warned them, "Bad... something bad is happening!"

Carrot retorted, "Fish Ball, what the hell are you doing, acting all panicky! Do you even know the rules?"

Fish Ball cut Carrot's statement short by shouting, "The husky is on his way here to kill us!"

"What?" Immediately, a sea of confused eyes stared back at Fish Ball.

However, they understood Fish Ball's words moments later.

With a loud boom, Noodle appeared as the wall crumbled to the ground. He sauntered forward as he surveyed the members of the plantation department. A devious smile stretched across his face as he declared, "Good, good, good. Since you're all here, it saves me the trouble of locating all of you. Previously, didn't all of you look down on me? Now, I'll let you know just how strong a husky is!"

With that, Noodle held on to Rice Cake as he slammed his fist onto the floor. Instantly, the cottage tilted towards one side before the furniture came crashing onto the floor. A cloud of dust rose in the air as the supercats escaped in all directions while simultaneously casting their powers.

With all four feet firmly planted on the ruins, the husky observed the frightened cats before letting out a wolf-like howl.

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Meanwhile, William was tossed in the air before he came crashing down because of the lightning.

Before even making contact with the ground, tens of fireballs flew in his direction before exploding like hand grenades.

Next, a huge burst of wave emerged from his position as William escaped northwards.

"D*mn it!"

Currently, Cat Sage had not even made his move. Just the six supercats were more than enough for William to handle. Each power was more troublesome and destructive than the other. Even with the help of Zhao Yao's deflective field, William could barely defend himself from the deluge of attacks.

William had never expected number 0 to amass so many powerful supercats. He even resorted to using the aerolite to enhance their powers.

Chapter 479: Recharge

Bam!

Torrents of flame poured down on William as he barely managed to dodge them all.

With their relentless attack, William would have to thank his lucky stars just to escape with his life, let alone defeat them.

Meanwhile, Xiao Yu who was observing from the sidelines as she looked on with a worried expression, “Are we just gonna stand here and watch?”

In Zhao Yao’s mind, an individual profile of all six supercats was starting to form in his head. At the same time, he had to continue supporting William with his deflective field. If not for the deflective field jumping into William’s defense during the bouts of fire, lightning and shock wave, William would already have died.

Hence, Zhao Yao was stunned to hear Xiao Yu’s words. However, a pleasant surprise greeted him when he noticed the golden exclamation mark floating above William’s head. A faint smile tugged at Zhao Yao’s lips as he muttered, “We definitely must help him. However, you will stay here. I shall have the honors of doing so.”

With a snap of his fingers, a wave of illusion had crashed towards William.

William, who was in the midst of escaping, heard a ‘ding’ in his head. This was followed by a calm voice ringing in his ears, “Host is currently stuck in a dangerous position. Would you like to activate Ultimate Armed Super God Module?”

Those words were like music to William’s ears as tears shimmered in his eyes, “Yes! Turn it on now! Immediately!”

Just the name alone sounded incredible. William was so excited that he could feel his heart pounding rapidly against his ribs. His imagination ran wild as possible scenarios of his power flashed across his mind.

Immediately, he noticed a new function added to his god_system. It was a recharge module which remained inaccessible until now.

“What?” William was blinded with anger when he saw that preposterous button. He froze for a split second which nearly costed his life when a huge rock came crashing down.

“What the hell is happening? All I wanted is to activate Ultimate Armed Super God Module, but why is it asking for a recharge?”

That same monotonous voice returned, “How can you become stronger if you refuse to recharge?”

Anger poisoned his veins as he erupted, “What’s the connection between getting stronger and recharging?”

The voice continued, “Firstly, you’ll be rewarded with the superpower hamper. It contains timefreeze, super strength, super speed, lightning, super-regeneration and other potent powers.”

It was like a tantalizing dessert luring William towards it. An intense desire to simply relent and recharge rushed through him. He immediately clarified, “I’ll recharge. Now. Immediately. But how am I supposed to do that?”

The system replied, “Do you need me to teach you how to recharge? Simply switch on your phone and transfer the money.”

“...” William had never expected such a simple method of recharging and was caught in a daze. He then continued, “However, I don’t have any reception over here for my phone.”

Similarly, he began to suspect the entire matter. Why did god-system even require him to bank transfer money over? Something seemed amiss.

However, the system replied calmly, “The current system provides round-the-universe wifi for its hosts. The hosts are only required to turn on their phones and access the wifi provided.”

Bam! Bam! Bam! Once again, William narrowly avoided all the attacks raining down on him. His head was covered in soot and dust from all the fighting and destruction. He immediately whipped out his phone and started searching for it. He actually found a wifi named zydashuaibi.

William was shocked beyond words, “Does this mean that god_system truly provides round-the-universe wifi for all its hosts?” Suddenly, he started to realize the sheer magnitude and pervasiveness of the system.

Meanwhile, Zhao Yao was simply standing behind the extradimensional belly gate with the router held in his hand.

