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The wind was growing increasingly stronger.

The giant dragon continuously circled around in the dim grey sky.

It had uttered a long dragon roar that lasted for dozens of seconds.

The sound of music did not stop during that process.

The rhythm only grew increasingly more rapid.

Standing in the middle of the skeletons, Gu Qing Shan was performing his Dance while sweating like he was soaked by rain.

Wherever he looked at, whichever dead person he nodded his head towards, whichever mass of dead he waved his hand at, or simply glanced at for a second——

The dead people who were charging at him would immediately let go of their weapons and blankly fall into the River of Death, only for the water to reject them and be forced to prostrate on top of it.

The dead people's flesh and skin had all been skipped away, leaving nothing but a skeleton that knelt devoutly in front of the dance troupe.

More dead people were charging forward, and more of them began to prostrate in front of the dance troupe.

Within the dragon's roars, the glowing cloaked skeleton's angry shout resounded:

[Retreat! All of you retreat! Do not enter the range of that Dance!]

Atley swiftly followed up and whispered: “All dead people, stop attacking for now and retreat!”

The glowing cloaked skeleton was still a bit worried and shouted again: [He currently doesn't have the ability to perform that entire Dance. All troops, retreat a hundred meters away from him!]

Under their commands, the dead people all stopped themselves and no longer attempted to attack.

Other than the skeletons that were kneeling in front of the dance troupe, all the other dead people had retreated over a hundred meters away.

Seeing this, Gu Qing Shan felt a bit regretful.

I had wanted to convert all the dead, but it seems like this enemy knew what was going on.

——the glowing cloaked skeleton was instantly able to recognize the weakness of this Dance.

Indeed, his Dance troupe had only gone through just one warm-up Dance and immediately performed an official one, so they weren't prepared enough.

The Dance he was performing was only the very first stage of the Sacrificial Dance, so it paled in comparison to even the Dance of the Earth God.

And this was the skeleton's first time performing it, so they weren't able to fully exert the Sacrificial Dance's power either.

The result was that the Dance only had a range of a hundred meters.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the retreating dead and suddenly asked: “Esteemed lady, if I increased the level of the Dance and attacked them——”

「 Very difficult 」 the hoarse female voice sounded: 「 If you hit them, you will indeed be able to convert them... but if they're too far away, you won't be able to hit them. At the same time, you'll need a large number of Prayers to trigger the Sacrificial Dance's power while also maintaining the correct dance steps 」

“I understand!”

Gu Qing Shan's eyes became sharp and clapped his hand in the air.

The Death Dragon received his signal and instantly stopped his dragon's roar, instead shouting furiously:

「 I will use the unparalleled Hex to destroy your war! 」

He then recited an incantation: 「 Come, you garbage to stand in the way of a dragon, with the power of my dragon pressure, I shall strip you all of your Prayers! 」

From within the dark river, countless sprites of light flew into the air and became intertwined with one another as they ascended above the clouds, drifting and swirling around the dragon's body.

They were the manifestation of Prayers!

The Death Dragon's strength lay right here. Without needing anyone to react in any way, he could directly trigger the Hex's power and forcefully absorb one kind of power from others.

The dragon flew down through the clouds and hovered motionlessly above the dance troupe.

His entire body was shining like a legendary entity from some fairy tale.

Gu Qing Shan continued to move his body to the music while silently nodding.

—Dead Fatty sure is impressive, after roaring for so long, he had already released the entire Dragon Hex a while ago, but still specifically told everyone that he was about to use his Hex.

This way, when people see those Prayers flying into the sky, they would believe that he was actually performing the Hex and instinctively forget about the long roaring earlier.

Wait a second—

Gu Qing Shan suddenly recalled how dragons liked to utter a roar in the sky whenever they appeared in the historical records of countless civilizations.

—so those guys had already used their Hexes from the very beginning of those battles.

While he was thinking that, the glowing cloaked skeleton coldly scoffed and loudly ordered: [All dead people! Remain outside the range of the Dance, we only need to wait until his Dance concludes before we charge and rip them apart!]

Gu Qing Shan regained his senses and looked around.

The dead had all retreated, so the Dance was indeed currently useless.

He glanced at the Death Dragon.

The Death Dragon returned him a glance.

Instantly, a gigantic waterfall of light appeared in the sky.

The countless sprites of light that were circling around the dragon's body rushed into Gu Qing Shan's body like a tsunami.

On the War God UI, his Prayers value was rapidly rising.

The music suddenly stopped.

Gu Qing Shan stood still.

All the skeletons stood still.

The invisible power enveloped the Dance troupe, giving off a delicate shattering sound of whispers, but it was inaudible and unseen as if countless entities had surrounded the Dance troupe, looking forward to their next Dance.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly spoke: “The more bloodshed, the better the Dance, we perform to sate the desire to slaughter, that is saintly”

——this was the declaration to begin the Deathmatch Dance, which caused the entire performance to begin changing.

Following Gu Qing Shan’s words, lines of glowing text rapidly appeared in the void of space:

[You’ve declared a Deathmatch Dance]

[You have gained abundant Prayers]

[The power of Occultism in the void is gathering festivity for your Dance]

[Note: During the previous Deathmatch, your Dance was ruined by the Apocalypse]

[You’ve once again assembled a group of dancers]

[Please follow your mind and recreate a Deathmatch Dance as your personal dance]

[You need to immediately give your dance troupe a name!]

Gu Qing Shan’s expression changed.

Naming?

Such a difficult thing——

For some reason, a faint series of noises could be heard from the voice of space, it sounded like playful laughter, but also the sound of assault, roaring, and killing.

This was the atmosphere of the Deathmatch Dance itself, the extra ‘festivity’ that was provided by Occultism!

In this atmosphere, Gu Qing Shan suddenly thought of a certain individual.

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Ye Fei Li.

The Murder Clown.

That’s right this is a killing Dance, the ending to a Deathmatch, the power of Occultism.

Then— —

“My dance troupe will be called the Murder Dance Troupe” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Lines of glowing text appeared in front of his eyes:

[Your dance troupe has been established]

[This performance is about to begin]

[—this is a high-level Dance, whether or not it can evolve to become the Deathmatch Dance once again will rely on your current performance]

[Everything will begin with your personal BGM]

[3]

[2]

[1]

[Begin!]

Gu Qing Shan looked at all the motionless skeletons.

He took a deep breath and one step forward.

Puu bon bon bon!

Puu bon bon bon!

Puu bon bon bon bon bon——

The BGM had played!

The atmosphere of the Deathmatch Dance began to scatter——

The Death Dragon in the sky couldn't help himself roaring to the music as well: 「AOWWWWW!」

The sound of a vinyl disk being turned on a mixer resounded with the series of thunderous drumming.

Thump thump thump-

Thump thump thump-

Thump thump thump——

After the drum was a freestyle electric guitar solo.

The skeletons all stepped forward and gathered around Gu Qing Shan!

They half sat down, or knelt down, stood facing or away from Gu Qing Shan as they followed the beat, nodding their heads, shaking their skull, swerving their arms, and popping their chests——

A robot dance!

—-with the skeletons' physique, this kind of tricky dance that required accurate control was truly suitable!

Gu Qing Shan's figure was hidden inside the skeletons, making it impossible to see him.

The sound of music gradually became louder and more overpowering.

Suddenly—

Someone sang from the void of space: "Death! Match! Death! Match! Death! Match! Su Wei Su Wei Su Wei!"

All the skeletons scattered and lined up in a circle around the dance stage.

Gu Qing Shan had reappeared.

He was now wearing a top hat with his head down.

Under everyone's watchful gaze, he raised his left hand and snapped his fingers.

"Forward, my precious"

A second later.

All the skeletons that stood in formation turned towards the outside and slowly raised their weapons.

Weapons?

—-right when they gathered around Gu Qing Shan earlier, Gu Qing Shan had distributed a bunch of weapons to them again!

Within the ferocious noise, a hail of bullets rained upon the dead people all around him.

The skeletons' arms were completely firm as they aimed the minigun in their hands towards their enemies.

This type of attack was both ferocious and unreasonable, carrying with it the determination to eliminate everything in its path, converting all the dead people into skeletons as their world jurisdiction was changed to the Samsara.

Ding ding ding ding ding ding!

The metallic bullet shells fell to the ground in a chaotic but chiming rain of noises.

The hoarse female voice resounded in his ears: 「 How interesting, using Technological weapons to extend the range of the Sacrificial Dance, using that to change those dead people's jurisdiction— how did you come up with this? 」

Gu Qing Shan whispered in reply: “Science and technology can change anyone's fate, esteemed lady”

A long metallic artillery tube appeared in his hand.

—RPG-7, a personal combat bazooka!

Bang!

The rocket left a long trail of smoke as it flew towards the faraway undead in the River of Death, blowing them into the sky.

Gu Qing Shan tossed the artillery tube down and began to dance solo.

Among the sound of bullet discharge, among the skeletons' continuous howls, as well as the ever-rapid beat of electronic music, Gu Qing Shan stood in the middle of the dance stage——

He was performing a splendid tap dance!

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The sky slowly went dark as the shroud of night was raised.

The Dance continued.

The music played.

The nozzles of the skeletons' gatling guns had already gone incandescent.

If time were to be slowed down, one would see short bursts of flames appearing from the gun barrel before going through the dead people's bodies, crashing into the giant black wall before exploding into fireworks.

The firework of death that continuously bloomed!

The consecutive firepower created a sort of spider net array that turned every dead person trapped inside into a skeleton who devoutly knelt on the ground repenting.

Roar!!!

The dragon in the sky continued to roar.

Sprites of light were still flying up from the River of Death and gathering towards the waterfall of light that descended upon Gu Qing Shan's body.

Gu Qing Shan's dance steps did not stop for even a moment, waving his hand as he declared:

"I want them all to be blown sky-high!"

The skeletons swiftly put their gatling guns down and pulled out a shoulder-mounted rocket launcher from their backs.

The explosive shells flew everywhere——

Boom!!!

Within the intense explosions, countless dead people were being blown into the air before swiftly falling back into the River of Death.

Their world jurisdiction had already been changed as soon as they were struck, so they were now unable to fall back into the River of Death.

In the middle of the dance stage, Gu Qing Shan was carrying a silvery artillery tube on his shoulder with a lead box the size of a canteen on his shoulder, currently a bit hesitant.

——should I use an electromagnetic railgun or a nuclear warhead?

Nuclear warheads pollution is a bit severe...

But the dead from the River of Death is probably not afraid of this kind of pollution.

Gu Qing Shan was still snapping his finger to the beat as he silently thought.

——the current situation is a bit unique.

Even with the gatling guns and rocket launchers, there are still billions of dead in the River of Death, I won't be able to kill them all at once.

I've managed to save the individual and take a portion of dead people from their hands, that's enough capital for me to work with.

Seizing my time and leaving right after the Dance was over is proper business.

However...

If I want to run, I need to cause a big enough commotion to distract them.

—then nuclear warhead it is.

Gu Qing Shan made his decision and silently asked the void of space: “Esteemed lady, once the Sacrificial Dance is over, what would happen to these Samsara dead people?”

The hoarse female voice answered: 「 Don't worry, they will be killed by your enemies, then revive in the nearest Samsara fragment world— you will be able to sense them when that happens 」

Gu Qing Shan was surprised, then became delighted.

This would be the same as helping me find a Samsara fragment!

He flipped his hand over and put the railgun away.

As the beat dropped, Gu Qing Shan followed the music and spun, taking advantage of his movement to cut open the earth and bury a nuclear bomb under the ground.

Clak!

A tiny sound of the bomb being initiated was heard.

The timer began counting down:

[01:00]

[00:59]

[00:58]

One minute remaining!

The sound of music was becoming increasingly high in tempo.

—-the entire Dance still abruptly stopped right as the beat reached its peak.

But other than Gu Qing Shan, nobody knew this.

Gu Qing Shan flew into the sky and stood next to the Death Dragon.

“Dead Fatty, prepare to retreat” he sent his voice.

The Death Dragon opened his eyes wide and glanced confusedly at him.

—-*aren't you winning here? Why retreat?*

His eyes were asking this.

Gu Qing Shan had to sent his voice again: “The Dance is about to end, if you won't leave, it'll be too late”

The Death Dragon finally understood.

While talking to him, Gu Qing Shan was performing a robot dance, his arms moving like waves.

When the undead saw him and Death Dragon standing together, as well as his strange movements, they all couldn't help but shiver a bit.

A man and a dragon.

Are they going to attempt something else?

While they were thinking, the dragon suddenly roared:

「 The feeble dead! We've completed the warm-up, time to give you a completely new surprise! 」

Warm... up?

You mean to say that the eerie, unblockable attack earlier was nothing but a warm-up?

The dead looked up into the sky.

A chilling killing intent was being exuded from that dragon's body.

It seems to be preparing something.

Oh no!

Without a doubt, an even stronger storm is about to hit——

It was unknown who was the first to do it, but the dead people within the River of Death all began to hurriedly retreat.

Even the glowing cloaked skeleton and Atley had retreated to the border of the black wall.

——it really couldn't be helped; this guy had betrayed their expectations again and again.

Combined with that dragon as well, who knows what would happen next?

[Block it! Shield me! I can't waste more power here!]

The glowing cloaked skeleton angrily shouted.

The army of dead immediately gathered in front to shield it.

At this exact moment, the music suddenly stopped.

A layer of white fog appeared around Gu Qing Shan's body.

Immediately after that, the gigantic dragon suddenly shrank into a fatty.

The fatty put his hand on Gu Qing Shan's shoulder.

The white fog swirled.

And the two of them vanished without a trace.

Right at this moment, the music restarted as a slow fading rhythm.

The retreating dead all stopped.

What?

Did they just leave?

The music still hasn't stopped, but they already left?

The glowing cloaked skeleton waved its hand: [That's impossible! I've sealed off the entire Doomsday Necropolis, not even a teleportation World Technique would let them leave!]

Atley thought briefly and laughed: "They've already used up all of their power, now I'd like to see exactly where they can actually run too"

As soon as he said that.

Right underneath where Gu Qing Shan previously danced, the nuclear warhead's timer was still counting down.

[00:02]

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[00:01]

[00:00]

The entire world instantly became silent.

Only the last few notes remained before the Sacrificial Dance was over.

Time was up!

A flash of blinding light erupted from the earth and rose into the sky, illuminating this entire world.

The air itself was becoming ionized, sporadic electromagnetic pulses streaked across the sky like blue flashes of light within the white background.

The light was so intense that every other color seemed to be a bit overexposed.

Nuclear radiation of over a hundred million degrees celsius filled the River of Death.

The dead who were too weak would be completely melted into nothingness.

Carnage.

Destruction.

Annihilation.

The single sound of explosions had overshadowed every other sound, which intensely spread in shockwaves throughout the mushroom cloud.

The world fell into complete chaos.

Time slowly went by.

Finally.

Everything slowly calmed down.

But this was only an illusion of peace, as the huge mushroom cloud in the air would eventually fall back down to envelope the River of Death.

From this point on, only extraordinary strong dead people would be able to break through this domain of death and be summoned.

The glowing cloaked skeleton silently looked at all of this but was strangely not angry.

A single nuclear warhead wouldn't have actually done anything.

But the problem was that this Technological-type bomb was infused with the power of the Sacrificial Dance, making it impossible for all the dead people who were struck by it to resist, thus were completely destroyed and turned into Samsara beings.

This was a huge loss.

「 Your grace, should we go search for them? 」 the replica Death Dragon asked.

The glowing cloaked skeleton glanced at it.

It had barely managed to survive as well.

Atley had already been taken by the Sacrificial Dance.

There were no longer any dead people inside the River of Death.

Gone.

Everything was gone.

The glowing cloaked skeleton was stunned briefly before shaking its head: [No need, I can sense that they had already left this place]

It then muttered:

[...I had thought he was a Death God, but he was actually a sword cultivator]

[Then I thought he was a Death God who used swords, but then he knew how to dance]

[And then, even when I knew that he was a Death God who knew the Sacrificial Dance and wielded swords, I didn't expect that he would also be a mad man who also used Technological weapons]

The glowing cloaked skeleton sighed tiredly and said: [This cannot... continue...]

It turned to the replica Death Dragon and said: [We're going to leave as well. 'That one' alone at the depths of the River of Death wouldn't be able to do much about it]

The Death Dragon asked: 「 Do you mean, you're going to come as well, your grace? 」

[That's right. We need to hurry things along and take over the final part of the River of Death. Only then would we be qualified to sacrifice all of the River of Death's water to complete my real plan!]

...

At another location.

A few minutes ago.

At the border of the Doomsday Necropolis.

Gu Qing Shan and Dead Fatty both looked at the sky.

An abrupt flash of blinding light illuminated the sky above, painting everything white.

The nuclear warhead had exploded!

“This light is a bit prickly on the eyes. When Technological-type bombs can give off colorful neon light, they’ll be perfect” Dead Fatty commented.

“We need to leave”

While saying that, Gu Qing Shan lightly slashed the air with the Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

A gap was cut into the wall of light that sealed the entrance of the Doomsday Necropolis.

Boom!!!

An intense sound of explosion was heading straight towards them together with visible shockwaves.

The two of them didn’t turn back to look and simply left the Doomsday Necropolis through the gap.

As soon as they left, the wall of light closed back up.

The explosion was completely sealed inside.

[Brother Gu, that was a beautiful explosion earlier! Where do we go now?] Dead Fatty raised a signboard and asked.

“I’m heading to Dream Island to see someone. You can do whatever you like, if you don’t have anything to do, you can come with me” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Dead Fatty raised another signboard:

[I think I’ll follow you, at least that’ll keep me safe for a while]

“Alright, let’s go”

A mass of white fog enveloped the two of them.

They both vanished.

A few moments later.

Dream Island.

Inside a silent inn, white fog manifested.

Gu Qing Shan and Dead Fatty both appeared.

[Who’s this?] Dead Fatty raised a signboard and asked.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the bed.

A man wearing a luxurious blood-colored robe with a body that looked like a dried corpse filled with terrible wounds was lying motionlessly on the bed.

He seemed to have gone through many battles and suffered a lot.

Zi—- zi—-

The Light Chaser ring on Gu Qing Shan's finger suddenly activated itself and gave off some noise.

An electronic voice called out:

[Detected the power of the Blood Sea Card deck]

[Conclusion: rescue completed]

[Playing recording]

Su Xue Er's voice began to sound:

"Qing Shan, this is my Teacher, Lord Bloodsea, you must save him"

"He and I are both wielders of the Blood Sea Card deck—- during your time period, I was still immersed in my evolutionary slumber, so I'm unable to give you a hand. Only he would be able to help you enter the true Blood Sea"

"I will now tell you the truth. The Blood Sea deck originated from the Blood Sea; its Cards are the manifestations of the Blood Sea Heroic Spirits"

"Qing Shan, did you know? Both the Myriad Deities and Law Behemoths were entities created by the frozen corpse in order to take over the power of the Twin Rivers of Life and Death, while the Blood Sea was the true origin of the Twin Rivers of Life and Death, the source of the two rivers"

"The Heroic Spirits who died in battle outside the Reality Gate had all gone into slumber within the Blood Sea"

"Following the original course of history, two days later, the Apocalypse will completely take over the Blood Sea, using it to consume the Twin Rivers of Life and Death and use this power to break open the Reality Gate"

"This process will take time, but it cannot be stopped"

"Once the Blood Sea has fallen, no one else would be able to stop the true Apocalypses"

"In the near future, the true Apocalypses will descend upon the void with all of their powers"

“You definitely cannot let this happen, otherwise, everything in the Reality Gate will fall to destruction!”

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Lord Bloodsea was lying unconscious on the bed.

[He seems to be in a state of exhausted slumber] Dead Fatty raised a signboard to comment

“Do you have any confidence when it comes to healing?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Dead Fatty proudly raised another signboard: [Of course, I can absorb any sort of power, especially healing powers, and especially if it comes from beautiful girls——]

Gu Qing Shan completely ignored him and helped Lord Bloodsea sit up, pouring a can of Ye Fei Li’s healing drink into his mouth.

Even Shroud had to rely on this drink’s effects to heal his serious injuries in the past.

Sure enough, Lord Bloodsea’s eyelids twitched a bit before regaining his consciousness.

Seeing it working, Gu Qing Shan poured him another can.

Lord Bloodsea opened his mouth and struggled a bit to speak:

“Hurry... I also need... Pixie Magic Spring...”

Pixie Magic Spring was a kind of healing treasure that not even the pixies were willing to use on themselves.

Dead Fatty shrugged and raised his signboard: [That’s a rare thing, we won’t be able to find some in a short period of time]

Gu Qing Shan moved the Bramble Bird ring and produced a bottle of azure-colored spring water before pouring it into Lord Bloodsea's mouth as well.

"Not... enough..."

Lord Bloodsea was still talking in a discontinuous voice.

Gu Qing Shan shivered a bit and realized something.

He has clearly recovered his life force, so why does he want such a large quantity of Magic Springwater?

He tossed Lord Bloodsea into the bathtub and moved the Bramble Bird ring again.

Over a hundred bottles of Magic Springwater appeared in the air.

Following Gu Qing Shan's will, all the bottles were opened and began pouring their contents out.

The bathtub was practically filled to the brim instantly, causing Lord Bloodsea to struggle inside it.

Dead Fatty raised a signboard that only had six dots on it before he changed it to another one when he realized something wasn't right:

[Brother Gu, he's drowning]

Gu Qing Shan pulled Lord Bloodsea out from the bathtub and asked: "What else do you need?"

Lord Bloodsea was coughing incessantly without answering him and simply opened his left palm.

A burning blood-colored book fell down from his hand.

Bam!

Some Cards flew out from the Card deck and began burning nonstop.

Within the flames, all of these Cards were reduced to ash.

“NO!”

Lord Bloodsea exclaimed desperately.

He tumbled out from the bathtub and onto the ground, hurriedly placing his hand on the burning blood-colored book and shouted:

“Ceaselessly surging Blood Sea, even at the ultimate destruction, you must help me summon the original Heroic Spirit”

“Come, call upon her! Let her solemnity descend upon this reality once again!”

Za za za za za—--

As the blood-colored book was burnt to a crisp, 13 blood-colored Cards emerged from it and were caught in Lord Bloodsea’s hand.

He was trembling nonstop as he imbued his power into them like he was mad, rapidly putting the 13 Cards together.

“Descend!”

Lord Bloodsea shouted.

The 13 Cards all turned over at the same time to manifest into the portrait of a war plunged in smoke.

A peerlessly beautiful woman stood in the middle of the portrait, wielding a sword and a blade in each of her hands with a lonely expression.

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Even while she had her eyes closed, she was still exuding peerless charm that made it difficult to look away.

She seemed to have recognized Lord Bloodsea's summoning and spoke:

『 Little lordie? The Blood Sea is about to be completely destroyed by the Apocalypse, why are you looking for me? 』

Lord Bloodsea knelt on the ground and breathed heavily: "Esteemed lady, please answer my summon and come to my place to temporarily avoid the Apocalypse"

The woman still kept her eyes closed and laughed sorrowfully: 『 Everyone has died in battle; how could I survive pathetically by myself? 』

Lord Bloodsea raised both his arms as well as his voice: "No! Esteemed lady! As long as you don't die, they wouldn't be able to steal the entire Twin Rivers of Life and Death! As long as you're still alive, there will still be hope!"

The woman bit her lip, apparently, a bit tempted, but still shook her head: 『 There's not enough time. The Card deck manifested from the Heroic Spirits of the Blood Sea had been destroyed unless you can immediately find a card Deck that is of similar or higher level, I would have no choice but to die facing the enemy alone 』

Lord Bloodsea was stunned and collapsed on his knee.

— the Blood Sea Card deck was the most powerful deck he had, so there was no other deck that could rival it.

The woman appeared a bit startled before her presence started changing into killing intent and muttered: 『 They've arrived... I will avenge the other Heroic Spirits until I am destroyed 』

She turned around and prepared to leave.

Suddenly, a voice called out: “Esteemed lady, I have a Card deck here, can you please take a look and see if you're willing to deign yourself”

Gu Qing Shan spoke.

Gu Qing Shan was showing her a jet black leatherback book.

At this point, he finally understood why Su Xue Er wanted him to save Lord Bloodsea.

Saving Lord Bloodsea also meant saving this lady, and saving this lady was equivalent to saving the entire Blood Sea— the Apocalypse would then not be able to gain complete control over the Twin Rivers of Life and Death!

Saving her would be the same as saving the Twin Rivers of Life and Death itself!

The woman turned around and looked at Gu Qing Shan.

While she still had her eyes closed, Gu Qing Shan could clearly see the surprise in between her eyebrows.

But very quickly, an atmosphere of resolve started exuding from her body.

The woman spoke with a hateful voice: 『 The enemy is about to arrive; I must avenge the fallen— 』

Gu Qing Shan cut her off and raised his voice as well: “Esteemed lady! This is the Condemnation deck, the deck of Fate’s sovereign that would surpass all obstacles, please come here temporarily and reside within this deck”

He quickly continued: “Esteemed lady, I’ve also once shouldered the lives of countless comrades, but I chose to survive—— only by surviving would I be able to come up with a solution to triumph against the enemies that once stood in our way, to triumph against both the Apocalypse and Fate. Only then would I be able to sooth my comrades who had laid down their lives, to let them know that this world will eventually become the way they had wished!”

The lady fell silent.

A metallic gate not too far away behind her began to collapse.

The glowing cloaked skeleton had already appeared outside the gates.

Gu Qing Shan muttered: “Esteemed lady! Please do not allow the Apocalypse to win—— the summoning is about to end, please come to us”

The woman suddenly asked: 『 What is your name? 』

“Gu Qing Shan”

『 Gu... Qing Shan? 』

“Yes”

The woman began to recite an obscured incantation.

Instantly, the black leather of the Condemnation Codex began to give off a crimson glow.

Lines of glowing text instantly appeared in the void of space in front of Gu Qing Shan’s eyes:

[Attention, this Heroic Spirit was the First Heroic Spirit within the Blood Sea, as well as the master of the Heroic Spirit Hall, she holds the authority to begin the entire Blood Sea anew]

[The Lord of Radiance reigns over the Realm of Life, the Death God governs the River of Death, and the First Heroic Spirit exists together with the Blood Sea]

[These three entities are the rulers of everything within the Twin Rivers of Life and Death]

[The First Heroic Spirit of the Blood Sea is requesting to join the Condemnation deck, are you willing to accept her?]

“Agree!”

Gu Qing Shan shouted out loud.

He saw that the glowing cloaked skeleton had realized what was happening here and was rushing towards the last remaining Heroic Spirit.

The Condemnation Codex abruptly gave off a blinding flash of light that illuminated the entire portrait before vanishing.

In that instant, the scene created by the 13 Cards had all disappeared.

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At the very last split second, Gu Qing Shan could see the glowing cloaked skeleton’s body.

The glowing cloaked skeleton had clearly discovered the disturbance on this side as well, so his glowing cloak was fluttering in the wind as he rushed towards Gu Qing Shan’s direction.

Instantly, the portrait created by the 13 Cards turned to dust and vanished.

This meant that the scene on the other side had also disappeared, and what the glowing cloaked skeleton wanted to do had also been interrupted.

But it had explosively exerted some sort of power that caused a chain reaction on Gu Qing Shan's side despite the distance.

Boom—

Gu Qing Shan, Lord Bloodsea, and Dead Fatty were all sent flying from the impact, crashing through the wall and back into the bedroom.

Dead Fatty stood back up and examined his entire body.

—fortunately, the 13 Cards had been destroyed, so the attack did not actually travel across space to reach us.

Dead Fatty sighed in relief and looked around to notice that no one outside had reacted to it either.

He raised a signboard:

[That's great, that's great, brother Gu had set up a good soundproof barrier]

Gu Qing Shan also climbed back up from the ground and was checking on Lord Bloodsea.

Lord Bloodsea wasn't injured at all, but he had fallen unconscious.

"Dead Fatty, help me see what happened to him" Gu Qing Shan called out.

Dead Fatty examined him shortly before raising a signboard: [He's fine, but since he was the owner of the Card deck; when the entire deck was destroyed, he was also affected. Most likely, it'll be a bit of time before he recovers]

“That’s good enough” Gu Qing Shan’s heart calmed down.

He laid Lord Bloodsea neatly back onto the bed before turning to the small black book in his hand.

—*the Condemnation Codex has welcomed a new powerful Heroic Spirit.*

She has an irreconcilable grudge with the Apocalypse, as well as one of the owners of authority within the Twin Rivers of Life and Death system.

—*she is our natural ally!*

Gu Qing Shan opened the Condemnation Codex.

He saw a completely new Card in his empty Card slot.

The peerlessly beautiful woman continued to keep her eyes closed while standing in the middle of the Card.

She seemed to be reciting some sort of incantation.

The bright red glow of the Blood Sea continued to radiate from her body, slowly being converted to black.

—-the theme color of the Condemnation deck was black.

Lines of description appeared below the Card:

[Heroic Spirit Card: ???]

[Divine grade, unique Card]

[Description: Only when this Heroic Spirit directly informs you her name and her abilities would you be able to learn of the corresponding information]

[Attention: This Card had been previously injured and was in the middle of healing, and she also needs a certain amount of time to train and get accustomed to the Condemnation Codex, so she is currently unable to answer your summon]

Gu Qing Shan understood.

—any Divine-class entity was like this, they must willingly tell me their abilities in order for me to know.

The twin swords Heaven and Earth were the same, the Six Paths Great Mountain sword was no different.

Gu Qing Shan slowly closed the Condemnation Codex and sighed.

The course of events had changed so rapidly that it had surpassed his expectations.

“Dead Fatty, there’s actually no need for you to live here, it’s very dangerous to follow me” Gu Qing Shan said.

Dead Fatty helplessly put up a signboard full of words:

[Brother Gu, those monsters now know that you and I are on the same side, and I was summoned here—without your power, I would be transported back to the River of Death in a heartbeat, are you going to cruelly let me die over there?]

Gu Qing Shan couldn’t refute that.

And also, Dead Fatty is a great ally in combat.

The only complication is the fact that he normally can’t talk

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and said: “Dead Fatty, what do you say I think of a way to help you communicate without needing to write wooden signs?”

Dead Fatty appeared extremely delighted and immediately raised a signboard: [Brother Gu, if there's such a thing, I'll be grateful for you until the end of my unlife!]

Gu Qing Shan moved the Bramble Bird ring, searching around the Technological treasure vault for something of that nature.

— —I can't use products that would directly turn brain waves into sound since that would still activate the Dragon Hex.

Then the only option left is a relatively antique item...

Gu Qing Shan searched for a while and found what he wanted in the 'antique vault'.

However, a lot of them were usually either too big, or too inconvenient to carry around, so it wasn't suitable.

Finally.

Gu Qing Shan found a suitable one and took it out:

"Here, put this on your head and it'll automatically attach itself without falling down"

[What's this toy?] Dead Fatty nervously raised a signboard.

"A simplified professional concert speaker, a Technological product specifically designed to make sounds" Gu Qing Shan replied.

When it comes to technology, Dead Fatty had all the reasons to trust Gu Qing Shan.

After all, he had seen how Gu Qing Shan used those technological weapons to massacre the dead army.

He received the speaker from Gu Qing Shan's hand.

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[Speaker? I know very little about Technological products, but why is a speaker shaped like this?] he raised a signboard and asked.

"This is called a baseball cap" Gu Qing Shan replied.

[Why is it green?] Dead Fatty raised his signboard again.

This time, Gu Qing Shan lost his patience. Laura was originally not too interested in Technological products, he had to search for a while for a single one that fit all the requirements, and Dead Fatty was still complaining.

He urged: "Green represents environmental protection and nature, it carries a very good meaning, now wear it if you want to talk!"

Dead Fatty then put the speaker cap on his head.

He casually summoned a water mirror to check himself out and nodded in satisfaction.

— if nothing else, this cap is still very cool looking, it's just that the color is green, so it's not very impressive either.

[Just a speaker won't be enough, I still can't speak, brother Gu] Dead Fatty raised the signboard again.

Gu Qing Shan continued: "Don't be so impatient, have you ever come into contact with Technological-type video games and such?"

[I've played a few games] Dead Fatty honestly raised a signboard as an answer.

“Good, then this will make this much easier to understand——”

Gu Qing Shan moved the ring and took out another item.

“This is called a keyboard. Once I wirelessly synchronize it with your speaker, you only need to type for the cap to talk for you” he explained.

Dead Fatty excitedly replied: [Brother Gu, you really are my good brother, I know how to type—— but I’ve never imagined you can use it like this!]

He hurriedly urged Gu Qing Shan to connect the keyboard and speaker cap.

The keyboard was light-powered, so it could continuously work as long as there was light.

The green professional concert speaker cap was the same, capable of converting any source of light into energy.

——everything was finished being set up.

Dead Fatty then tried typing something into the keyboard.

The green cap on his head began to speak in a solemn voice: “This is a small step for me, but a large step for the dragon race”

Dead Fatty stood still for a while, feeling so excited that he could cry.

Gu Qing Shan patted his shoulder and said: “No need to thank me, just help me take care of this place for a while”

Dead Fatty was surprised and quickly typed: “Brother Gu, what do you want to do?”

Gu Qing Shan smiled, but his expression was a bit solemn.

“I’m going to meet up with a crucial comrade. Just help me stand guard outside the door, don’t let anyone enter this room.

“Alright, no problem” Dead Fatty typed.

He brought the keyboard outside with him.

Gu Qing Shan waited for a while and took out a formation plate.

After arranging several dozen layers of defensive formations, he sat down on the floor and leaned on a wall.

“Shannu” he called out.

A sword appeared from the void of space, manifesting into an aloof maid.

“Gongzi, I’m here”

Shannu cautiously released her inner sight to check their surroundings and replied.

“The changes in Space-Time are too rapid, I need to take a gamble and see if that entity would be able to see me or not” Gu Qing Shan explained.

Shannu seemed confused: “Gongzi, you’ve already rescued the Blood Sea Heroic Spirit, what else are you worried about?”

Gu Qing Shan shook his head: “Su Xue Er had clearly said that the Apocalypse would only break through the Blood Sea after two days, but as soon as I escaped the encirclement, the Blood Sea had already been destroyed”

Shannu thought briefly and asked: “Does gongzi think that your [Distortion] has caused Space-Time to become full of variables again?”

Gu Qing Shan sighed and replied: “I am. This was the same as when I was reborn, everything in the future of the timeline had become chaotic, they would no longer occur in their original order, but rather become unpredictable”

“Then what do we do now?” Shannu was anxious.

“This is an extremely important matter, so I have to think of a way to see something—— relying only on the Death Dragon watching over me isn’t enough, I’ll leave my safety to you” Gu Qing Shan told her.

“Don’t worry, gongzi” Shannu replied.

Gu Qing Shan nodded, formed a mind-calming seal with his hand, then fell into deep meditation.

Not too long after that, he entered a state of absolute immersion.

He was practically defenseless at this point.

If the Death Dragon wasn’t outside to guard the door, and if Shannu wasn’t guarding in front of him, anyone would be able to easily take his life.

——of course, in this state, any entity who wanted to see him through a unique method would find it very easy to lead his soul vessel away.

Time slowly passed.

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

...

Fifteen minutes later.

Right at this point, a strong suction force appeared from the void of space.

Gu Qing Shan's soul vessel was instantly pulled out of his body and flew into the endless void, swiftly vanishing without a trace.

Chapter 1595

Translator: La0o9

The darkness of the void was boundless and unending.

Gu Qing Shan was being carried rapidly through space by an immense force.

Unlike before, there was a lot of noise during this transport.

He could hear many voices, see many visions, and sense the existence of many other living beings.

At one point, he even saw a familiar scene.

It was the scene of him being taken in as Xie Dao Ling's disciple in Bai Hua Hall.

However, there was a difference in this vision when compared to his memory.

Xie Dao Ling wielded the Earth sword as she leapt off the Throne of Ten Thousand Flowers and faced the Beast Saints.

Everything flashed by in an instant.

As he continued to fly, this vision disappeared.

Gu Qing Shan was speechless for a short moment.

—-strange, it was because Shifu had given up on swordsmanship that she handed the Earth sword over to me, so why did she face the enemy while wielding the Earth sword in that vision?

Suddenly, another vision flashed by his eyes.

It was still Bai Hua Hall.

Xie Dao Ling was leaning on her Throne of Ten Thousand Flowers with a faint yellow aura in her hand.

Huang Quan Origin power!

Gu Qing Shan's heart jumped for a second.

Without much time for him to think, the vision vanished as everything around him returned to darkness.

He continued flying rapidly through the boundless void.

However, he now understood what those two visions just now meant.

—-they were two completely different parallel worlds.

At certain instances in an individual's life, Fate had split off at a forked road, resulting in a different future and path for each person.

Gu Qing Shan's thoughts rapidly turned as he asked: "Why did you show me all of this? Where are you?"

No one answered him in this void of space.

But very quickly, another vision appeared.

—it was a battlefield.

Gu Qing Shan could see the glowing cloaked skeleton, as well as numerous other skeletons and other gigantic monsters clad in white flames fighting against many powerful Professionists.

None of those Professionists was weaker compared to Gu Qing Shan, but they all slowly died off one by one in the battle with the white flames monsters.

Behind all the white flames monsters, a waterfall of light that connected heaven and earth slowly swept across the world.

The entire world and all the Professionists were completely destroyed.

All the visions disappeared at once.

The void was plunged into darkness once again.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but call out again: "Why are you showing me this? Where are you?"

From the void of space, the strong wind howled intensely, but no voice answered him.

After a long while of silence, the howling wind finally turned into tiny whispers that spoke to him.

“Gu Qing Shan... I am currently fighting against an Apocalypse that far surpasses all living beings’ imagination, so I cannot appear before you”

——this was the giant corpse’s voice!

Gu Qing Shan asked: “You mean that light earlier? That was a true Apocalypse that Renedol summoned”

The wind whispers answered him: “That’s right, Space-Time would no longer be able to deceive it, so I have no other choice but to let one parallel world after another be destroyed in order to fool it, hoping that it would leave this Reality Gate as soon as possible”

Gu Qing Shan instantly asked: “The parallel worlds are only a technique? Was it you who cast it?”

“No, the Parallel World Technique originated from deep within the Dusty World. I was not the one who cast it, but the Dusty World is tacitly allowing me to use this technique to deceive the Apocalypse” the giant corpse replied.

Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but ask: “What exactly is this white light Apocalypse? Why even the Lord of Infinite Origins fell to it, and even you had no choice but to resort to deception to draw it away?”

The giant corpse sighed and spoke: “Come, Gu Qing Shan, I will take you to see the scenery outside the Reality Gate”

Before he even finished, Gu Qing Shan felt the pulling force on his body growing several times stronger.

Countless images appeared in front of his eyes, speeding through at a ridiculous speed that didn’t even give him a chance to see any of the visions on his way.

— all of them were parallel worlds.

“How many parallel worlds are you using to deceive the Apocalypse?” Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but call out.

“I’m not sure” the giant corpse answered in a low voice, “Perhaps only a dozen, perhaps all of them”

Gu Qing Shan felt a chill run down his spine.

— if we cannot stop the true Apocalypse, then perhaps all the parallel worlds must be used to resist it!

The giant corpse continued: “In the near future of this timeline, Reneedol will summon a true Apocalypse— or you can call it an Unfathomable Apocalypse— in reality, the name ‘Unfathomable’ was coined by me. I purposely let this name drift throughout all the worlds to urge their living beings to ponder the true nature of the Apocalypses”

“Like I had said, Space-Time could no longer resist its invasion, so even when you’ve travelled back in time, some Apocalyptic elements would still follow you into the past to pursue and kill you”

Gu Qing Shan’s vision flashed briefly.

All the visions he saw disappeared.

In the darkness, a rapidly expanding mass of drifting sand was enveloped in white light.

The white light was continuously attacking the mass of drifting sand, unceasing, unrelenting, and unending.

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His vision zoomed out.

There was a withered leaf outside of the drifting sand, which was drifting in the wind while it fell onto the wasteland of a certain planet.

This planet was only a single one among hundreds of millions of stars within this galaxy.

There were still countless worlds outside of the galaxy that couldn't be seen all at once.

And all of this was enveloped in endless white light, subjected to its unending corrosion.

The giant corpse resounded again:

“Gu Qing Shan, as you should know, sometimes, an entire world is merely a mass of sand, sometimes a piece of leaf might be the collection of 9000 worlds, and even billions of stars could just be a part of one gigantic world. And the world behind our Reality Gate is hidden among the void of these infinite worlds”

Gazing upon the world being corroded by white light, Gu Qing Shan was so shaken that he was speechless.

Suddenly, he noticed that the mass of sand earlier had been erased by the white light.

—it was completely destroyed by the Apocalypse.

“What exactly is this Apocalypse that consists of nothing but white light?” Gu Qing Shan couldn't help himself asking.