Because of the presence of the extradimensional gates, the extradimensional belly had been upgraded to a state where 24/7 electricity was supplied continually. One gate was purposefully erected at the cat café where extension cords and internet cables were extended straight into the belly.

Now, Zhao Yao simply stood right next to the gate with the router in hand. The gate would flicker continually as it followed closely behind William’s every action, providing him a strong supply of ceaseless internet.

Suddenly, the system’s voice once again rang in his head, “The password to the wifi is the same as the wifi’s name.”

William instantly logged on to it as his body darted across the jungle maze. He had to continually sweep his head around to dodge the never-ending attacks. Fire, lightning, shockwaves continued pouring down on him as he screamed, “How am I supposed to recharge? Where am I supposed to transfer the funds to?”

This time, Zhao Yao was alerted to the arrival of a new mission on his mission panel. He was almost brought to tears when he saw the content.

Mission: You can only grow stronger by recharging

Objective: Save William after his recharge

Reward: 100 experience points will be awarded for every RMB 50,000 deposited by William

Punishment: Nil

“Hmph, Americans sure are kind-hearted. Not only do they give me money, they even give me experience points and help me search the entire island for cats.”

Joy warmed him from within as Zhao Yao informed him of the relevant bank account details.

Suddenly, a deafening roar erupted as the ground split into two. The soil and rocks morphed into sharp projectiles which rained down on William. Despite his best efforts at withstanding the attacks, William still fell to an incoming fireball as his phone was hurled into the air and crashed onto the ground.

The six supercats immediately rushed over and surrounded him in a circle.

“D*mn it!” William stared in despair at his phone which was lying just two meters away from him. His expression was filled with anger and regret. He was so close, so close to recharging the system. He was so close to that amazing superpower hamper. He was so close to reaching the pinnacle of strength.

William knew that it was all too late. The six cats were preparing to liberate him with their final attack when a blinding golden curtain descended from the sky, enveloping him from them.

William was flabbergasted, “This is ...”

Once again, the voice rang in his ears, “This is the kryptonite dome. Recharging is the most sacred action in the universe, one that cannot be disturbed. When you are in the midst of recharging, you will be protected by the venerable kryptonite dome. You will be in a state of invincibility.”

The ‘Power Up Card’ enhanced deflective field shielded William from all the attacks. The six supercats were relentless as they continued to assault William with their barrage of attacks. Usually, these attacks could easily destroy any ordinary material. Yet, they were futile against the deflective field.

“Hmph, the results are just what I expected. The ‘Power Up Card’ enhanced defective field is more than sufficient to withstand all six of their attacks simultaneously.” Zhao Yao continued to

experiment with his defensive capabilities while his fingers ran across Ares's fur. With the power of the illusion, he whispered to William, "Host, kindly continue your recharging process."

William bit back a scream when he saw the kryptonite dome emerging from nowhere. His hopes were rekindled as excitement overwhelmed him, "My god, this god_system is truly insane! I never imagined such power to even exist! What the hell is it? Is it a superpower? Or is it some alien technology? I must spend some time researching about it after I settle the things on the island."

Originally, William remained rather skeptical about god-system since hearing about the bank transfer. However, he was truly convinced by it now that he had seen the universe-wide wifi coverage and the kryptonite dome. His faith in the system was unwavering. Even though the bank account details seemed rather shady, William did not hesitate one bit and transferred the money over.

In the midst of the recharging, William was prompted, "How much would you like to recharge?"

"By starting off with USD 10,000,000, you will be rewarded with a superpower hamper which includes timefreeze, super strength, super speed, lightning, and super-regeneration."

"10,000,000?" William was furious, "You didn't say that it was gonna cost this much!"

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A toneless, disembodied voice responded to William's objection.

"10 million dollars is nothing. You have the rest of your life to earn it back. The Deluxe Superpower Package, however, will be taken off the shelves tomorrow. Once you miss this chance, you'll never be able to get your hands on it."

William knitted his eyebrows in frustration.

"But...But I..," he began to stammer, "I don't have 10 million dollars. My annual income is only 500 thousand dollars."

"Peasant," Zhao Yao thought, pursing his lips.

He continued to operate the deflective field to stave off the six superpowers as he spoke, “Then how much cash do you have?”

William hesitated for a moment before replying, “Two million dollars. That’s all that I have.”

“Why, William, you’re in luck. Our special White Day Combo Package is still available. Better yet, there’s an 80% discount right now. You’ll only have to pay two million dollars for a package that is worth 10 million. Isn’t this a wonderful coincidence?”

“Are you serious? 80% off? That’s a big loss for you, isn’t it?”

“Yes, it is. But, for you, it’s a great gain. Every time you purchase a package, I’m losing money. The more you spend, the more I lose.”

William’s eyes were now sparkling with excitement.

“I’ll have it. Give me the special White Day Combo Package,” he stated.