The giant corpse replied: “There are many kinds of Apocalypse, many of which I can deal with, but for living beings, true Unfathomable Apocalypses are like this—”

His voice suddenly became cold and restrained:

“This kind of Apocalypse believes that living beings are nothing but sentient coincidences, and its mission is to erase all coincidences for the void to return to silence”

“As you can see, its power is vast and endless, naturally being capable of destroying all living beings—— I don’t know who exactly gave it this power, and I can’t stand in front of its way—— because that would be the same as letting myself accept an eternal erasure”

“——This kind of Unfathomable Apocalypse has surpassed the limits of what living beings can fathom. Simply by existing, it was naturally capable of destroying everything—— including me, including you, as well as all living beings”

“No one could resist it”

Gu Qing Shan immediately asked: “Are there really no solutions at all?”

The giant corpse replied: “There were originally no solutions at all. Fortunately, you had the Key of Past, as well as the support of the Chrono race, which allowed you to escape from it. At the same time, the glowing skeleton that its clone had manifested into had lost too much power that it was no longer capable of destroying everything or summon the power of its original form”

Gu Qing Shan silently thought a bit and asked in a heavy tone: “It also wanted to obtain the frozen corpse, could it want to absorb the frozen corpse’s power to summon its original form outside the Reality Gate?”

“That’s exactly the case. Once it had regained its power, the parallel worlds that I used to deceive its main body would no longer work” the giant corpse replied.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the boundless light that was illuminating the darkness of the void.

More and more worlds were being corroded and destroyed by the light, but the light did not grow weaker for even a little bit.

Destroying everything.

For the boundless light, this was a natural and righteous thing to do.

This was the meaning of its existence.

Gu Qing Shan stared blankly at it and muttered to himself: "...The Reality Gate had now been opened, the glowing cloaked skeleton that it manifested into had travelled through time following me, then continued to pursue me and even destroyed the entire Twin Rivers of Life and Death"

The giant corpse sighed and continued: "I have no choice but to continuously give up more parallel worlds for it to destroy, using this to temporarily deceive it and stall for time"

"...You definitely have a solution to fight it" Gu Qing Shan suddenly said.

"No, there is no means of fighting it, but there is one solution that would allow us to not die at its hands" the giant corpse replied.

"What is that solution?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"To close the Reality Gate and obscure it from its vision" the giant corpse answered.

"Closing... the Reality Gate?" Gu Qing Shan muttered.

The giant corpse explained: "That's right. It only managed to find the Reality Gate through Renedol's summoning— you must understand one thing, the Reality Gate was being hidden among boundless space, so it can't be discovered too easily. Once we have closed the Gate, it is very possible for it to be unable to find us again"

Gu Qing Shan pondered: "It's worth a try... but how do we close the Reality Gate?"

"No one could achieve this, because a Reality Gate can only be opened and closed through the usage of a corresponding Traveler's Proof" the giant corpse answered.

Gu Qing Shan realized something and said: "You mean... the Key of the Past in my hands?"

“The Key of the Past is only a fragment of the Traveler’s Proof, it won’t be able to close the Reality Gate— now that we want to close it, we must find the entity that initially forced the Gate open— we would be able to close the Gate using their power”

Gu Qing Shan hesitantly asked: “You mean...”

“Yes, the Reality Gate was hidden deep within the center of the Eternal Abyss— a long time ago, it was once destroyed by the frozen corpse, so you will need to awaken that Secret Apocalypse and use its power to close the Gate from the inside”

The giant corpse sighed and finally said: “Perhaps the overseer of the seal had realized or even had a premonition of this that it slowly turned itself into an Apocalypse, gradually taking over control of the frozen corpse, then turned into the Lord of Infinite Origins, and finally guarded the Eternal Abyss, hiding the Reality Gate within itself— but all of this was instinctive, it did not realize the true reason for its actions”

“Are you talking about— Shroud?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I am” the giant corpse praised, “It was certainly impressive, having made all the preparations ahead of time and even hiding the frozen corpse away using the six Sealing Tokens, waiting for this exact moment of time”

“Go, Gu Qing Shan”

“Hurry and search for all the scattered parts of the frozen corpse, reassemble it and let it awaken once more”

“Only its power would be able to close the Reality Gate”

“I won’t be able hold on for very long”

“Hurry—”

Oong!!!

A loud wind-ripping noise resounded in his ears.

Gu Qing Shan was being yanked back to his original location by an irresistible force.

He had gone past countless parallel world images, some of which were still fighting against the light Apocalypse, while some were already completely destroyed.

—after all of these parallel worlds have been destroyed by the Apocalypse and the Reality Gate still hasn't been closed by that time, then everything would be over.

Gu Qing Shan observed the countless silent parallel world visions.

He continued to fly down.

And down.

And further down, the longer he traveled, the faster he was travelling, but time also felt like it was elongating.

Suddenly, at a certain moment—

Inside the inn, Gu Qing Shan abruptly opened his eyes.

“Gongzi?” Shannu’s intimate voice sounded next to him.

Chapter 1596

Translator: La0o9

Gu Qing Shan stood up with a solemn look in his eyes.

Regardless of the situation, the fact that I need to quickly gather all of the frozen corpse’s parts hasn’t changed.

Only then would Shroud be able to awaken.

—he would then become the complete frozen corpse and thoroughly close the Reality Gate.

Gu Qing Shan paced back and forth around the room, silently thinking.

The first part of the frozen corpse was hidden in the Northwest region of the Doomsday Necropolis.

But the entire Doomsday Necropolis is currently under the glowing cloaked skeleton's control.

I couldn't kill it despite trying many times— not even the members of the Chrono race managed to kill it.

That glowing cloaked skeleton is also very knowledgeable, managing to recognize both the Dragon Hex and Sacrificial Dance.

— I can't arbitrarily enter the Doomsday Necropolis right now, or it would discover what I wanted to do.

When that happens, the glowing cloaked skeleton would truly go berserk!

Gu Qing Shan stopped.

Right now.

The glowing cloaked skeleton had sealed the entire Doomsday Necropolis off, which seems to indicate that its intention is to awaken all the sleeping Apocalypses.

Tch...

It'll be very troublesome if that happens.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly sensed something and took out the Condemnation Codex, turning his gaze towards the Blood Sea Heroic Spirit Card.

A sorrowful air was being silently exuded from the Card.

『 Without being able to obtain the Blood Sea's control, the Apocalypse is currently destroying the Blood Sea to soothe its anger 』

The woman's voice sounded in Gu Qing Shan's mind.

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent for a short while before turning his gaze outside the window.

It was currently nighttime.

Gu Qing Shan abruptly closed the book and shouted: “Shannu, we’re heading out!”

“Yes, gongzi”

Shannu transformed into a sword and disappeared behind Gu Qing Shan into the void of space.

A mass of white fog slowly descended from the void of space and enveloped Gu Qing Shan.

As the white fog scattered away, Gu Qing Shan was completely gone.

...

The Doomsday Necropolis.

Outside.

Under the large wall of light, Gu Qing Shan appeared.

Wielding the Six Paths Great Mountain sword in his hand, he slashed the wall.

A gap was cut open on the wall.

—while it had been cut open, the gap was continuously closing back up.

Gu Qing Shan lightly leapt over.

As soon as he went through the wall, he transformed into an orange cat, and by the time he landed on the ground, he had already vanished without a trace.

[Ghostly Shadow of Night]!

As well as borrowing Adorable's [Spotless Jade] ensured that no one would be able to detect his existence.

—at this point in time, the glowing cloaked skeleton was still destroying everything within the Blood Sea, so it still hasn't returned.

This is the best opportunity to retrieve the frozen corpse's body part!

The orange cat stood still for a bit, then appeared a bit helpless.

—-Shroud had turned into the Bell Ringer Dog Battle-mask.

Without this mask to guide the way, I wouldn't be able to find where the frozen corpse's part was buried.

Having no other choice, the orange cat had to take the dog's head back out.

—-but where is a dog's head supposed to stay on a cat's body?

The orange cat tried hanging it on his shoulder, only for the dog's head to drop with a 'thud'

The orange cat was so panicked his soul almost escaped his body and hurriedly placed his paw on the fallen dog's head.

Taking a careful look at it, the dog's head was fine.

The orange cat then sighed in relief, realizing that he was soaked in cold sweat from that just now.

This dog's head is constantly absorbing my power.

As soon as it leaves my body it would no longer be able to absorb more power of Death from me, which could end up with it disappearing.

If the legendary Lord of Infinite Origins suddenly died because of a moment of my carelessness, then everything would have been all for nought.

I've been hanging his dog's head on my shoulder this entire time, why did it suddenly drop just now?

The orange picked up the dog's head and suddenly realized.

—-a cat doesn't have shoulders!

How could a cat's smooth back carry a dog's head?

Then, this would become a very serious issue.

—-I need to find a way to secure the dog's head on my body while I'm in the [Orange Sovereign] form in order to use its senses to detect the frozen corpse's body part.

Then, the most crucial issue is—-—-

How should I secure this dog's head on this cat body?

The orange cat thought for a bit and used his tail to coil around the dog's head.

But the dog's head was so big that it was already half the size of the cat

This is...

Really troublesome.

The orange cat looked up at the night sky.

Far above the sky-high wall of light, the shroud of night was receding.

Dawn should be here very soon.

And the glowing cloaked skeleton might return at any moment.

Time doesn't wait for anyone!

The orange cat's eyes became resolute and he decisively put the dog's head over his own.

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—right now, he looked like a dog-headed cat.

Instantly, the mask's [Frozen Seal Nose] ability was activated.

The orange cat sat still and silently focused himself, quickly locating the frozen corpse part's location.

—my current form is too awkward, I need to quickly find the corpse!

The dog-headed cat shifted his body and flew into the sky

Now that all the Apocalypses had gathered at the North pole, he could move at full speed without worry.

Like an orange shadow undetected by anyone, he moved at a ludicrous speed towards the Northwest, occasionally disappearing in a flash before reappearing over ten thousand miles away.

Since he was moving towards the Northwest instead of the North pole, he no longer ran into the black wall of slumbering Apocalypses, but instead found a vast wasteland.

The orange cat continued to run—

He was using his full strength to constantly leapt forward like an arrow that had been let loose.

Finally.

He reached the location he had been sensing earlier.

——a valley full of dark grey rocks.

The orange cat became absolutely solemn and silently descended from above.

He was completely sure that the sensation earlier originated from this region, but was unable to discern the true location of the frozen corpse's body part.

Fortunately, patience was something that the orange cat had never lacked.

While wearing the doghead mask, he carefully examined the rocky valley.

There wasn't anyone or any Apocalyptic monsters around here, the sky was lingering half between dawn and night, and everything was still immersed in silence.

I need to hurry up, otherwise, [Ghostly Shadow of Night] would lose its effect by dawn!

The dog-headed cat was feeling a bit strapped for time, but still carefully picked up each and every small piece of rock, even using his inner sight to scan every crack on the ground in search of clues.

Suddenly, a resounding dragon's roar was heard from the far North——

The orange cat paused but quickly continued with his work.

This dragon roar came from the replicate Death Dragon—— that dragon didn't know how to use Dragon Hexes, so there was nothing to worry about.

But the fact that the dragon roar could be heard represented that the Apocalyptic army was making its way back from the Blood Sea.

Which meant the glowing cloaked skeleton would also make it back here soon.

The orange cat sped up his search.

Where exactly was the frozen corpse's part being hidden?

Hurry—

Show me a clue, anything.

It's clearly here.

Was there a cave? Some mechanisms? Or teleportation-type techniques?

The orange cat was getting extremely nervous.

Unfortunately, the senses provided by the doghead mask covered this entire mountain valley, so it wasn't exact.

The orange cat suddenly stopped and silently listened.

A voice called out from the North pole:

[All Apocalypses, you shall reawaken and boil, sweeping over the entire Space Vortex...]

This was the glowing cloaked skeleton's voice!

Its voice slowly became lower and lower as it turned into indiscernible incantations and chants.

The ground began to tremble very slightly.

A glorious greyish flame abruptly rose into the sky from the North pole.

[Come, all of you, join me... destroy...]

The glowing cloaked skeleton was chanting discontinuously.

Just as the rooster had said, it was awakening all the Apocalypses.

The beginning of all destruction had begun right here within the Doomsday Necropolis!

The orange cat's eyes flickered a bit and quickly made considerations.

Should I interrupt it to cancel this summon?

...Never mind, I can't kill it either way.

And the priority right now is to close the Reality Gate!

The orange cat refocused himself.

He tilted the doghead mask and continued to search within the mass of rocks.

Time slowly passed.

A cold breeze brought with it some moisture from the distance.

The sky was slowly turning brighter.

It would be dawn very soon.

Right at this moment, the orange cat suddenly dug up a piece of rock.

Under that rock, he found a heavy casket engraved with patterns from the Age of Immemorial's era of deities.

The orange cat jumped onto the casket and saw the glowing text appearing in front of his eyes:

[You've discovered the frozen corpse's sealing casket (1), which contains one part of the frozen corpse's body]

[You can use this part of the corpse to eventually reconstruct the entire Secret Apocalypse]

Finally found it!

The orange cat patted the casket with his paw, instantly making the entire stone casket disappear.

At this point, the first ray of dawn had arrived.

Chapter 1597

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The light of dawn slowly came up.

An orange cat was sitting in a valley.

The effects of [Ghostly Shadows of Night] had disappeared from his body, but he was not in a hurry to leave.

—after all, within this endlessly vast Doomsday Necropolis, the glowing cloaked skeleton wouldn't necessarily notice a small animal like him.

That unkillable Apocalyptic monster was currently focusing all of its attention on awakening the slumbering Apocalypses.

The orange cat silently listened to the sound of the incantation in the wind while thinking of various tactics.

Suddenly, the doghead mask began to give off a tiny sound of resonance.

A wondrous fluctuation could then be felt from the orange cat's mind.

—following the doghead mask's resonance, the stone casket was also making some noises.

The orange cat curiously observed these two items.

After all, this was something that Shroud had left behind while he was at his peak, it was impossible to tell what he had arranged inside them.

Rumble rumble!

The stone casket began to collapse and reveal the object hidden inside.

—it was a faint figure of a girl— no, in this state, it was more accurate to call it a soul!

This soul was in an unconscious state while carrying a white piece of thigh bone in her hand.

Boundless radiance drifted around the bone which also enveloped the soul.

The girl's soul and the bone were both motionless.

It was as if both of them were currently in some sort of miraculously strange state.

Gu Qing Shan carefully examined the girl's familiar face and felt a bit better.

This matter had always been at the back of his mind, but he had not returned to the River of Death after leaving the Age of Immemorial, so it had always been delayed.

I didn't expect that Shroud had thought to take care of this already.

A second later, Shroud's voice was heard from the white piece of bone:

"Epta and Atley were both our comrades, but they lost their lives during the [Siming] Apocalypse"

"Atley did not want to accept my power, as he had already formed his own forces within the River of Death"

"But Epta wasn't the same"

"I managed to sense the omens regarding the River of Death, so I used the grand power of Radiance to salvage Epta's soul from the depths of the River of Death at the moment that the Twin Rivers intercepted one another"

"I then used the power of the frozen corpse to create a Space-Time seal that isolated and ensured that her soul would be able to receive salvation in the future"

"Rhode, I'm sure that you'd have a way to help her, right?"

At this point, Shroud's voice faded.

Gu Qing Shan didn't say anything and just silently pondered.

— I am the Death God, so if I wanted to save Epta's soul, I would need to summon power from the River of Death's water and intercept it with the River of Life.

But now that the River of Death had fallen under the glowing cloaked skeleton's control, it would most likely be very difficult to retrieve a soul from it without it noticing.

—no.

I clearly have alternatives.

The orange cat slowly nodded.

He directly entered his own Thought Sea in the form of Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan shifted his posture and performed a graceful dance around that soul.

Lines of glowing text swiftly followed:

[You've performed your personal dance steps to change that soul's world jurisdiction]

[That soul now belongs to the Samsara]

—on his way back from the Age of Immemorial, in order to meet Scarlet, he had danced for over a year straight, so he had become a complete expert at performing this world jurisdiction Dance.

As soon as the world jurisdiction change was complete, Gu Qing Shan stopped dancing.

The long piece of bone seemed to have realized this and started trembling while giving off a burst of radiant light.

Epta abruptly woke up.

She looked at the radiant white bone behind her, then at Gu Qing Shan in front of her and slowly understood what was going on.

"Rhode, thank you for saving me" she said.

"No, it was Shroud who saved you from the River of Death" Gu Qing Shan quickly corrected her.

"...I was able to feel Shroud's power. Without him specifically looking for me, I would have fallen into an eternally cold and lonely slumber"

Epta smiled and replied to him as her figure became increasingly transparent.

She lightly drifted upwards, slowly flying through the sky following the radiance, nearly exiting Gu Qing Shan's Thought Sea completely.

“Where are you going?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I was too much of a coward in the past, but I was fortunate enough since both you and Shroud had never given up on me, even after I died” Epta muttered.

She lightly moved her hand around in the air.

The surrounding radiance slowly descended and enveloped her body again.

“Shroud left a bit of his power that would help me travel through a short period of time, allowing me to reincarnate in an era that I wished”

“And now— I’ll be going first. Perhaps we will meet again someday at some point in time”

Epta lowered her head to Gu Qing Shan and prepared to leave.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly recalled something and shouted: “Wait a moment, Epta!”

Epta paused in mid-air and looked towards him in confusion.

Gu Qing Shan smiled and relaxed his posture: “In the future, do you still want to fight alongside us?”

Epta nodded: “I want to find an era to be born in and mature, then hopefully reunite with the two of you at an opportune moment within the River of Time”

She continued: “—With this opportunity, I would definitely not be a coward who stayed behind anymore... I will fight, become stronger, and hopefully see you both again— I will repay Shroud’s protection of me!”

Her gaze was a bit awkward but ultimately became resolute.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised and slowly smiled.

— even he managed to discern the hidden meanings behind her words.

“Epta, I... have a little present for you” he said.

“What is it?” Epta asked.

Gu Qing Shan spoke to the void of space: “Lady Darksea, does she qualify to become a carrier of [Order]?”

Lady Darksea’s voice resounded: [Founder of Order, your excellency Gu Qing Shan, I have loaded a unique seed of Order into her soul— in reality, as soon as she is reborn, that seed of Order will create a corresponding Order template to fit her latent potential, as well as report it to you]

Gu Qing Shan lightly sighed and told Epta: “I’ve given something to you, but you’ll only know what it is later on”

Epta nodded, then smiled at Gu Qing Shan before vanishing into the radiance.

While Gu Qing Shan silently waited for a few moments, Lady Darksea’s voice was heard:

[Founder of Order, Gu Qing Shan, I will now report this to you]

[Epta had reincarnated into the Human realm of the Samsara]

[By the great power of the Lord of Infinite Origins, she had travelled across Space-Time and was born into a certain low-level martial arts world 19 years ago]

[The Human Regiment template she most suitable for her was an extremely rare exclusive template of Order]

[Her basic information is as follow]

[Name: Xu Xing Wei]

[Race: Human]

[World jurisdiction: Samsara]

[Order template: The Predestined Princess (exclusive)]

Gu Qing Shan silently listened, then couldn't help but feel a bit surprised.

Xu Xing Wei.

Isn't that little Wei?

It was because he met her, that Shroud had completely snapped out of his stagnation and woke up again.

—when Shroud was at his peak, he had left a bit of his power in order to save Epta.

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And now, Epta had entered the Samsara's cycle of reincarnation.

In the future not too long from now, she would save Shroud and become his servant.

But at the very last moment of the Wraith realm's destruction in the future, Renedol had opened the Reality Gate and summoned a true Apocalypse.

At that point in time, Shroud and I were transported away by Su Xue Er, leaving little Wei there by herself.

Little Wei was about to be eradicated by the Apocalypse.

And so during this trip back in time, it was my and Shroud's turn to save her.

...So the relationship between individuals can become this roundabout and complicated.

Was this also the predestination of the Samsara?

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but sigh.

All the radiance had faded away, slowly scattering into sprites of light that entered the piece of bone.

Lines of glowing text appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan:

[The fluctuations caused by Shroud and yourself were relatively intense, causing a large commotion that had been noticed by your enemy]

[Please prepare for combat immediately]

Gu Qing Shan smiled and left his Thought Sea.

He knew that the fluctuations would be a bit too great, but since it was related to Epta, he had no intentions of obscuring it.

Gu Qing Shan's real body turned back into his human form from the orange cat form, still standing in the middle of the rock valley.

A second later.

A pale burst of white flames descended from above.

The glowing cloaked skeleton.

[You again?]

It gritted its teeth.

Gu Qing Shan sighed, then grabbed the Earth sword from the void of space and replied: "Life is a series of meetings and reunions"

The glowing cloaked skeleton coldly sneered: [That Dance of yours requires an astronomical amount of Prayers, and since the Death Dragon isn't here, I suspect you won't have a way to trigger that Dance]

Gu Qing Shan replied: "Unless it's a grand occasion, I wouldn't perform that Dance"

He turned his other hand and grabbed the Heaven sword from the void of space.

—-their battle could begin at any moment.

The glowing cloaked skeleton grinned, then raised its hand.

A burst of pale flames appeared from its hand, manifesting into a large axe.

[You've clearly left the Doomsday Necropolis already, so why did you return at this point in time?]

The glowing cloaked skeleton asked.

Its presence was gradually rising, its killing intent becoming almost solid as it clenched down on Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan shrugged: "I came to surrender"

[Surrender?] the glowing cloaked skeleton was unconvinced.

"That's right, but there's a condition— as long as you fulfil one of my wishes, I will surrender immediately" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The glowing cloaked skeleton stared closely at him, receding its own killing intent a bit.

[What kind of condition?] it asked.

Gu Qing Shan cleared his throat and replied: "As long as you leave the Space Vortex and return outside the Reality Gate, I will give up on fighting against you"

The glowing cloaked skeleton stayed silent for a bit.

That simple?

Would he really surrender with such a simple condition?

Wait a minute——

If I leave, he would naturally have no reason to fight in the first place.

That's not surrendering at all!

The glowing cloaked skeleton was about to get angry, but suddenly thought of something and spoke to itself: [I can tell, Gu Qing Shan, you must have returned to the Domsday Necropolis because of something crucial]

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed.

This guy is both smart and knowledgeable, it'll probably be next to impossible to pull the wool over its eyes.

Then the only option——

Is to fight again!!!

Gu Qing Shan charged forward with his swords, but while he was flying, two gigantic sword phantoms had already slashed forward and crashed into the glowing cloaked skeleton.

[You still don't get it? Your attacks mean nothing to me]

The glowing cloaked skeleton declared and let those two sword phantoms hit its body.

It was completely unharmed as it stepped forward, leaving a shadow of light where it originally stood.

The shadow of light and the sword phantoms both vanished at once.

The axe in its hand manifested into a gigantic white flame as it was swung forward.

Instantly, heaven and earth became empty.

The entire Northwest region of the Domsday Necropolis was enveloped in the pale white flames.

Bang bang bang— — —

Within the resounding explosions, the earth was reduced to nothingness.

The glowing cloaked skeleton abruptly looked up.

Only to see that Gu Qing Shan was standing in mid-air as the set of black armor protecting his body slowly crumbled into dust and disappeared.

[Surrender and you can become an envoy of Apocalypse under me, otherwise, my next attack won't be that simple]

The glowing cloaked skeleton grinned.

The axe in its hand began glowing even more intensely.

Gu Qing Shan indifferently looked down at it while rapidly coming up with a solution.

Suddenly, he noticed something changing in his Thought Sea.

— — —after Epta left, the piece of bone remained.

This was one of the frozen corpse's body parts!

Lines of glowing text appeared in the void of space in front of Gu Qing Shan:

[You've obtained a body part of the frozen corpse]

[Because you've helped Epta complete her reincarnation and you carry the Bell Ringer Dog Battle-mask, the frozen corpse's body part had recognized you]

[The piece of bone is currently pouring all of its power into the Bell Ring Dog Battle-mask]

[The Bell Ringer Dog Battle-mask's power 'Temporary Manifestation' had activated]

[Attention:]

[You've gained 1/6th of the frozen corpse's power]

Gu Qing Shan looked down.

He saw that the dog's head hanging on his shoulder was slowly losing all of its hair and turning into the skull of a dog.

— it had turned into a white pair of gauntlets made out of a dog's skull with razor-sharp teeth!

Numerous notifications were scrolling through Gu Qing Shan's vision.

Below, the glowing cloaked skeleton's furious shout arrived: [Now, tell me your answer— are you going to surrender to me, or die?]

Gu Qing Shan silently put the gauntlets on and landed in front of the glowing cloaked skeleton.

"Actually— I only have one question for you" he said.

[What?] the glowing cloaked skeleton asked.

Sensing the great power coming from the skull gauntlets, Gu Qing Shan asked:

"A punch that's larger than an entire world, have you seen it before?"

Chapter 1598

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[A punch that's larger than an entire world?] the glowing cloaked skeleton coldly sneered.

Gu Qing Shan seemed a bit unfocused as he muttered to himself: "In the past, someone once helped me ascend in power, so I was actually somewhat inspired"

—how should I get rid of this skeleton?

How about...

While he was thinking, the glowing cloaked skeleton suddenly stopped talking.

The glowing cloaked skeleton's gaze slowly lowered and became focused on Gu Qing Shan's hands.

[This presence... belongs to the Secret Apocalypse]

It whispered and remained silent for a short moment.

A violent gust of wind erupted from its body, instantly manifesting into pale white flames that scattered into the surroundings.

The glowing cloaked skeleton's tone had changed:

[So that was why. You returned in order to dig up a body part of the frozen corpse—]

Before Gu Qing Shan could say anything, the glowing cloaked skeleton abruptly vanished.

It had melded into the void of space and turned into a part of the pale flames that filled the atmosphere.

The world was dyed in white.

Pale flames filled the entire Northwest region, completely erasing even the tiniest living being that somehow managed to survive here earlier.

Everywhere around them was now filled with pale flames without a single gap.

“As expected, you went crazy as soon as you noticed this... it seems you desperately need this kind of power”

Gu Qing Shan stood still and commented.

The pale flame that connected heaven and earth manifested into the visage of a skeleton that observed Gu Qing Shan from above.

[I want you to die!]

The skeleton roared furiously.

Hoh———

The white flames rushed downwards and fully enveloped Gu Qing Shan.

His figure could no longer be seen anywhere in this world.

The pale flames continued to burn and eradicate everything in this area.

Boom boom boom boom!

Within the sound of explosions, the world slowly turned silent.

Suddenly.

A voice muttered from inside the white flames:

“[Ethereal]...”

The entire world became still.

Instantly, the white flames that were burning the world abruptly became still, then completely disappeared in a single second like they had never existed in the first place.

From the boundless void of space, the glowing cloaked skeleton silently stood there motionlessly.

[I’ve already said that your attacks are useless against me!]

A shadow of light abruptly split off from the glowing cloaked skeleton’s body and endured [Ethereal – Grand Mountain] instead of it.

It simply stepped away from the attack and hovered.

Gu Qing Shan’s expression was indifferent and replied: “I’d like to try again”

He abruptly vanished and switched places with the shadow of light behind the glowing cloaked skeleton.

Divine Skill, [Shadow Shift]!

—he had directly appeared behind the glowing cloaked skeleton!

[Detestable!]

The glowing cloaked skeleton abruptly grasped its flaming axe from the void of space and swung around.

Gu Qing Shan had taken the initiative, so he naturally threw another punch without defending.

[Ethereal – No Pardon]!

[No Pardon: This strike can break all magic, all tangible, incorporeal, illusory, real, all things, and all living beings. Everything shall shatter and return to Primal Chaos]

[Before activating 'No Pardon', you must first score a hit on your opponent]

[Attention: if your opponent is at least twice as strong as you are, the power of this strike will be gradually weakened, unable to completely destroy your enemy]

——thanks to the frozen corpse's immense power, the power of this punch wasn't weakened in the slightest!

The punch flashed and easily destroyed the axe as it continued on its path until it struck the glowing cloaked skeleton's body.

Doon——

With a resounding dull sound, the glowing cloaked skeleton was sent flying like a cannonball.

Its body shattered into countless tiny glowing insects that continuously shrieked with a sharp noise.

"Emerge!" Gu Qing Shan loudly grunted.

Instantly, a large golden waterfall descended from the void of space.

As soon as the golden waterfall manifested, it began to surround Gu Qing Shan with him as the center to form a magnificent ring-shaped waterfall.

Nothing would be able to pass through this ring-shaped waterfall..

As it was the Primal Chaos!

Primal Chaos was the origin of literally everything. Compared to all things, all living beings, and worlds, it was the deepest mystery within the Law that initially created everything.

It didn't exist in life, nor in death, it also wasn't emptiness, but rather the beginning of everything, and the foremost primitive state of everything.

Anything that entered the Primal Chaos would no longer exist and become fully assimilated by the Primal Chaos.

Borrowing the power of the frozen corpse, Gu Qing Shan's punch was able to reveal the Primal Chaos and took advantage of its infinite power to consume and erase any enemy!

—-*what a ridiculous fist technique!*

As soon as the golden waterfall manifested, the countless white insects sensed it and uttered an unwilling shriek.

However, their bodies had already been completely destroyed by [Ethereal – No Pardon], so the residual power of this punch was able to envelop them and send them straight into Primal Chaos.

A few white insects struggled when they came into contact with the golden waterfall but still vanished after a few short moments.

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Seeing that, the remaining white insects made their decision.

They twisted their bodies in the air to form several mystical runes.

These runes seemed to contain some sort of miraculous power that instantly divided all the remaining white insects into two.

A portion of the white insects began to speed up and rushed towards the golden waterfall, while the others were able to escape their current predicament and remain standing in the void of space.

The glowing cloaked skeleton manifested once again, but the white glow around its body had weakened significantly.

Hoh—- hoh—- hoh—

It was breathing heavily while still unable to regain its senses, trying to look around itself.

[Primal Chaos... whose fist technique is this... it is too ancient; I can't remember anything...]

The glowing cloaked skeleton muttered to itself while rapidly forming irregular insignias with its hands.

At this point, the punch was officially over, so the golden waterfall of Primal Chaos vanished as well.

Everything in the sky had vanished, leaving only Gu Qing Shan and the glowing cloaked skeleton facing one another.

[Come to me!]

The glowing cloaked skeleton abruptly declared.

From the far North, numerous spheres of light rapidly flew in this direction and entered its body one after another.

The glowing cloaked skeleton's power was gradually recovering.

[How regretful, these Apocalypses were supposed to be used to destroy billions of worlds, but now there's no choice but to use them as replenishment for my power...]

It waved its hand and summoned a scepter from the void of space, pointing it at Gu Qing Shan.

[You borrowed the frozen corpse's power, but I can sense that this is only temporary. Now it's my turn] the glowing cloaked skeleton declared.

Gu Qing Shan smirked and shook his head: "How surprising, even with the frozen corpse's power and my fist technique, you still managed to survive"

—-the overflowing power was focused entirely on the skull gauntlets, so after he unleashed [Grand Mountain] and [No Pardon], he had no choice but to spend a few breaths' worth of time to regain control of it.

The glowing cloaked skeleton had used that short period of time to regain its power.

It seems that as long as it can use the Apocalypses to replenish its power, I wouldn't be able to kill it.

...Is there really no way to specifically counter it?

I'll have to give this a lot more thought from now on.

With that in mind, Gu Qing Shan sighed and shifted into another stance, slowly replying:

"You're right, I can only borrow this power temporarily—- that's why I asked you earlier if you've ever seen a punch that's larger than an entire world"

The glowing cloaked skeleton appeared confused.

Gu Qing Shan chuckled, then abruptly threw another punch.

—no, it wasn't one punch, but hundreds of thousands of punches!

[Ethereal – Myriad Shadows]!

[Myriad Shadows: A barrage of unending punches, each strike only contains 1/10,000 of your power, but as long as you do not wish it to stop, 'Myriad Shadows' will persist endlessly. Your enemy will remain in a state of being continuously attacked without being able to alter it]

[Eternally Striking Punch]

In an instant, the world was enveloped within a barrage of punches.

After swinging its weapon a few times, the glowing cloaked skeleton was unable to keep up and became locked inside the unending strikes.

Don don don don don don don don don don—

Within the seamlessly continuous sound of striking, the barrage of punches grew even larger to fill every last gap.

Even though the glowing cloaked skeleton attempted to use its shadow of light several times, it still couldn't escape.

It was useless.

Truly useless.

Even though the glowing cloaked skeleton had the power of countless Apocalypses to replenish its own powers and abilities, while being stuck within this wide-range fist technique, it could only take a few steps at most after releasing a huge number of shadows of light.

—-but the entire world was currently covered with punches.

“YAH!”

Gu Qing Shan grunted once again.

All the punches began to head upwards, carrying the glowing cloaked skeleton with it through the world barrier to enter the Space Vortex.

—-it was as if an entire world made of punches was gradually being created and moving through the Space Vortex.

An eternally striking fist technique.

Gu Qing Shan had fully exerted the power that the frozen corpse provided him

With such power supporting him, it wouldn't be so simple for the glowing cloaked skeleton to escape from the world of punches.

He waited for a few moments.

And a bit more.

And more.

The glowing cloaked skeleton did not reappear again no matter how long he waited.

Gu Qing Shan slowly pulled his punches back.

—this way, he would have ample time to search for the next body part of the frozen corpse.

The broken world barrier in the sky slowly closed back up.

Gu Qing Shan stood in the air and looked around himself.

The entire Doomsday Necropolis was now empty with nothing left.

Over half of the Apocalypse in the North Pole had been absorbed by the glowing cloaked skeleton, and the rest of them had fallen back into slumber.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but shake his head.

He was still a bit regretful.

[Ethereal] had a total of four strikes, which were respectively [Grand Mountain], [No Pardon], [Myriad Shadows], and the last strike, [Null Tribulation].

[Null Tribulation] is the most powerful of these four strikes, beyond any doubt.

This final strike required the first three strikes to have hit the enemy first before he could unleash it.

Unfortunately, I've exhausted the power provided by the frozen corpse with just the first three strikes.

I really want to know whether or not [Null Tribulation] would be able to kill that monster manifestation of a true Apocalypse.

"...Next time"

He told himself.

Chapter 1599

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After unleashing [Ethereal – Myriad Shadows], Gu Qing Shan silently waited to see if the glowing cloaked skeleton would return or not.

While waiting, he also took the time to look at the War God UI.

Several notifications had appeared during the previous battle and remained floating there since then:

[You obtained the unique item: the frozen corpse's bone]

[This item was one of the six body parts that made up the frozen corpse]

[This item had fused with the Bell Ring Dog Battlemask and turned into the skull gauntlets that you're wearing]

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed—

Finally, I don't have to worry about carrying a dog's head everywhere.

However, this was something that one of the absolute strongest entities to ever exist in the void had turned into, so its power must be unimaginable.

Gu Qing Shan continued to read the messages in the void of space:

[Gauntlet: Frozen Bone]

[Product of Apocalypse homology, currently in a faux state of death, has the following abilities:]

[All Things Destruction: All defensive items that are struck by these gauntlets will directly break into pieces]

[Frozen Touch: The overseer of the seal and the bone of the frozen corpse had fused to create this pair of gauntlets. While wearing it, you will not be attacked by the frozen corpse's other body parts. You will be able to more accurately discern where the frozen corpse's body parts are being buried]

[Mystery of Apocalypse Equal (intermediate): Apocalypses will consider you their compatriots]

[Temporary Manifestation: Whenever you obtain one of the frozen corpse's parts, you will immediately be capable of using that part's power. Specifics are unknown]

[Awaken: When you obtain all the frozen corpse parts hidden by the Sealing Tokens, they will awaken together with Shroud turning into the new Secret Apocalypse]

[Power Parasite: You will need to wear or carry it in your hands to allow it to absorb your power of Death, thus maintaining its existence]

[Shroud's will is with you]

Gu Qing Shan quickly skimmed through it.

Destroying all defensive items?

What an interesting power.

But I don't have the time to slowly experience these gauntlets' power right now.

—-while the glowing cloaked skeleton is still unable to escape, it's time for me to find the next location of the frozen corpse's body part.

The skull gauntlets exuded fluctuations and quickly helped Gu Qing Shan discern a direction.

"It's... over there?"

He looked above the sky, his gaze seemingly peering through the astronomical distance to observe an unknown place.

A gust of wind suddenly grew stronger.

He followed the wind into the sky, then cut through the world barrier before disappearing from the Doomsday Necropolis.

...

—-the Space Vortex.

Within the dark void, strong wind continuously swept in every direction at once.

Gu Qing Shan was flying as fast as he could towards a certain direction.

The next body part of the frozen corpse was in this direction

But after flying for not too long, he suddenly stopped and turned his eyes towards the darkness just a bit further away.

“Ah? This presence... it’s quite close... Alright, it won’t take much time anyways, and it could also help me grow a bit stronger...”

Gu Qing Shan pondered briefly before he made his decision.

He changed the direction of his flight and flew towards another direction in the Space Vortex.

About five minutes later.

He stopped in the void and gazed into the distance.

—there was a small piece of rock that continuously radiated yellow smoke

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[Through the Sacrificial Dance, you’ve killed and converted countless dead people]

[And now, you’ve discovered the Huang Quan world fragment that they’re currently residing in]

Gu Qing Shan silently nodded.

During the Sacrificial Dance, that esteemed lady had told me that all the converted dead people would appear in a Huang Quan world fragment that was closest to the Doomsday Necropolis.

And now, I've run into it on my way.

Without hesitation, Gu Qing Shan's figure flashed and flew into the smoky piece of rock.

Hoh—

As he approached it, he was fully enveloped by the smoke and vanished.

...

The world was yellow.

A sandstorm covered the entire world, leaving only the faintest of light piercing through the clouds above.

A great river that extended endlessly far across the entire world.

The river water was faint yellow with an intense surging flow.

Gu Qing Shan slowly descended from the sky.

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword flew forward and spun around him nonstop.

"Come" Gu Qing Shan said.

The sword turned into a blue-dress maid who happily looked down towards this vast world.

"Gongzi, it's been so long since we've seen the Huang Quan world"

"Hm, I also feel a bit nostalgic" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The two of them examined this Huang Quan world together.

“This fragment world isn’t particularly big, I can’t sense the presence of any other Divine Artifacts” Shannu sighed.

“—strange, why are there dead people everywhere here?” Gu Qing Shan asked in confusion.

The Heaven sword also flew out and curiously looked around.

Luo Bing Li’s voice was heard coming from the Heaven sword: “Hmph, aren’t they the dead people that you took from the River of Death?”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “I had thought that they were going to enter reincarnation right away”

The Earth sword’s heavy mountainous voice resounded: 「 Tsk tsk, they don’t seem to be under the restraints of the Huang Quan world’s Law. Not only do they not enter reincarnation, but they’ve even begun establishing their forces here 」

Gu Qing Shan looked at the Grand Tie Wei Mountain.

Numerous dead people had taken up the entire mountain.

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They each claimed a part of the territory in accordance with their strength, occasionally competing against one another.

“Shannu, you’ve been at the Huang Quan realm a lot longer than I have, do you know what’s going on here?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Shannu furrowed her eyebrows a bit and thought for a while before answering: “Gongzi, for Huang Quan, these dead people appeared out of nowhere, they don’t have a previous life, so they don’t have

any virtuous or bad karma, nor do they have a connection between lives, which makes them unrestrained by the Laws of Huang Quan”

Gu Qing Shan was surprised and nodded: “So that was the case”

At this point, a figure flew over from the Grand Tie Wei Mountain and stopped in front of Gu Qing Shan.

From the Age of Immemorial, the comrade who had trained and fought by Shroud’s and Gu Qing Shan’s side, Atley.

“Rhode, we meet again”

Atley leisurely said.

He clapped his hand.

Instantly, the numerous dead people all over the mountain range stopped their fighting and looked at the sky.

“This is a world of the dead; dead people cannot die here. I wonder if you came here just to kill me once again” Atley coldly said.

On the ground, the dead people were all shouting and screaming in unwillingness.

Gu Qing Shan appeared to be in a trance and was simply staring at Atley. He was silently recalling his tearful expression of regret before he died while he was under the Deity of Fate’s influence.

“Hah, Atley, I heard that Shroud had once thought of a way to save you and Epta, why did you refuse him?” Gu Qing Shan sighed and asked.

Atley calmly replied: "He indeed made his way into the River of Death once. At the time, he was the most powerful entity in reality, the Lord of Infinite Origins, while I was nothing but a dead soul. Even if I had been taken away like Epta, all that would have done was change my sleeping place. I would still have had to wait for your salvation in the future"

"What's so bad about that?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Atley's voice contained a hint of indiscernible emotion: "One of you was the Lord of Radiance, while the other was the Death God, but what about me? How should I have reacted after I was saved? Am I supposed to cry tears of joy and continue following you? Or did you need a servant to butter yourselves up?"