Zhao Yao was grinning from ear to ear once William transferred the promised two million dollars to his account. He loved missions that gifted him both money and experience points. This top-up task earned him 100 experience points for every 50 thousand dollars he received. This meant that he had just pocketed 4,000*2 points.

It was awesome.

With the money securely in his account, he instantly shrunk the deflective field and wrapped it snugly around William’s body like cellophane.

“The special White Day Combo Package has been downloaded and received. Congratulations on your new super strength, super speed, and indestructible body.”

William watched in awe as he was cloaked in the golden sheath of the deflective field. The incoming superpowers could not penetrate it to hurt him. They bounced off him easily, destroying and scorching the surroundings instead.

The six supercats were shell-shocked.

“What kind of power is this?”

“Why are all our superpowers useless against him?”

William made a move as they tried to wrap their heads around the situation. He seemed to have made only one step to end up right behind one of the supercats. He nipped it gently, causing the poor thing to fall into an instant coma. He then tossed it away like a frisbee.

Boom!

The rest of the supercats jumped into action. A gigantic ball of fire swallowed William, obscuring him from view. The fireball crashed onto the ground, where it started rolling at fiery speed. Cheese halted it by encasing it with rocks and stones, transforming it into a small hill.

In no time, a loud explosion sounded as the hill was blown into bits by William, who strolled out of it, unharmed.

He laughed raucously as he looked down appreciatively at his golden body.

“Today is my lucky day! I struck the best bargain in the world. 2 million dollars in exchange for this power? Amazing,” he thought to himself.

With that, he snuck up on one of the five remaining supercats and tossed him aside too.

Xiao Yu watched the events unfold in a state of confusion. She did not associate William’s terrifying powers with Zhao Yao, but she witnessed the former transferring money to the latter.

“Hot damn,” she said, looking up at him with new-found respect, “How did you get him to give you all that money? Is this your new superpower? Can I exchange Fish Ball for it?”

“Leave me alone.”

Cat Sage had been keenly observing the fight from afar as well, still holding the meteorite fragment between his teeth. He knew that he had to step in after watching the man charge towards his friends, taking them down one after another. He had no idea how this man had suddenly become so powerful, but he knew that his current state as a dinosaur would not be enough to defeat him.

He let out an earth-shattering roar as his body began to morph into a new form. The muscles packed underneath his skin started to grow. His hands began to lengthen and widen rapidly, transforming into a pair of humongous dragon claws. His neck was elongated. Two mounts were swelling in size on his back. They eventually burst open to reveal a set of large, scaly wings.

The prehistoric dinosaur had completed its transformation into the kind of dragon that graced Greek and Roman mythology. With each breath it took, smoke and sparks steamed out of its nostrils.

Cat Sage's superpower allowed him to turn into not just any animal, but any living being at all. This was not always the case. Before he found the fragment, he could only take the form of common animals that walked the Earth, like a tiger, lion, rat, or perhaps a hippopotamus. With it, his ability strengthened with time and he could now transform into a multitude of beings, including those that only existed in legends. The fire-breathing dragon is his most powerful form yet.

He rocketed towards William at frightening speed. The two clashed in the air and began to fight. The epic collision between a dragon and a superhuman with explosive deflective fields generated a flurry of destructive energy. They soon tumbled into the heart of the woods, where their scramble for power uprooted every tree that stood in their way and kicked up quite a dust storm.

Cheese was hot on their trail. Likewise, Zhao Yao and Xiao Yu kept close to William while studying the huge dragon intently.

"He can turn into a freaking dragon?" Zhao Yao's eyes were shining with excitement, "I want him! I can ride him into battle next time!"

Ares, however, was not too sure if that was going to happen. The dragon was not only ferocious, but unexpectedly nimble and swift. The scales on its body were as impenetrable as armor plates on a battleship. No matter how hard he tried, it was impossible to incur any damage at all on the monster.

In comparison, he was thousands of times smaller in size. The deflective fields protected him from physical damage, but the sheer difference in size between himself and his opponent would do him in eventually. The amount of strength that knocked the dragon off his feet would send William flying hundreds of meters away. The amount of power it took to push the dragon mere steps

backward would easily hammer William into the ground like a nail. Even if William's body could take this, the ground he stood on would collapse ultimately.

This meant that William was at a severe disadvantage despite the deflective field being on par as the dragon's physical damage.

Zhao Yao noticed that instantly too. A smirk spread across his lips as he projected his voice into William's head with another auditory illusion.

"Dear host," he started, "We have just released the Ultimate Counterattack Package. It seems very helpful for your current predicament."

At the moment, William was using all his strength to spread apart the claws that were threatening to bind him. He shouted, "I don't have a cent left!"

When he punctuated this statement, the dragon's tail made a painful swipe against his chest, sending him flying into the distance.

Zhao Yao started speaking to William again, this time in a honeyed tone, "Silly boy, you can borrow money."