"No, we considered you our comrade, that's why we saved you" Gu Qing Shan corrected him.

"But I would never be able to catch up to the two of you" Atley replied.

Gu Qing Shan shrugged: "That's called tunnel vision— just look at me, I'm no match for the glowing cloaked skeleton when it comes to power, but when it comes to dancing, cooking, and mixing drinks, it isn't a match for me"

Atley stared straight at him, then looked up at the sky and laughed maniacally, loudly shouting:

"Such lies, oh venerable Death God. You and Shroud had both taken up authorities within the Twin River of Life and Death, one of you was the lord of the Realm of Life, the other was the ruler of the River of Death"

"It wasn't until both of you were afraid that your names would be sullied that you remembered about your comrades that still needed to be saved. Meanwhile, Epta and I had to suffer through countless years of hardship and suffering within the dark and cold River of Death!"

Gu Qing Shan shook his head: "You're wrong, Atley, we've always kept you in mind, but we had other matters that we had to attend to no matter what"

"And what would that be?" Atley asked.

“We needed to ensure that we’d be able to survive first, then ensure that Reality wouldn’t be destroyed” Gu Qing Shan sincerely answered.

“And why didn’t you save us first? Weren’t we your so-called ‘comrades’?” Atley coldly sneered.

Shannu couldn’t take it anymore and cut in: “You’re such a selfish person— my gongzi had to go through endless bitterness in order to leave the Age of Immemorial alive, Shroud was also constantly under Reneedol control and even died once before he was resurrected. Why are you blaming them instead of thinking about what you could have done instead?”

“I’M NOT WRONG! I was simply not strong enough!” Atley furiously shouted back.

“Oh really?” Luo Bing Li also manifested into her human cultivator form and coldly asked: “The ones who killed you were the Deities of Fate and the other Deities, perhaps there were even some strings pulling from Reneedol, why don’t I see you taking your revenge against them?”

The Earth sword’s mountainous heavy voice resounded: 「 A person who wouldn’t even avenge the grudge of their own death and instead berates their previous comrades, is that really what you think is correct? 」

The Chao Yin sword also gave off a clearly displeased vibration.

Atley was unable to refute him.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head and said: “Come on, Atley, head into reincarnation. Perhaps the next time you’ll go further, even further than Shroud and I had ever gone”

He continued: “I have a gift for you, this is the final——”

Atley abruptly cut him off and shouted: “Forward!”

The countless dead people on the ground uttered a resounding response.

They all rushed into the sky and surrounded Gu Qing Shan from every direction, placing him in the very middle.

“Ahaha, Rhode, this place isn’t the River of Death, it isn’t under your control—— and we won’t die in this world. I’d like to see just how you can win against us this time!”

Atley laughed hysterically and gave the signal.

Roar!!!

All the dead people uttered a battle cry filled with killing intent and drew their weapons, charging at him in unison.

Gu Qing Shan shivered a bit.

Even while the weapons were about to strike him, he still didn’t move.

Clink cling clink cling!

The four swords continuously moved around to fend off all the attacks.

Gu Qing Shan looked straight at Atley.

——Atley’s gaze was filled with cruelty.

Gu Qing Shan pulled his gaze back and sighed: “Even your emotions are gone”

His figure shook and moved through the layers of dead people towards the sky higher than that.

“Listen, I don’t have any grudges against you all, I simply saved you from the Apocalypse!”

He loudly declared to the dead people below.

“Save? We were originally going to obtain enough power to fight against everything, but now we’re trapped here with nothing!” Atley shouted.

“That’s right!”

“Right, it was all because of this Death God from the Twin Rivers of Life and Death!”

“We would have been able to conquer the infinite worlds!”

The dead people angrily roared and swung their weapons.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head and called out again with a hoarse voice: “Listen to me, you all need to reincarnate, or else you will really die if you continue to stay here— I beg you all!”

All the dead people ignored his words and simply wielded their weapons to continue charging towards him.

Gu Qing Shan appeared helpless—

A long black scepter had appeared in his hand at some point in time.

As the head of the scepter lit up with bright red light, the hesitant expression on his face slowly faded away and turned into nothing but merciless indifference.

「It’s over」 the Earth sword spoke in a low voice.

Chapter 1600

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The scepter swung forward.

The red light on top of the scepter proliferated in every direction, saturating the entire world of Huang Quan.

There were no longer any sounds of shouting or swinging weapons.

The world instantly returned to silence.

Gu Qing Shan nimbly landed in front of Atley again.

“How do I say this, admonishing is usually only done for adolescent individuals, since you’ve existed from the Age of Immemorial up until now, each of you should already be able to take responsibility for your own actions, so there was nothing worthy of remitting or sympathizing with”

“—Not to mention, I’ve already given you the chance earlier”

Gu Qing Shan lightly tapped the Devil King Warden Rod and looked at Atley.

Countless sprites of light were gathering from every direction and were absorbed into the Devil King Warden Rod.

The Devil King Warden Rod gave off a faint chewing noise full of satisfaction.

Gu Qing Shan continued:

“Just like Shroud had once told Renedol not to meet him again during her next life— Atley, it’s time for you to reincarnate”

Looking at him, Atley was filled with endless fear, but that was quickly overshadowed by grudge and hatred.

“Rhode, you’ll regret this”

After saying so, he quickly stepped into the Forgetting River.

Gu Qing Shan just smiled without saying anything.

Suddenly, a jade-like hand touched the Devil King Warden Rod.

Shannu then declared:

“No, he won’t be regretting anything”

Atley’s body froze with an expression of unwillingness to accept.

He turned to Shannu, struggling to speak: “You’re only a lowly servant—”

Shannu coldly replied: “I’m not a lowly servant, I’m a sword, and swords are killing weapons”

Atley’s body shattered into tiny sprites of light and entered the Devil King Warden Rod as well.

The scepter continued to chew.

Gu Qing Shan sighed and said: “There was no need for you to kill him”

Shannu looked back at him and gently answered: “Gongzi, I promise that I won’t interfere with it next time”

After saying that, she turned back into a sword and disappeared into the void of space behind him.

Only Gu Qing Shan remained on the banks of the river, appearing a bit lonely.

He was thinking about the events of the Age of Immemorial and was lost in those thoughts.

On top of the Forgetting River, the faint yellow fog continued to swirl.

It was completely silent around them.

There was no one else here.

——the dead people who ferociously wanted to kill Gu Qing Shan for their own selfishness had all been eaten by the Devil King Warden Rod.

Another sword suddenly appeared from behind Gu Qing Shan.

The Earth sword's lamenting voice emerged: 「 Finally, peace and quiet 」

Another sword appeared.

Luo Bing Li's voice sounded from this sword: "Right, I had originally thought that he wanted to force those dead people to reincarnate. Who would have thought it would end up like that instead"

The Earth sword scoffed: 「 Hmph, Bing Li, you joined a bit late so you don't know just how ferocious old Gu is—— he was definitely already thinking about killing all those dead people as soon as he saw them 」

The other swords paused briefly.

Shannu and Chao Yin both thought about something in the past and couldn't help but utter a 'hm' to express that they agree.

"Huh? Really? Gu Qing Shan, were you really thinking that?" Luo Bing Li asked out of interest.

Gu Qing Shan didn't turn around and continued to sense the presence of the Huang Quan world and casually replied:

"The Samsara doesn't need people who had pledged themselves to the Apocalypse"

"So that was it" Luo Bing Li sighed, then grinned: "Although you're so cruel, I unexpectedly don't hate you for it"

「 He's a sword cultivator— his kind of people only care about their own peace, you think he enjoys you liking him? 」 the Earth sword said in a matter-of-fact manner.

"Hmph!"

The Heaven sword scoffed, then violently hit the Earth sword and sent it flying.

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword also appeared as a follow-up and hit it once.

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Seeing that, the Chao Yin sword also tapped it one time.

After being hit, the Earth sword casually flew back and seriously said: 「 Gu Qing Shan, in the past you let Demon Dragon go, and now you wanted to let Atley go, I think you're letting your guard down too much 」

Gu Qing Shan opened his palm.

Three coins appeared in his hand.

— the Key of the Past.

This was the treasure that Demon Dragon handed over to him before he reincarnated.

Gu Qing Shan slowly answered: “At that time, I had a feeling that these three coins were more important than anything else, so there’s no need to mention Demon Dragon again”

“As for Atley——”

“He was good-natured, it’s just that he didn’t get the time to mature, and his experience afterwards ended up shaping him that way—— hah, it’s fine, no need to mention him anymore”

Gu Qing Shan didn’t say anything else and just activated a certain technique in his mind.

A layer of yellow fog suddenly manifested over his left eye.

Lines of glowing text began to appear in the void of space:

[You are the Saint Chosen of the Huang Quan realm]

[Your World Technique: Huang Quan’s Guidance, has activated]

[Huang Quan’s Guidance: You can fuse other fragments of the Huang Quan realm into your iris to create an increasingly more powerful Huang Quan realm]

[Huang Quan’s Guidance is the most foundational Huang Quan World Technique, the more Huang Quan realm fragments you collect, the stronger the Law of Huang Quan within your iris would become, thus making you more powerful]

[Would you like to fuse the current Huang Quan realm fragment into your iris?]

Gu Qing Shan silently muttered: “Fuse it”

Instantly, an intense sensation of pain was felt from his left eye.

This pain far surpassed the limit of any human’s endurance, it was almost enough to instantly knock someone unconscious.

Fortunately, Gu Qing Shan was now the Demon Dragon, and having endured the pain of absorbing two dragons, his pain resistance had far surpassed that of other Professionists.

“AARRGH——”

He pressed his hand on his left eye and moaned as he knelt on the ground.

Suddenly, all the pain vanished.

Gu Qing Shan let go——

His left eye was now enveloped by a layer of burning red fog filled with the presence of death.

Immense power manifested inside his iris.

Gu Qing Shan was suddenly enlightened about something.

His figure shifted and flew into the sky like a blurred image, standing on top of the tall blue sky as he observed the entire Huang Quan realm from above.

“Come... and follow me into the Samsara war” Gu Qing Shan muttered.

Rumble rumble!

The mountain began to tremble, Hell itself was uneasy.

The entire Samsara world began shaking terrifyingly.

Gu Qing Shan’s left eye suddenly gave off an infinite yellow glow that fully enveloped the world.

Instantly, the world began to shrink until it was small enough to fit into a pocket, then finally turned into a small yellow sprite of light.

At this point, the world manifested by this Huang Quan fragment no longer existed.

Gu Qing Shan stood still in the dark Space Vortex, completely unfazed as the faint yellow light entered his left eye.

Lines of glowing text swiftly appeared:

[With the Huang Quan's Guidance technique, you've fused a fragment of the Samsara's Huang Quan]

[With the power of this Huang Quan fragment, one of your techniques is undergoing change]

[Attention:]

[Your archery Skill, 'Shifting Flurry', had been infused with Huang Quan Origin power and converted into a Huang Quan Divine Skill]

[You've obtained the Huang Quan Speech Divine Skill: Devil Devour]

[—Whenever you infuse a new Huang Quan realm fragment, all of your abilities will also be reinforced by the power of Huang Quan, thus evolving into more powerful Huang Quan Divine Skills]

[Special note: As you continue to use the 'Huang Quan's Guidance' technique, it is turning into the proof that you have officially entered the preparation phase to participate in the Samsara Clash for Supremacy, you have begun your battle to reunite the Huang Quan realm]

[This is the beginning of everything]

All the glowing text disappeared.

Standing still in the void of space, Gu Qing Shan trembled a bit.

The first time I activated [Huang Quan's Guidance], I obtained the Iris Sword Divine Skill: [Forgetting River Severance]

The second time I activated it to consume a fragment of Huang Quan, I obtained a Word Hex Divine Skill.

Both of them are extremely powerful Divine Skills far beyond my imagination, yet they both originated from a small fragment of Huang Quan.

I wonder just how powerful the complete Huang Quan realm would truly be!

Seems like I can't let any Huang Quan realm fragment slip through my hands.

Gu Qing Shan silently made up his mind.

He turned around and sensed the location of the frozen corpse again before vanishing.

Chapter 1601

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The Doomsday Necropolis.

A mass of white light was rapidly flying through the sky and swiftly flew across the entire Doomsday Necropolis.

The white light finally stopped at the North Pole before manifesting into form.

———the glowing cloaked skeleton.

It had once again returned and meticulously searched the entire Doomsday Necropolis.

Starting from the Northwest region, over half of the Doomsday Necropolis had been destroyed by their battle, so only a few of the slumbering Apocalypses at the North Pole remained.

Gu Qing Shan had brought the body part of the frozen corpse away from this place.

The glowing cloaked skeleton fell silent.

After a long while, it finally muttered to itself:

[It seems that after obtaining one of the frozen corpse's body parts, he would be able to utilize its power... although it would only be a single time...]

It had suffered quite a bit from the barrage of punches earlier.

It wasn't until the frozen corpse's power was used up and the punches disappeared that it finally managed to escape.

Very fortunately, each one of those punches was extremely weak.

Otherwise...

The glowing cloaked skeleton turned around and looked towards the large wall of Apocalypses.

It hesitated for a while before quickly approaching the wall and pressed its hand on it.

—I've already absorbed power from it once during the battle earlier, if I absorb its power again, I'd be completely unable to trigger these Apocalypses to destroy the infinite worlds.

However.

The frozen corpse is more important.

Furthermore, no one knows that other than myself who had actually entered the Reality Gate, there was also...

But it had also received considerable damage within the River of Time and was now currently working towards that matter.

If I move too slowly—

The glowing cloaked skeleton suddenly declared:

[How detestable, I can't wait any longer. After I kill that guy, it wouldn't be too late for me to summon the original and destroy everything!]

Following its voice, the entire Apocalyptic wall completely collapsed into distorted images.

All of these images continuously entered the glowing cloaked skeleton's body.

Shockwaves spread from underneath its feet to form storm-force gusts of wind that blew in every direction.

[AAAAHHHH!!!]

The glowing cloaked skeleton's body gave off a continuous cracking noise during the entire process as all of its joints grew at a ridiculous rate, causing its entire body to enlarge until it was almost the size of a giant.

Compared to before, not only had it grown significantly larger, the white glow around its body had also solidified to almost become flesh that hung like scraps from various parts on its bones.

The glowing cloaked skeleton looked around.

[Regretfully, this world... no longer has any reason to exist]

It clenched its fists tightly and violently struck the ground.

The white light filled every direction.

Rumble rumble—

With this single punch, the entire Doomsday Necropolis collapsed and completely disappeared into the void of space, leaving nothing behind.

The world then collapsed, which was replaced by the dark Space Vortex.

The glowing cloaked skeleton stood in the void and uttered a resounding roar:

[All sentient living beings shall turn into an illusion in front of my eyes!]

It turned into a streak of white light and shot into the distance, instantly disappearing into the dark void of space.

...

Meanwhile.

Gu Qing Shan was also rapidly flying through the dark void of space.

“Huh?”

He furrowed his eyebrows.

For some reason, he felt a sense of unease in his mind.

A dark shadow was continuously plaguing him, almost like it was informing him of some unknown danger.

What could it be?

Gu Qing Shan shook his head and temporarily discarded this thought.

According to the skull gauntlets, he would reach the next frozen corpse body part very soon.

Gu Qing Shan used [Ground Shrink] to vanish from where he stood.

After traversing a few thousand miles, he abruptly appeared inside a tattered old airship.

This airship had clearly been wrecked for a very long time and drifted through the Space Vortex for countless years.

Gu Qing Shan stood still and sensed it.

—there are no mistakes, it's here.

Shroud was quite creative.

He had actually hidden a body part of the frozen corpse inside the wreckage of a Technological spaceship.

Then, where exactly is it?

Gu Qing Shan paced around the airship, carefully sensing every corner.

—after he obtained the frozen corpse's bone, his ability to sense the frozen corpse had gotten much more sensitive, capable of pinpointing the body part within a smaller area.

Gu Qing Shan abruptly stopped and made his way towards the cockpit.

—all the technological components and materials had already been stripped bare, leaving only the empty metallic walls behind.

Gu Qing Shan stopped in front of one of the walls.

Indeed, it was inside the wall.

Gu Qing Shan took out the Earth sword and cut open the wall like tofu.

He found a bone fragment as small as his fingernail embedded inside the wall.

A bone fragment?

Would such a small piece could also be considered a body part of the frozen corpse?

Gu Qing Shan confusedly thought to himself.

The bone fragment had also sensed his existence and began to hover by itself as it approached him.

Clack!

The bone fragment fell on top of his skull gauntlet and perfectly fit into a certain position.

A screen was projected from the gauntlets to gradually form a vision.

—seems like this bone fragment has activated some sort of technique embedded on the gauntlets!

Gu Qing Shan took a step back to carefully watch it.

Only to see Shroud appearing in the middle of the vision with a serious expression.

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[Yes, it isn't a body part of the frozen corpse, but only a small bone fragment]

[This was because when I created the six Sealing Tokens to bury the six body parts of the frozen corpse, I had suddenly recognized an omen from the future]

[To avoid affecting the future, I had specifically used a piece of the frozen corpse's bone fragment to record this premonition. After this, I will immediately remove this piece of memory]

[Rhode, this matter will require extreme caution, I cannot tell you anything, or a certain possibility will disappear and cause things to become irreversible]

[I thought of only one way to inform you]

[That is—]

[For you to witness it yourself]

As soon as he said those words, the entire vision vanished.

Countless glowing runes abruptly appeared on the skull gauntlets and surrounded Gu Qing Shan.

Briefly sensing it, Gu Qing Shan instantly understood.

This was a teleportation circle!

Shroud had established a teleportation circle here!

What exactly did he want to tell me?

From the void of space, Shroud's voice spoke in a discontinuous manner:

[... Personally witness... the event that you and I did not notice in the future...]

[Hurry, or it will be too late!]

The runes began to give off an even more intense glow.

Pah—

Gu Qing Shan vanished within the glorious light.

...

A lush, green mountain.

On the banks of a lake, numerous buildings were built into the curvature of the mountain, drawing a beautiful mystical scenery.

Lapis roof tiling, brick walls, lights flickering in and out of sight.

The spirit energy felt like a moist wind that gently fluttered through the various trees in the main courtyard.

Hundreds of flowers were blooming all at once.

Suddenly—

From the void of space, boundless radiance manifested to form a closed rune before they swiftly scattered.

Gu Qing Shan appeared.

He first released his inner sight to examine his surroundings.

A second later, he was completely stunned.

He noticed that the Light Chaser ring he was wearing gave off a faint vibration before instantly going silent again.

Lines of glowing text quickly appeared on the War God UI:

[You've arrived in the 900 million World Layers]

[The Fraudulent Exclusivity function of the Light Chaser ring had activated]

[This ability had taken advantage of the connection between the Laws of Reality to manifest a disguising fluctuation that will allow you to stay in the same region of Reality as your past self]

[This will make your actions significantly more convenient without needing to fear being erased by the Three Great Laws of Reality]

[Attention, the only issue is that you can't let your past self witness you, otherwise, the disguise would become undone]

A certain thought popped up in Gu Qing Shan's mind.

Suddenly, a figure hurriedly ran over and exclaimed full of emotions: "Third brother!"

Gu Qing Shan turned around.

Only to see a doll-like young girl with a ponytail hairstyle with eyes full of spirit as well as an expression mixed with fear and joy in her eyes.

Xiu Xiu!

It's really Xiu Xiu!

In other words, I've truly returned!

Two more figures quickly arrived, Wan Er and Qing Rou.

Wan Er first cautiously pulled Xiu Xiu back before carefully examining Gu Qing Shan.

"It's him"

Qing Rou also observed Gu Qing Shan closely before whispering.

After observing Gu Qing Shan for a bit more, Wan Er also said with a confused tone: "It truly is him, but how come he's still——"

"Shh——" Qing Rou cut her off.

They both greeted Gu Qing Shan: "Third Brother, you've returned!"

Gu Qing Shan regained his calm, feeling nothing but joy in his heart.

“Ahaha, Xiu Xiu, long time no see, come here and let brother carry you”

Xiu Xiu naturally rushed towards him, who he received with open arms before happily spinning her around, then finally placed her on his shoulder.

“Third Brother you dummy, you disappeared for so long” Xiu Xiu pursed her lips and complained.

“Ah, so many things have happened, but it’s all senior brother’s fault, so let brother make you all some spirit cooking tonight” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Xiu Xiu happily raised her eyebrows while gulping her saliva: “Really?”

“Really! Let’s make a really big meal!” Gu Qing Shan patted his chest.

Xiu Xiu cheered.

Gu Qing Shan asked Qing Rou: “Junior sister, where are Second Brother and Eldest Brother? And where is Shifu?”

Qing Rou approached him and explained: “Second Brother is still cultivating on the kite, Eldest Brother had gone off-world together with Shifu”

Gu Qing Shan looked up and sure enough, there was a kite in the sky.

Qin Xiao Lou was sitting on the kite with his eyes closed, pretending like he was cultivating while discreetly waving his hand to Gu Qing Shan.

“Junior brother, you’re finally back, want to get a drink between us brothers tonight?”

He sent his voice.

“Of course” Gu Qing Shan replied, then casually sensed Qin Xiao Lou’s state.

Qin Xiao Lou’s cultivation is—

Hah, ok, let’s not talk about it.

But aside from his cultivation, Qin Xiao Lou now also carries a few different kinds of presence on his body.

It seems he has improved in other places.

Xiu Xiu, Wan Er, and Qing Rou as well, everyone had advanced considerably in their cultivation.

—that’s great, regardless of anything else, these junior sisters of mine and senior brother are still safe.

However—

The white goose is Shifu’s incarnation who would usually remain in the sect while she’s outside, both to protect the sect and to guide everyone during their cultivation.

How come the white goose was gone as well this time?

Gu Qing Shan’s eyebrows suddenly twitched.

How unexpected, Shroud had actually hidden a body part of the frozen corpse on the Shen Wu world.

In that case, I would be able to witness the unspeakable event that Shroud had mentioned without delaying my search for the frozen corpse’s body parts.

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit more assured and smiled, before asking: “Qing Rou, has anything significant occurred lately? Oh right, what exactly is Shifu busy with?”

Qing Rou was a sharp person, so she quickly realized his unease with just a glance at his expression.

“Third Brother, this matter was supposed to be hidden from others, but it naturally couldn’t be hidden from you—”

“Shifu was originally making preparations for the Samsara Clash for Supremacy, but one day, she suddenly said that she had something important to take care of and brought Eldest Brother with her. She hasn’t returned since then” Qing Rou explained.

“What did you just say!?” Gu Qing Shan exclaimed in shock.

Chapter 1602

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Bai Hua Hall.

Other than Qin Xiao Lou who was flying on the kite outside, the other disciples had all gathered.

“Everything that happened recently, as long as it’s noteworthy, you must all tell me without missing a single detail” Gu Qing Shan told everyone in a serious tone.

Wan Er said: “After Shifu faced the Sumeru Lord realm Tribulation, she returned here once, and then the entire world changed”

“What do you mean?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Qing Rou explained: “She brought another world back from the void and fused it with our Shen Wu world, causing the entire Shen Wu world to drastically change. This world of ours has changed its name, we’re currently called the Xian Wu ¹realm”

“Xian Wu realm...” Gu Qing Shan slowly digested this name.

Qing Rou then added: “That’s right, there was also a Heavenly Tower that appeared in this world”

Heavenly Tower?

Gu Qing Shan didn’t say anything and simply focused his mind, his vast Star River Saint realm inner sight swept across the entire Bai Hua sect, then spread in every direction.

This was a cultivation world, and cultivators were naturally sensitive to being spied on by other people's inner sight, so Gu Qing Shan didn't really boast too much and silently avoided the various sects while carefully observing the world.

The human settlements and sects of the world did not change too much.

Gu Qing Shan soon noticed the tower.

A few ten thousand miles away from Bai Hua sect, on top of a vast plateau, a magnificent stone tower stood erect connecting heaven and earth, reaching far above the clouds such that even its peak couldn't be seen.

Each layer of the stone tower depicted heavenly beings, divine beasts, treasure tools, and weapons; the entire tower exuded a sense of vicissitudes that emphasized its solemnity and dignity.

At the foot of the stone tower, numerous cultivators had gathered, mumbling something under their breaths as if they were trying to connect to the stone tower.

Suddenly, a ray of light appeared from the tower and turned into a hand that lightly touched the head of a cultivator.

That cultivator stood still in shock, then abruptly burst out in laughter: "It's done! Done! I've received the protection of heavenly beings and was granted a Heaven realm cultivation technique!"

He prostrated in front of the stone tower and bowed his head several times to the stone tower.

Very quickly, the people of his sect arrived and surrounded him, swiftly retreating with him in the middle.

The surrounding cultivators all appeared full of admiration.

"That doesn't look like a mortal structure, but why do I feel like it's a bit familiar..."

Gu Qing Shan muttered.

Xiu Xiu held onto his hand and whispered: “Third Brother, the outside world is changing really quickly, so many sects have bowed their heads to that tower and obtained the protection of the heavenly beings, thus growing stronger”

Gu Qing Shan’s heart felt heavy.

As sharp as he was, he managed to notice the unease and wariness in Xiu Xiu’s tone.

“Have you come to the heavenly beings of the stone tower asking for their protection?” he asked.

“Shifu said that the disciples of Bai Hua sect have our own status, we don’t need to bow or worship the heavenly beings in the stone tower, so none of us have gone” Wan Er replied.

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

It’s what I would expect from Shifu.

He then briefly examined his junior sisters.

—currently, Xiu Xiu is at Origin Aspect realm, while Wan Er and Qing Rou are both at Void Beholder realm.

With Shifu’s teachings, this is already very fast.

Could it be...

“Hah, you don’t need to worry too much Xiu Xiu, it’s nothing but the protection of some heavenly beings— since Shifu let this stone tower enter our world, she naturally has her own considerations”

Gu Qing Shan smiled and gently stroked Xiu Xiu's face.

His vast inner sight continued to expand and observe everything in this world.

Suddenly, he noticed that a sect had opened its protective formation to let several cultivators out, all of which were standing in formation as they flew into the sky like a cluster of stars.

From their appearances, they were mostly the sect's leader or elders.

Gu Qing Shan moved his inner sight out of their way and only glanced briefly at them.

Tch—

The leader of this group had actually reached Paragon realm.

How decent, so they've grown to this degree after receiving protection from heavenly beings.

All in all, the cultivation realms should consist of: Qi Training, Foundation, Golden Core, Rejuvenation, Ascended, Sainted, Projection, Tribulation, Virtualized, Cryptic, Chaotic Star, Origin Aspect, Radiant Soul, Void Beholder, Void Wanderer, Void Revolution, Three Thousand Worlds, Paragon, Yama King, Mahesvara King, Sumeru Lord, and Star River Saint.

Only these realms.

Those people were only the elders of a small sect, but they were at least three realms higher compared to the disciples of Bai Hua sect.

If Shifu is frequently absent...

There would certainly be some issues.

With that in mind, Gu Qing Shan curtly asked: "Qing Rou, how long has Shifu been gone for?"

Qing Rou looked at him with a gaze full of lament.

He's still him.

That's right, he's still the same sword cultivator who overcame all the danger of the Suspended world by himself.

Other than someone of his caliber, who else would be able to discern Bai Hua sect's current situation with only one statement from Xiu Xiu?

“After Shifu fused the two worlds, she said that she wanted to teach us some Immortal Crafts, but then she suddenly left again” Qing Rou replied.

Gu Qing Shan pondered: “In other words, ever since she completed her Sumeru Lord realm Tribulation, she had only returned once before disappearing again”

“Yes” Wan Er confirmed.

“That certainly is a bit too long” Gu Qing Shan sighed.

— — — seems like something truly had happened to Shifu.

Other than that, the disciples of Bai Hua sect did not bow to the Heavenly Tower, but the other sects had, who all ended up growing considerably more powerful because of this.

The balance of strength had been shifted.

Shifu was absent.

Ever since the time of her Tribulation, it had been a considerable while.

Meanwhile, the location that Bai Hua sect had taken up continued to be the center of the world's spiritual power, where Bai Hua Fairy had stored countless precious treasures and natural resources.

While her disciples had matured rapidly, they still lacked the protection of heavenly beings, not to mention their pitiful number of sect members that paled in comparison to any other sect.

In this era where billions of worlds were continuously shifting and fusing, where the Apocalypses descended one after another, this was very eye-catching.

No one could really say for sure whether or not Bai Hua Fairy was still alive.

— and it just happens that Xie Dao Ling had truly run into some sort of issue.

Otherwise, she wouldn't have left in such a hurry that she didn't even leave the white goose behind.

Gu Qing Shan sighed again.

...That can't be right either.

There should still be some people willing to take care of Bai Hua sect

“Ah, that's right, where is Ning Yue Chan?” Gu Qing Shan asked again.

Qing Rou replied: “Before Shifu left, Blade Saint Ning, Gong Sun Zhi, as well as General Leng all followed the Great Monk of Sorrow to head off-world, I heard they went to fight against an Apocalypse, so they hadn't returned since then”

Gu Qing Shan silently nodded.

Suddenly, a series of loud explosions were heard from outside Bai Hua sect.

Doong— doong— doong—

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The loud noise activated the entire sect's protective formation.

At the very next second, a flash of light erupted in the sky to manifest as a faint yellow bubble that completely enveloped Bai Hua sect.

Gu Qing Shan flew outside to take a look.

Only to see that dozens of large-scale formations were tightly protecting the sect.

Outside the formation, various cultivators in different clothing were gathered at a crossroad.

—there was a large green rock there.

In the past, Bai Hua Fairy had established a rule that only those who had gone through a test in front of the green rock would be allowed to enter Bai Hua sect.

Those cultivators were all swinging their weapons in an attempt to break through the formation.

Some of them seemed very strong, unleashing powerful techniques that not even Gu Qing Shan had seen before.

Qin Xiao Lou was still hanging on the kite with a formation plate in his hand, loudly laughing: "That's decent, the test this time is still to break through the formation. If you can't even break my formation, you naturally can't enter our Bai Hua sect"

He was laughing, but his eyes were very serious.

Gu Qing Shan carefully observed and saw that Qin Xiao Lou's forehead was soaked in sweat as his hands moved rapidly above the formation plate like a blurry shadow.

The array of formations were being continuously reinforced, restructured, then replaced by Qin Xiao Lou.

The cultivators outside the formation were attacking in turn.

But Qin Xiao Lou's cultivation was only at Chaotic Star realm, even lower compared to Xiu Xiu, so it naturally took a lot of effort for him to maintain this defense.

He suddenly drew a talisman out of thin air and tossed it forward.

“Reinforce!”

The talisman then instantly disappeared, the protection formation array also became 30% stronger out of nowhere.

The people outside were considerably annoyed.

Someone shouted: “What a powerful protective barrier, not even our Immortal Crafts managed to stop it, how difficult to deal with”

Qin Xiao Lou nodded boastfully: “Naturally, whenever you can break through my formation, you’d be qualified to enter our Bai Hua sect. But I’ll be honest, our Bai Hua sect isn’t accepting any new disciples right now”

Someone scoffed: “The Saint had disappeared for a long time, and you people of Bai Hua sect have been turtling up...”

Someone else pulled him back, so he begrudgingly shut his mouth.

Qin Xiao Lou’s eyes turned sharp when he heard that, but was also a bit helpless.

His hands did not stop moving, continuously arranging new formations and drawing new talismans, occasionally tossing a coin into the air and rearranging his tactics after checking it, as well as eating some pills.

Gu Qing Shan’s figure shifted and lightly appeared next to the kite.

“Ahaha, junior brother, you’ve arrived—— just look at how impressive your senior brother is!” Qin Xiao Lou called out to him.

Gu Qing Shan praised: "Senior brother, I can see your expertise on the six arts, going up against the entire world on your own. You're truly worthy of being the world's foremost six arts expert, and that isn't an exaggeration by your junior brother"

Qin Xiao Lou laughed heartily: "Those guys must be dreaming if they want to enter our Bai Hua sect to cause trouble, don't you say?"

"Senior brother's words naturally make sense" Gu Qing Shan nodded.

Qin Xiao Lou continued to happily arrange his formations.

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent while he continued to observe him.

Time slowly passed.

The group outside did not scatter.

On the contrary, increasingly more cultivators were gathering outside the green rock.

Even the Paragon realm cultivator that he had noticed earlier through his inner sight had also made his way here with his entourage.

A few moments later, so many people had gathered that he could discern at least 50 different sects among them.

An old man suddenly called out: "Qin Xiao Lou, your mannerism doesn't fit the rules of Bai Hua saint"

"And how am I not fitting her rules?" Qin Xiao Lou asked.

The cultivators were attacking the formation even harsher, so Qin Xiao Lou had to breathe heavily through his mouth while defending against them.

The old man continued to speak:

“According to Bai Hua Fairy’s rules, each time that your Bai Hua sect selects people, you would always stand on top of the green rock, but you’re staying at the center of the formation, so it’s against your master’s rules”

“That’s right, this is against the rules”

“You won’t be able to convince anyone this way”

“That’s wrong of you”

“Stand on the rock if you’re so impressive”

The cultivators outside all jeered at him.

Qin Xiao Lou scoffed: “Bullshit! My Shifu delegated the full right of choosing who to enter the sect to me, so I’ll stand wherever I want to stand”

But his voice was swiftly drowned out by the jeering.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

For as long as he could remember, even the most common tree or flower in the sect was a natural spirit treasure of the world.

Never mind how Bai Hua Fairy had travelled to many different worlds and collected an even greater trove of treasures for her disciples.

No matter how much Bai Hua Fairy had done for this world, as long as she wasn’t here, some people would still attempt to probe Bai Hua sect.

This was human nature, it couldn’t be helped.

With so many explosions resounding throughout the formation, Xiu Xiu, Wan Er, and Qing Rou also flew up, standing behind Qin Xiao Lou and Gu Qing Shan.

“Senior brother...”

Xiu Xiu bit her lips with eyes full of worry.

Qing Rou quickly shook her head at her.

Xiu Xiu then kept quiet.

—at this crucial point in time, we definitely cannot distract senior brother Qin Xiao Lou.

But the three girls’ hearts tightened even more.

No one would know for sure just how much longer Qin Xiao Lou would be able to hold on.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly took a step back and crouched down in front of Xiu Xiu.

He smiled and gently told her: “Xiu Xiu, your senior brother has been travelling outside for the past while, but he had always forgotten to return to the sect for everyone”

“Can you forgive your older brother if he goes out to kill all of these people right now?”

Xiu Xiu wasn’t dumb, so her eyes instantly lit up and quickly asked:

“Do you really have to kill them all? Senior brother can simply force them all to leave”

Gu Qing Shan smiled and shook his head, answering her with an even gentler voice: “That’ll be difficult. If senior brother doesn’t kill them, they’d keep on thinking that Bai Hua sect was easy to bully”

At this point, he was already grasping a sword in his hand.

Chapter 1603

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Xiu Xiu opened her eyes wide looking at Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan smiled a bit and asked: “Xiu Xiu, take a look at those people gathering in front of our sect. If they could break through Second Brother’s formation, can you guess what would become of Second Brother as well as your two junior sisters?”

Xiu Xiu had already been through plenty of suffering when she was young, so she instantly changed her mind and obediently said: “I’ll leave everything to Third Brother, please be careful Third Brother, don’t get hurt”

Gu Qing Shan nodded and stroked her face: “Don’t worry, Third Brother still has a big banquet to prepare for you all later tonight, I won’t get hurt”

He slowly stood up and returned next to Qin Xiao Lou while wielding his sword, his other hand then pressed down on the formation plate.

Oong—

The spirit energy flow in the formation plate became chaotic, so Qin Xiao Lou was unable to continue arranging the next layer of formations.

Qin Xiao Lou sighed, then shook his numb fingers and worriedly asked: “Junior brother, will you be able to do it?”

“Don’t worry, I’ve been continuously killing people these past few years, I’m an expert” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Qin Xiao Lou asked with interest: “Really? How are your enemies compared to the people outside?”

Gu Qing Shan frowned with a troubled expression.

“...They can’t really be compared” he finally answered.

Qin Xiao Lou was surprised.

The sound of commotions could be heard outside the sect.

Someone happily called out: “The formation is broken!”

—without Qin Xiao Lou controlling it, the sect’s protective formation array was instantly destroyed by the barrage of Immortal Crafts.

The cultivators cheered.

The one who broke the formation leapt forward into Bai Hua sect ahead of everyone else.

A few thousand meters away, Gu Qing Shan glanced at him.

Splash!

The cultivator swiftly turned into a mass of blood.

At the very next moment, four more people flew into Bai Hua sect.

Gu Qing Shan’s gaze was cold and curtly glanced at each of them.

Splash splash splash splash!

With four consecutive splashes, four people were reduced to a mass of blood, then further sliced up by the numerous invisible swords until they were completely annihilated.

All the cultivators froze.

The cultivators who were about to rush in all stopped themselves and took a defensive posture.

What kind of attack was that?

No one could see for sure.

Those cultivators were killed simply by charging in.

—-not even a scrap of them remained.

“How impudent for the disciples of Bai Hua sect to kill people in front of everyone!”

Someone angrily shouted.

Gu Qing Shan just grinned and tossed his sword forward.

The sword turned into a streak of light and landed outside Bai Hua sect.

Clink!

The sword pierced the green rock at the fork in the road and remained still.

Gu Qing Shan vanished and reappeared on top of the rock.

Looking at the green rock, his gaze was full of nostalgia.

When he first entered Bai Hua sect, it was Xie Dao Ling's white goose incarnation who stood on top of this rock and gave out the test that allowed him to take part in the later trials and ended up entering the sect.

He reorganized his emotions and clasped his fist towards the cultivators around him, smiling amicably:

"Everyone, I am the third disciple of Bai Hua sect, sword cultivator Gu Qing Shan"

"My senior brother had certainly made a mistake today— since he was such a kind person. I really have to apologize to you all regarding this"

"It's now my turn to host the official sect inauguration trial"

Listening to him, the cultivators all appeared wary.

Bai Hua sword cultivator, Gu Qing Shan.

This name originated from the semester examination of several years ago, became famous during the war of spirits beast, then made great contributions during the exploration process of Shen Wu world, but afterwards, he seemed to have disappeared.

Apparently, he left the world.

It was said that Blade Saint Ning Yue Chan had briefly met him during her travels to the outside world.

But considering who Ning Yue Chan was, no one would force her to confess anything regarding Gu Qing Shan, so no one knew what exactly had happened to him.

The Paragon realm old man tried asking: "Then are the rules of Bai Hua sect today to mercilessly slaughter the innocent?"

— as long as this sword cultivator is forced to admit this, the reputation of Bai Hua sect would become smudged, which would make it easier to slander them and go even beyond that.

But how could Gu Qing Shan fall for such a simple trick?

He just smirked and replied: "It's not mercilessly killing the innocent, I told you that I'm here today to host the trial"

"Fellow Dao seekers, listen carefully"

Gu Qing Shan placed his hand on top of his sword and raised his voice: "There's only one rule. If you can force me to draw this sword, then you've passed"

Everyone remained silent.

Gu Qing Shan continued to smile and slowly explained: "Of course, if you can't even force me to draw my sword before you die, then you deserve it—"

"Such useless garbage aren't even worthy of approaching the Bai Hua sect even if they die ten thousand times over, because they won't even be comparable to specks of dust"

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As he finished his words, the surrounding cultivators were so silent that you could hear a pin drop.

The cultivators exchanged glances, then couldn't help observing him themselves.

He was standing silently on top of the green rock with a faint smile on his face, his sword pierced into the rock right next to where he was standing as he kept one hand on it.

— they couldn't discern his foundation at all, but he was exuding an omen of death that constantly pricked their spirit senses, it was as if death itself was excited for his existence.

The old man couldn't help but ask again: "You said— that we'll pass if we can force you to draw your sword?"

"That's right" Gu Qing Shan nodded.

The elder tapped his Inventory Bag and took out two bamboo fans.

—techniques can be used from afar, so there is no need to approach him.

Immortal Crafts are powerful, so I can definitely force him to draw his sword.

No.

If I can use an Immortal Craft, I might even be able to kill him.

“This old man just happens to have a few Immortal Crafts, let me test how much your words actually weigh” the old man looked at Gu Qing Shan with clear killing intent.

After saying that, he started retreating to prepare his attack.

“Wait a moment!” Gu Qing Shan suddenly shouted.

The old man laughed: “Ahaha, what is it? Are you regretting your words already?”

Gu Qing Shan waved his hand dismissively: “No, I just wanted to say that this trial isn’t going to be conducted one by one”

The old man was surprised.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at the surrounding cultivators and told them with a serious tone:

“I still have to cook later tonight, so I can’t waste too much time here. I want everyone who wants to enter Bai Hua sect to charge forward all at once”

Everyone was shocked once again.

They all looked at the sword cultivator, doubting whether or not they heard him wrong.

Gu Qing Shan put up one hand and solemnly declared: "On the count of three, the trial will begin. Whoever can force me to draw my sword will pass the trial and can enter Bai Hua sect"

"Three"

"Two"

"One!"

"You may attack me"

He waited for a short moment.

The cultivators all exchanged glances and started circulating their spirit energy—

After that short moment, Gu Qing Shan's lips curved into a smirk and spat out a single word:

"Die"

If time could stop at this very moment, everyone would be able to witness a terrifying scene.

A sharp shadow emerged from behind every cultivator.

These shadows did not appear out of thin air but seemed like they had grown directly out of each cultivator's own flesh and blood like the fangs of a beast.

All the shadows swiftly moved around each cultivator and sliced through their bodies numerous times.

Desperate screams and cries continuously resounded.

Followed by silence.

The sharp shadow fangs swiftly closed back up, manifesting into black pillars of bones.

Each of them hung a set of skeletons that was still dripping with blood.

All the cultivators had had their flesh literally scraped away from their bodies, leaving only their bones on the pillar.

The forest of skeletons was like a scene straight out of hell.

Standing on top of the rock, Gu Qing Shan's smile remained on his face as he looked at the skeletons in front of him.

—Huang Quan Speech Divine Skill, [Devil Devour].

This Divine Skill was exceptionally hard to defend against and was made to look horrifying, so it was excellent to scare off people.

“Oh no, everyone is dead. It seems like no one will be coming to our Bai Hua sect today”

He lifted his hand from his sword and declared with satisfaction.

Suddenly, a voice called out from the sky: 「 Impudent scoundrel, how dare you kill the disciples of my Heavenly inheritance? 」

Gu Qing Shan released his inner sight, only to see a flash of light manifesting from the Heavenly Tower several ten thousand miles away, which took a humanoid form before rapidly flying towards him.

Gu Qing Shan silently waited until that humanoid figure arrived in front of him, then clasped his fist in a casual manner and asked: “Who might you be?”

The humanoid figure shouted: 「 I am a heavenly being of the Heaven realm, here to guide the cultivators of this world. You acted cruelly and murdered the disciples of our Heaven realm, do you know your crime!?’ 」

Gu Qing Shan replied: “They wanted to enter our sect, so they had to follow my rules and receive the trials of my sect—— they all did it willingly, so what does that have to do with the heavenly beings?”

「 Even so, you did not have to kill them all 」 the humanoid figure said.

Gu Qing Shan laughed: “Don’t you remember? It was my Shifu who took you here, so you all should be supporting our Bai Hua sect’s matters, not criticizing it”

「 Killing disciples of a Heavenly being is going against the rules of heaven, punishable by death 」 the humanoid figure declared and began to exude chilling spirit energy.

Gu Qing Shan sensed it briefly and recognized this sensation.

——[Moonlight Palace]

Red Wraith’s talisman Immortal Crafts also exuded this same aura.

I wonder what this Heavenly Tower has to do with Red Wraith.

——*but then again, that’s not important right now.*

Gu Qing Shan grinned and slowly drew the Earth sword from the rock, his voice immediately turned cold:

“What an unreasonable guy—— how about this, once you’ve died completely, I’ll make sure to save a good place in hell for you”

Chapter 1604

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The heavenly being’s spirit energy figure glared at Gu Qing Shan and shouted: 「 You violated the rules of heaven, no one would be able to save you today! 」

Gu Qing Shan ignored it completely.

He wielded the Earth sword and flew into the sky.

Above the clouds— —

Gu Qing Shan hovered in mid-air to observe the faraway Heavenly tower.

Within the range of his inner sight, the Heavenly Tower was being enveloped in a colorful glow that exuded a faint sense of solemnity.

— —it was this tower that changed the Shen Wu world.

Gu Qing Shan was feeling an unknown emotion.

When Qing Rou explained how Shifu brought the Heavenly Tower back, her gaze was full of lament.

— —it seems like it wasn't easy even for Shifu to transport this Heavenly Tower back to the Shen Wu world.

Shifu must have spent a considerable amount of effort on this.

Gu Qing Shan could easily perceive it— —

According to Shifu's original intentions, the Heavenly Tower would have helped all of the world's cultivators to become greatly stronger, the Shen Wu world would have grown as a whole, even becoming the most powerful Cultivation-type world.

However.

Shifu ran into some sort of issue that forced her to leave her disciples and left the Shen Wu world.

And then what happened?

Gu Qing Shan's inner sight was pulled back as he scanned behind him.

Qin Xiao Lou was breathing heavily due to exhaustion, his fingers could be clearly seen trembling.

For a cultivator, this is very unusual.

—due to how rapidly he had to arrange the formations earlier, even though Qin Xiao Lou could still handle it, his hands are already giving out.

Xiu Xiu, Qing Rou, and Wan Er are all standing next to Qin Xiao Lou while looking at me with expressions of worry and anxiety.

After killing all those thieves and robbers, a heavenly being's spirit energy figure manifested.

What now?

From all around, a vast number of inner sights appeared from the countless sects to observe the region around Bai Hua sect.

Quite obviously, the commotion earlier had alerted the entire world.

All the great cultivators had started to notice what was happening here.

Gu Qing Shan pulled his inner sight back and temporarily stayed silent.

『 Are you... afraid? 』

A female voice suddenly called out.

Gu Qing Shan searched briefly and noticed that the voice originated from the Condemnation Codex.

The Master of the Heroic Spirit Hall, the First Heroic Spirit, was questioning him from her Card.

Evidently, she continued to pay attention to the situation outside her Card.

“That’s right, I’m afraid”

Gu Qing Shan admitted.

—this lady is one of the three rulers of the Twin Rivers of Life and Death, my natural ally and an irreconcilable enemy of the Apocalypse, I shouldn’t ignore her.

While they talked, the heavenly being’s spirit energy figure had already flown up and unleashed a colorful Immortal Craft towards Gu Qing Shan.

「 Die! Violator of heavenly rules! 」

It shouted.

The colorful light then manifested into a double crescent halberd that flew through the clouds towards Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan was unfazed.

The double crescent halberd suddenly turned around and pierced through the heavenly being’s spirit energy figure.

—Red Dragon Origin Hex – Twist.

From the moment it spoke, it had already been afflicted by the Dragon Hex!

The spirit energy figure uttered a resounding shriek, then angrily declared: 「 The more you retaliate, the more you will anger the heavenly beings above! 」

It suddenly disappeared without a trace.

The Heavenly Tower began to exude an even stronger light.

—Gu Qing Shan's counterattack had thoroughly angered the tower.

The wind howled.

The world's natural spirit energy boiled.

Heavenly light filled the sky, exuding a heavy aura of death.

Gu Qing Shan simply observed this happen without a change in his expression.

『—What are you afraid of? 』

The First Heroic Spirit continued to keep her eyes closed and pursued the question.

Gu Qing Shan calmly replied: "My Shifu first established Bai Hua sect in order to make a home for all of us"

"Right now, she cannot spare any time to worry about this home due to working hard for the sake of this world and to the point of running into issues"

"When I returned, I saw my brother and sisters having to face an onslaught at their very doorsteps"

"I am afraid, I truly am"

Gu Qing Shan sighed, then continued to speak with a chatty tone:

"My senior brother doesn't like to cultivate, but he's good-natured and treats everyone equally, an exceptional talent among talents"

"My junior sister Xiu Xiu had gone through a lot of suffering in the past, even now, Shifu feels guilty for that. I can't even imagine her face while being bullied— if Shifu happens to find out about this, she would be so sorrowful, and I wouldn't be able to make it up for her even if I died, no matter how many times I die"

“Both of my other two junior sisters were talented individuals in their own worlds, but they had to suffer through a terrible fate and all the worst kinds of torture. In the end, they fought by my side for a tiny chance of survival, which they won. I don’t want them to be bullied any further”

“But I can’t possibly remain in this world for too long”

“What would I do if someone else tried to bully them once I left?”

“Once Shifu escapes from her predicament and returns, only to see the Bai Hua sect destroyed and her disciples dead, what would I do?”

In the far distant, the Heavenly Tower was giving off a resounding tremble.

Countless solemn voices recited from the Heavenly Tower:

「 Summon the Heavenly Mountain—— to eliminate this scoundrel! 」

The crack of thunder boomed across the entire world.

But the clouds in the sky were becoming brighter with a beautiful glow as the sound of heavenly music echoed from beyond the heavens.

A magnificent Heavenly Mountain peeked out from above the void of space, about to fully descend.

Standing on the mountain, countless heavenly beings wearing armor and wielding weapons were standing in formation, emanating a terrifying presence.

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The entire world was shocked.

To eliminate Gu Qing Shan, the Heaven realm had directly sent down a Heavenly Mountain!

What a grand effort!

Cultivators from various sects hurriedly flew outside, all bowed towards the Heavenly Tower and Heavenly Mountain, before silently observing the situation.

Gu Qing Shan waved his hand dismissively, signaling Qin Xiao Lou and the others to not worry.

Meanwhile, he chuckled and spoke to the Heroic Spirit lady: “Take a look, all the sects of this world are indebted to my Shifu, it was thanks to her that they received the heavenly favor and were able to continuously break through, but now that my sect is in trouble, none of them stood out to try and help us”

“What a mocking situation this is... if this Gu Qing Shan doesn’t do anything for my brothers and sisters, how could I still call myself a disciple of Bai Hua sect?”

The lady smiled briefly before answering him: 『 This same scene had occurred countless times in both civilization and history— the Apocalypses only annihilates everything, but the cruelty of the living beings have done things much worse than that, that alone has never changed 』

Gu Qing Shan thought for a brief moment before replying: “I agree”

The lady continued: 『 As a person, you can clearly discern everything that has happened and have your own scale of good and evil, perhaps you had already made up your mind? 』

Gu Qing Shan muttered: “Naturally”

Wielding a sword in hand, a terrifying presence suddenly exuded from his body.

From the void of space, a glowing armor appeared and scattered into small components before attaching themselves to his body.

This was one of the armor sets that Laura had specifically prepared for him.

Gu Qing Shan leapt forward and moved through the vast distance to appear in front of the Heavenly Mountain.

The Heavenly Mountain was grand and filled with boundless clouds as it slowly descended in a dignified manner.

The numerous figures on the mountain were all heavenly beings descending together with the Heavenly Mountain, who was about to fully manifest in this world.

Gu Qing Shan flew straight towards the Heavenly Mountain with the Earth sword tightly in his grip.

Numerous sword phantoms suddenly erupted from the Earth sword to manifest as a gigantic sword phantom that blocked out the sky itself.

With a resounding shout, Gu Qing Shan struck the Heavenly Mountain with this sword phantom.

He wasn't using any sort of Secret Arts at all, it was the simplest and the most direct sword swing.

—a sword swing that encompassed all of his skills and knowledge of sword techniques!

Layers of colorful light emerged from the Heavenly Mountain to protect itself.

The sword phantom and the colorful glow clashed against one another.

The numerous heavenly beings on the mountain all formed a hand seal and shouted: "Suppress!"

Rumble rumble!

The Heavenly Mountain suddenly plummeted to crush Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan was forced to descend several thousand meters before slowing his descent again.

「 Sinner, you will be suppressed under the Heavenly Mountain! 」

The heavenly beings statues on top of the Heavenly Tower declared in unison.

The Heavenly Mountain began to give off a brighter colorful light.

However.

The entire mountain was stopped in the air, unable to move even a single bit further.

The Earth sword was pressed down on Gu Qing Shan's shoulder.

But Gu Qing Shan didn't retreat any further.

“HAAAAAAAAA!”

He uttered a resounding yell and continued to control his sword seal with Huang Quan Origin power.

The Earth sword also gave off a violent vibration as it seemed to be focusing all of its power.

A single person and a single sword had stopped an entire Heavenly Mountain in the sky, refusing to let it descend into this world.

The entire world became still.

The cultivators were all shocked at this unbelievable sight.

“In front of our Bai Hua sect, not even heavenly beings can do whatever they wish!”

Gu Qing Shan yelled out again as the sword phantom in his hand abruptly glowed brighter almost like the sun itself.

He focused all of his strength to unleash another strike.

The sword slowly moved again from his shoulder and started to rise back up.

Bam—

The sword phantom slashed through the sky, cutting a huge black gap into the world itself.

Meanwhile, the Heavenly Mountain...

—Had already been sent flying out of sight by the sword phantom.

Only Gu Qing Shan remained by himself with his sword, looking straight at the cut in space.

A faint vibration emerged from the Heavenly Tower, apparently unwilling to accept defeat.

Gu Qing Shan abruptly turned to the Heavenly Tower.

Without saying a word, he landed and placed the Earth sword behind his back.

All four of his swords manifested at once behind him, following him like guards.

Gu Qing Shan swiftly made his way in front of the Heavenly Tower.

“Violating the rules of heaven means death?”

He asked mockingly.

The heavenly being statues on the Heavenly Tower all remained silent.

Boundless killing intent manifested around Gu Qing Shan, then turned into black drifting flames around his body, followed by a faint yellow fog that enveloped his body.

“There are actually things much worse than death, but that’s just part of my Huang Quan realm’s job—
— you probably aren’t familiar with it, so I suppose I should teach you”

Moving his fingers a bit, Gu Qing Shan clenched his hand into a fist and muttered.

The aura of the frozen corpse began to radiate from the white skull gauntlets.

Chapter 1605

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Gu Qing Shan silently observed this Heavenly tower.

Indeed, this was a tower from the Heaven realm that Shifu left on this world, representing her hopes for it.

But the situation has changed.

Gu Qing Shan clenched his fist.

From the white skull gauntlet, Shroud’s will had recognized his thoughts and instantly began to manifest as layers of great power.

Hoh—

An immense air current faintly radiated from the gauntlet, which contained a faint aura of destruction.

[All Things Destruction]!

This was one of the additional great powers of the gauntlets, its function was:

[All Things Destruction: All defensive items that are struck by these gauntlets will directly break into pieces]

Defensive item---

Gu Qing Shan observed the Heavenly Tower.

This Heavenly Tower doesn't seem to be considered a defensive item.

A notification also popped up on the War God UI:

[Attention: This Heavenly Tower isn't considered a defensive item]

Gu Qing Shan silently nodded.

---even so, the Heavenly Tower was still made out of stone, which makes it a part of 'all things'.

Being struck by a punch imbued with [All Things Destruction], this Heavenly Tower would definitely not escape unscathed.

While he was thinking, a voice suddenly called out from the distance:

"Fellow Dao seeker Gu, please stop!"

More voices then called out from all around:

“Sword Saint Gu, please raise your hand high but strike lightly”

“Fellow Dao seeker Gu, please definitely do not destroy this tower!”

“Please hold back!”

With each voice, the sect masters, sect leaders, grand elders and various people from various great sects gathered in the sky right below the Heavenly Tower.

Gu Qing Shan pulled back his killing intent and clasped his fist: “Oh? So it was the various sect leaders of the world, may I know why you wish to stop me from getting rid of this tower?”

One sect leader stood out and clasped his hand to greet him, explaining: “Fellow Dao seeker Gu, this tower contains countless Immortal Crafts, it is capable of helping all cultivators in this world grow stronger, you mustn’t destroy it”

Gu Qing Shan nodded and smiled: “I know that this tower means a lot. But unfortunately, with its existence, even those who are lacking morals have grown significantly more powerful, giving them the courage to try and force their way into our Bai Hua sect. That isn’t fine at all”

The various sect leaders communicated rapidly through their inner sights and said in unison:

“It is fine, we will all protect the status of Bai Hua sect from now on, if such bandits try anything again, the people of our sects would surely act to the best of our abilities to punish them”

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and replied: “That is certainly a good idea—- but there are two small issues”

“What issues would there be?” one Grand Elder asked.

“Firstly, before I returned, Bai Hua sect had been subjected to such coercion plenty of times, so what were you doing at the time? Watching a play?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Everyone stayed silent.

“Secondly, you still haven’t paid the fees up to now, so please take care of that first before you mention what happens from this point on to me again”

Fees?

What fees?

All the sect leaders couldn’t really understand at all, so one of them tried asking: “Fellow Dao seeker Gu, what fees might you be referring to?”

Gu Qing Shan pointed at the Heavenly Tower and replied: “Among all the sects here, so many elders, disciples, and even sect leaders had received the teachings of the Heavenly Tower’s heavenly beings, obtaining their Immortal Craft and other inheritances. After receiving so much benefit, shouldn’t you pay for it?”

“And so, pay up. After you’re done paying, we’ll talk about what comes next”

Hearing him, none of the great cultivators here knew what to say.

They were all speechless.

Everyone was thinking to themselves:

If we all had to pay a fee to Bai Hua sect every time we wanted to use the Heavenly Tower from now on, what kind of reputation would we have?

One sect leader hesitantly said: “Fellow Dao seeker Gu, it might be impudent of this old man, but this was something between us from the mortal world and the Heaven realm, wouldn’t it be too inappropriate to pay a fee to you?”

Gu Qing Shan acted surprised and asked: “Then I ask you, who was the one that obtained his Heavenly Tower?”

Everyone was speechless again.

—indeed, it was during Bai Hua Fairy’s process of fusing two worlds that this Heavenly Tower came into existence.

“This Heavenly Tower was something that my Shifu obtained, but she was in a hurry so she had to leave it here, and all of you just decided to use this tower that belongs to our Bai Hua sect as if it was public property— but very well, considering that all of us are cultivators, I won’t pursue your arbitrary use of it. However, when those bandit-like people used the Heavenly Tower, obtained Immortal Crafts, and tried to use it to bully the disciples of my sect— all of you ignored them”

The sect leaders remained silent.

Only a Grand Elder couldn’t help but refute him: “Fellow Dao seeker Gu, the cultivators of my sect are different from those bandits, we’ve never been after anything from Bai Hua sect, you can’t drop the entire basket just because of a few bad eggs”

Gu Qing Shan shook his head and sighed: “This world still exists because my Shifu and I saved it in the past— as all of you are great cultivators, you should also know about how we started out. But look at the state of our sect now, all of you used the Heavenly Tower of our Bai Hua sect, yet you ignored our plight...”

“Do you truly think of yourselves as innocent?”

He faced the Grand Elder’s eyes head-on and muttered: “I actually think more highly of those evil-doers compared to the indifferent bystanders”

“When an avalanche hits, not a single snowflake will admit that they were responsible”

His tone was turning more frigid: “All of you mark my words— if I had returned just a few days later and saw anything happen to the disciples of our Bai Hua sect, I would definitely eradicate every last cultivator who obtained an Immortal Craft in this world”

“Not a single one of you here would have survived, I guarantee that not even the heavenly beings who descended from above would be able to save your lives. These are the exact words that this Gu Qing Shan had spoken, so try and keep them in your minds”

All the great cultivators stayed silent.

Someone suddenly sighed: “Fellow Dao seeker Gu, then there is no other way, we must use the ultimate solution to get rid of you”

Gu Qing Shan furrowed his eyebrows.

At some point, this group of great cultivators had already joined forces and completed their technique, calling out in unison: “As per the order of Heaven, we invite the heavenly beings from the Divine Mountain of Sumeru to descend and help us eliminate evil!”

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Instantly, rays of light appeared from their bodies and flew into the Heavenly Tower.

The silent Heavenly Tower suddenly began glowing, as all the heavenly being statues inside recited the same words:

「 Divine Mountain of Sumeru, manifest! 」

Gu Qing Shan looked up to see another Heavenly Mountain manifesting in the sky.

This mountain eclipsed the sky itself, its peak wasn't even visible from where they stood as boundless clouds had surrounded the side of the mountain.

——this Heavenly Mountain was different from the previous one, as it had descended in an instant without giving Gu Qing Shan the chance to act.

The Divine Mountain of Sumeru.

The actual Divine Mountain of Sumeru!

Even with Gu Qing Shan's eyes, this was the true Divine Mountain of Sumeru without a doubt.

He had faced two Tribulations on this mountain, so he wouldn't mistake it for anything else.

He didn't expect that the ultimate solution of these cultivators was to summon this Divine Mountain!

Far above the sky, a heavenly aura drifted with a faint supernatural glow.

Streaks of heavenly light were descending from above.

—*—the heavenly beings had arrived!*

All the cultivators cheered.

"How regretful, fellow Dao seeker Gu, we cannot agree with your actions, so we've invited the heavenly beings here to determine your life" one sect leader purposely sighed and told him.

Gu Qing Shan didn't say anything.

He was staring at the sky with a slightly strange expression.

A second later—

A heavenly aria resounded throughout the sky, seeming to call for something.

A monkey then flew down ahead of everyone else and landed in front of the group.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at it and silently nodded.

—indeed, this was the same monkey who guided cultivators into their Tribulations on the Divine Mountain.

They even had a Dharma Gong specifically made for the sake of discerning which random location the cultivators would enter from within the Divine Mountain.

“Why have you summoned the Divine Mountain?”

The monkey asked.

The great cultivators had all knelt down and spoke in unison: “Heavenly envoy sir, this person wishes to eradicate the inheritance of the Heaven realm, please pass justice upon him”

“Huh?”

The monkey’s expression became tense and turned to Gu Qing Shan following their instruction.

“It’s you!”

The monkey called out in surprise and began to reminisce.

Gu Qing Shan also thought of something as his expression immediately changed and shouted back: “It’s not me!”

“You—”

The monkey pointed at him but was unable to remember, so it looked down in thought without saying anything else.

Following that.

Heavenly beings appeared one after another from above, each declaring their title and statuses.

“I am the 33rd Heaven’s Inspiring Formidable Heaven Shaking Great Emperor, who dares act impudently here!”

“The First Saint King of the Three Realms is here, mind your manners!”

“This venerable one is the Nine Heavens Jasper Light Fairy, who dares mess with the order of the Heaven realm?”

“This old man is the Mystic Venerable of Absolute Victory from the Nine Heavens and Ten Earths, here to smite the demons down!”

All the cultivators sighed in relief.

Take a look, just take a look, even the bigshots of the Heaven realm have arrived.

Just hearing their titles strikes fear into one’s heart!

—Gu Qing Shan is definitely done for!

They all turned to Gu Qing Shan.

Only to see that Gu Qing Shan’s expression had become even more embarrassed while looking closely at these people.

At this point, the heavenly beings had all introduced themselves and turned to Gu Qing Shan.

They all appeared surprised before stepping up to greet him: “Sir Reincarnation Envoy of the Samsara, it has been a long time”

Silence.

Absolute silence.

What is this?

What happened?

All the cultivators were completely stunned.

At this point, the monkey still couldn't think of Gu Qing Shan's name, so it decisively took out a Dharma Gong and banged it towards Gu Qing Shan's direction.

Gong!

A voice immediately spoke from the Dharma Gong:

[Indeed, he was the person who saved the Divine Mountain during the two times he faced his Tribulation. The one whose first epithet was Big Tabby Cat, and second epithet was Feline King, as well as a hidden epithet of Condemnation Cherub, regretfully...]

“What's regretful?” the monkey asked.

The Dharma Gong spoke with a lamenting tone: [Regretfully, he is no longer a Cherub, nor is he the Feline King. Being grateful for everything he had done, the Divine Mountain of Sumeru had especially bestowed him its most powerful Thaumaturgy, as well as a unique epithet——]

[The Orange Sovereign!]

Chapter 1606

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Standing there, Gu Qing Shan could practically feel himself freezing up.

While he had always been shameless and unafraid to scam others, he still couldn't help but feel his face getting hot at this point in time.

Looking around, he could see the great cultivators still prostrating themselves to maintain etiquette for welcoming the heavenly beings.

And they had also frozen up, unable to move.

—-*what exactly is going on here?*

We spent all of our spirit energy to summon the Divine Mountain of Sumeru to eradicate him, so why did it become like this?

What is 'Big Tabby Cat'? And what's 'Cherub'? Why do they sound so strange?

Even more importantly—

How come these descended heavenly beings are so familiar with Gu Qing Shan?

Does that mean all of our efforts have just been to summon his allies?

While these cultivators' minds were still spinning trying to rationalize what they were witnessing, the one that seemingly had the highest status, the Mystic Venerable of Absolute Victory from the Nine Heavens and Ten Earths, had already spoken up.

He clasped his fist towards Gu Qing Shan and smiled amicably: "Sir Reincarnation Envoy of the Samsara, was it you who summoned us?"

Hearing that, Gu Qing Shan felt like he just got handed a ladder to step down on and quickly replied: "It wasn't me. It was actually these people who wanted to borrow your hands to kill me"

"Kill you?" the Mystic Venerable of Absolute Victory from the Nine Heavens and Ten Earths appeared surprised.

All the heavenly beings appeared confused as well.

Gu Qing Shan then explained the entire matter from the very beginning.

After hearing him, the heavenly beings couldn't help but become angry.

“Tsk, who would have thought that the cultivators of the Human realm were so despicable” the Divine Envoy of the Five Realms’ Altar angrily scoffed.

“Indeed, even with the Great Tribulation up ahead, they are still thinking of ganging up on those who had made great contributions to the entire cultivation world” the Great Emperor shook his head.

“Scoundrels who repay kindness with hatred” a certain female heavenly being scoffed in disdain.

They all stated their views on the matter, rousing up more and more emotions.

—in reality, all of these heavenly beings were great cultivators who lost their lives on battlefields. Whether it was their talent or morals, they were the absolute best of the best who frequently did good things in life and spread kindness to living beings. It was because of this exact reason that the Divine Mountain of Sumeru considered them suitable and borrowed Gu Qing Shan’s hands to ‘convince’ them to reincarnate as heavenly beings.

It was natural for them to look down on these cultivators’ despicable acts.

“Brother Gu, just say the words and we’ll beat them to death!”

The 33rd Heaven’s Inspiring Formidable Heaven Shaking Great Emperor declared while banging his chest.

“That’s right, just tell us what we should do”

“Since we’re already here, we should indeed pass justice”

“That’s right!”

All the heavenly beings declared one by one.

Gu Qing Shan smiled, but told them: “Don’t be in such a hurry, it is the Divine Mountain’s will that would be the deciding factor during this matter”

He turned to the monkey.

The heavenly beings also went silent and turned to the monkey.

— the monkey had always arranged various matters following the Divine Mountain of Sumeru's will, so it was natural that it was the mountain's spokesperson.

The great cultivators had been unable to say anything this entire time, but finally saw a ray of light.

So everything will depend on this monkey after all!

The cultivators all bowed to the monkey and called out loud in unison: "Divine Mountain above, the cultivator Gu Qing Shan had arbitrarily murdered the disciples of our Heaven realm, please uphold justice, Divine Mountain!"

Gu Qing Shan didn't say anything and simply glanced coldly at them.

The monkey had also understood the situation, so it formed a hand seal and closed its eyes to think.

A few moments later.

The monkey turned to Gu Qing Shan and spoke solemnly: "The Divine Mountain had learnt of what occurred here. It was truly a mistake for you to arbitrarily eliminate those who obtained inheritance from the Heaven realm—"

The cultivators were almost unable to help themselves from cheering out loud as they heard that.

"— to cover for your mistake, the Divine Mountain has no choice but to retrieve the souls of all the dead people and send them into Huang Quan"

"Gu Qing Shan, do you object?"

The entire region went silent again, no, the entire world.

Everyone that was paying attention to this place couldn't help but slowly digest the meaning of these words.

——the legendary Divine Mountain of Sumeru had just volunteered to cover for Gu Qing Shan's mistake.

Gu Qing Shan furrowed his eyebrows: "How could this end like that? Ask the Divine Mountain to reconsider, if I hadn't returned in time and they were to harm the lives of our Bai Hua sect disciples, what would my Shifu have done?"

The monkey seriously listened to him and closed its eyes again.

A few moments later.

It opened its eyes again: "Truly, the Divine Mountain agrees with your opinion. If your Shifu had seen her disciples being harmed and her sect destroyed, your Shifu would have destroyed this world—— she would have also fought her way into the Heaven realm and eliminated the heavenly beings who had taught these people and plunge them into the Hells of Huang Quan, ensuring that they would never be able to reincarnate"

"And so, Gu Qing Shan, you have actually earned a great deal of Merit!"

Gu Qing Shan happily agreed: "Exactly"

The monkey turned to the cultivators kneeling on the ground and scoffed: "You garbage had better not come to the Divine Mountain to face your Tribulations later on, otherwise——"

The cultivators all felt their hearts tightening.

Suddenly, the monkey paused and began scratching its head: “Wait a minute, Gu Qing Shan, the Divine Mountain actually has something important to tell you”

“What is it?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Didn’t you notice? All of the cultivators that are currently here have only managed to reach Paragon realm at most, there aren’t any cultivators who made it past the {Yama King} realm yet” the monkey told him.

Gu Qing Shan released his inner sight to scan the kneeling cultivators.

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—sure enough, even the strongest cultivator here had only achieved the peak of Paragon realm.

Cultivation realms are unique to the Laws of Cultivation, the realm decides how much spirit energy a cultivator would be able to store inside their bodies.

The more spirit energy one had in their reserve, the more powerful their techniques would be.

If the total amount of spirit energy was limited, then no matter how powerful an Immortal Craft was, they would still not be able to exert their true power.

“I was also wondering why these people’s Immortal Crafts were as weak as paper...”

Gu Qing Shan muttered.

“That’s right, Gu Qing Shan, you need to take care of the Yama Heavenly Realm’s issue as soon as possible, otherwise, no cultivator in the lower realms would be able to face the {Yama King} realm Tribulation again” the monkeys urged him.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised and asked: “What does it have to do with me?”

The monkey opened its eyes wide: “You’re the Lord of the Yama Heavenly Realm, how could it not be related to you?”

Their eyes stared straight at one another.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit and suddenly remembered something.

In the past, when I faced the {Yama King} realm Tribulation, the Yama Heavenly Realm was actually under the Wraith realm's control, but I broke through the Wraith realm's illusion and obtained the Yama Heavenly Realm.

———the last remaining pavilion of the Yama Heavenly Realm is still inside my left eye!

In that case, I truly have blocked off the path of advancement for all cultivators.

Gu Qing Shan shrugged: "I have no way to take that pavilion back out again, it has completely fused with my Iris Technique—— what should I do now?"

"Don't worry, the Divine Mountain has already made the preparations"

The monkey reached around to its back and pulled out a dirty wooden sign, handing it to Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan examined it and found that it was just an empty wooden sign.

The monkey then handed him a brush pen and said: "You're the Lord of the Yama Heavenly Realm, so you can simply write the rules of the Tribulation on this and the Laws of Heaven and Earth will recognize it. The cultivators of the infinite worlds would now need to follow these rules in order to pass the Tribulation"

"Is that possible?" Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

"Of course it is, after all, you saved the Yama Heavenly Realm and became recognized as the Lord by the tattered pavilion, so the Laws of the Yama Heavenly Realm had become attached to you" the monkey explained.

Everyone had practically forgotten to breathe as they heard this explanation.

This was a completely unseen historical moment——

A cultivator had become the Lord of a Tribulation right in front of them.

He was about to determine the rules of the {Yama King} realm Tribulation and decide the fate of all cultivators to come.

The great cultivators prostrating on the ground really didn't know what they should do right now.

They were all no match for him.

The Heavenly Mountain that the Heavenly Tower summoned was sent flying before it could descend.

After spending all their effort to summon another Heavenly Mountain, all the heavenly beings of this mountain were his allies, and even the Heavenly Mountain itself was supporting him, telling him how well he did killing those people.

That was already surprising.

But now, he was going to become the Lord of a Heaven's Tribulation!

——it's already too late to try and curry favors with him.

This was someone that refuses to leave even a grain of sand in his eyes.

Over.

It's all over.

These were the thoughts of the great cultivators.

Gu Qing Shan first looked at the wooden sign, then at the prostrating cultivators with bitter expressions on their faces that almost seemed like they were about to cry.

Gu Qing Shan sighed, then swayed the wooden sign in his hand a bit before saying:

“Thanks to your reinforcement”

“I’ve finally found a method to ensure that the disciples of Bai Hua sect would remain safe”

He picked up the brush pen and swiftly wrote the rules of the Heaven’s Tribulation on the wooden sign.

After he finished writing, the wooden sign began to give off a golden glow before vanishing into the void of space.

The monkey told him with satisfaction: “It is done! From now on, the {Yama King} realm Tribulation will be conducted following your rules— the cultivators of the infinite world could finally face their Tribulations again”

It happily danced around the scene before suddenly taking flight.

“Gu Qing Shan, I’m be going first— the Divine Mountain is currently horribly busy, everyone is making preparations for that occasion— you know the one”

It winked at Gu Qing Shan before silently mouthing the words.

[Samsara Clash of Supremacy]

Gu Qing Shan naturally saw it clearly, so his heart sank a bit and asked:

“What would happen here now that you leave?”

The monkey was surprised: “What else is there to do here?”

Gu Qing Shan froze.

The monkey continued: “Are you saying you won’t be able to take care of this garbage by yourself as a Star River Saint realm cultivator?”

It then pointed at the heavenly beings: “Alright, since you’re now a Lord of Heaven’s Tribulation, you really do have to be mindful of your status, I’ll leave these people here for you temporarily— if there’s something you need, just ask them to do it; if there’s something you want to ask the Divine Mountain, you can also ask them to relay the message— all in all, when everything is over, the Divine Mountain will naturally summon them back to the Heaven realm”

Gu Qing Shan truly had plenty of things to ask, so when he saw that the monkey left so many heavenly beings here with him, he felt assured.

“Thank you brother monkey, once I’m done with everything here, I’ll make sure to show my gratitude to the Divine Mountain on another occasion”

He clasped his fist and said.

“Indeed, see you later”

The monkey also clasped its fist at him before it flew back onto the Divine Mountain, disappearing without a trace.

Chapter 1607

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The Divine Mountain of Sumeru ascended into the sky and disappeared without a trace.

The great cultivators were still prostrating on the ground.

The leading cultivators exchanged glances and all understood that they wouldn’t be able to convince Gu Qing Shan, so they all bowed to the heavenly beings and begged.

“Heavenly beings sir, please maintain justice!”

“Heavenly beings, we are all so weak that we would definitely not be a match for Gu Qing Shan, please leave us some hope of survival”

“Please save us, heavenly beings!”

They all sorrowfully cried and begged with a terrible appearance, which made it almost impossible for anyone not to sympathize with them.

—-as long as we can convince the heavenly beings so that they help speak for us, there would still be room to recover from this!

Seeing this, the heavenly beings couldn't help but exchange glances.

Sure enough, not betraying the cultivators' expectations, a certain Venerable one who hated all evil like a nemesis stood up.

This Venerable one coldly scoffed: “Do not worry, I, the Ten Holy Land Venerable had always enforced the laws with absolute fairness, whenever I've been the judge, I would never bow to authority”

The cultivators all called out with great joy: “Thank you, Venerable one!”

After they said their thanks, they saw the Venerable one slowly strolling towards Gu Qing Shan side.

“We meet again fellow Dao seeker Gu, thank you for guiding me into the Heaven realm at that time”

The Venerable one respectfully greeted him.

“You are welcome” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The Venerable one firmly stood next to him.

The cultivators were all speechless.

—didn't you just agree to maintain justice?

How come you're already over there?

A female heavenly being stood out and sighed: "Poor living beings of the mortal realm, having to face so much suffering and bullying. Today, I must stand out and speak for justice"

After declaring that, without waiting for the cultivators to react, she gently walked in front of Gu Qing Shan and bowed: "Fellow Dao seeker Gu, during that great peril of life and death, it was you who appeared and guided me— other matters can be left for later, can you take a picture with me?"

"Ah, sure" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The female heavenly being stood next to Gu Qing Shan and leaned on his shoulder, then spoke to an image recording jade tag hovering somewhere: "Record!"

A flash of light appeared.

Their picture had been taken.

"Thank you, fellow Dao seeker Gu!" the female heavenly being took the jade tag and stood behind Gu Qing Shan, carefully examining it.

The great cultivators: "..."

One of the heavenly beings mocked them: "Are the bunch of you actually that dumb, or acting dumb? Don't you know that it was him who personally helped establish the Heaven realm of the Divine Mountain?"

He walked up to and stood firmly beside Gu Qing Shan.

After that, the remaining heavenly beings swiftly moved next to Gu Qing Shan one by one, making the situation very clear——

Everyone who was standing earlier was now standing on Gu Qing Shan's side.

Everyone who prostrated remained prostrated.

At this point, Gu Qing Shan no longer cared about the cultivators.

He asked: "Everyone, can I ask what this Heavenly Tower is exactly?"

A heavenly being answered him: "This Heavenly Tower was a treasured artifact of the past, it can manifest the inheritances of the Heaven realm for the slumbering heavenly beings to choose their disciples"

"Slumbering heavenly being?" Gu Qing Shan asked in surprise.

"That's right. During the previous era, the Samsara was broken due to a Great Tribulation, but many True Immortals ¹had known about this ahead of time and used a concealment technique to enter deep slumber, waiting for the Great Tribulation to pass" a heavenly being replied.

A female heavenly being added: "These past heavenly beings all left preparations for the future Samsara Clash for Supremacy"

Someone else chimed in: "It would only be right before the Samsara Clash for Supremacy that the True Immortals would awaken once again"

"What is the Samsara Clash for Supremacy?" Gu Qing Shan tried asking.

All the heavenly beings shook their heads.

“We don’t know”

“I only know that it’s coming, but nothing too specific”

“That’s right, it seems like it would occur very soon, but no one knows for sure just how soon it would be”

“Fellow Dao seeker Gu, you should know, we’ve only just reincarnated into the Heaven realm not too long ago, so we still don’t know a lot of things very well”

Gu Qing Shan went silent for a few moments.

For some reason, he couldn’t help but recall the Tomb of Myriad Beasts.

In the past, when the Tomb of Myriad Beasts fused countless fragments of the Beast King realm together, they ended up with a huge tomb.

Many of the inheritances within the great tomb, including the Samsara War Shaman’s inheritance, were of very high status.

The Samsara War Shaman, huh?

Gu Qing Shan suddenly felt a bit more cautious.

Heaven realm, Human realm, Asura realm.

Huang Quan realm, Beast King realm, Wraith realm.

If the strongest Combatants of the Samsara hadn’t actually died and instead used various measures to avoid the Apocalypse, while also making preparations for when the Samsara fused back together...

Even the broken Six Paths Great Mountain sword had recorded the power of [Null Tribulation].

This was the power of an Apocalypse that broke it apart!

Perhaps, during this fusion, the Samsara would evolve again?

—could it be that this was the true intention behind the Samsara Clash for Supremacy?

Feeling like he had just been struck on the head by a bat, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but feel a tremble in his mind.

For countless years, those entities of extreme power had hidden themselves into the fragments of the Samsara, while waiting for the era of the Samsara Clash for Supremacy to arrive.

What kind of state would the Space Vortex be in at that point?

Countless legendary figures of the Samsara would re-emerge, bringing with them a thunderous course of events.

What path should I take at that time?

Even if I can win the Huang Quan realm's Saint Selection, would I be able to fight against entities at the same level as the Samsara War Shaman?

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath and silently suppressed all of these thoughts.

There are still some things that I have to take care of right now, I can't trip myself up.

Let's collect more information on the Samsara tonight before I consider them any further.

With that in mind, he said: "Everyone, I'm thinking of destroying this Heavenly Tower, does anyone have any ideas?"

The Divine Envoy shrugged and said: "We originally stayed behind in order to help you, but regretfully, this tower was created by the heavenly beings of the past, so we would most likely not be able to destroy it..."

"This tower is quite impressive, fellow Dao seeker Gu, won't you consider leaving it still?" the female heavenly being who just took a picture with him asked.

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All the heavenly beings looked at Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head and approached the Heavenly Tower, placing his hand on it.

Lines of glowing text instantly appeared in the void of space:

[Heaven realm tower of inheritance]

[Function: Summoning heavenly being's consciousness]

[This tower contains the consciousness brands of True Immortals, using this to pass on their Immortal Craft inheritances, thus automatically completing the selection and renewal of the various Heavenly sects]

[Attention: This tower isn't a defensive item, although your 'All Things Destruction' contains the great power of the frozen corpse, it would not be able to destroy this tower, how regretful]

It isn't a defensive item... so it can't be destroyed...

Gu Qing Shan silently pondered.

I can naturally destroy this with [Earth's Choice], but from how extraordinary this tower was, it would definitely require a huge amount of Soul Points.

I only have a few ten thousand Soul Points with me right now, so I can't waste it on this.

...Let's think of something else.

Suddenly, countless voices sounded from the Heavenly Tower:

「 The power of your gauntlet might be powerful, but the Laws it can affect are unrelated to the Heavenly Tower 」

「 How regretful, you might be strong, but you cannot possibly destroy this Heavenly Tower 」

「 The power of mortals cannot destroy the Heavenly Tower 」

「 Go back and cultivate for another thousand years, this tower isn't something you can encroach upon 」

Gu Qing Shan looked up at the Heavenly Tower, only to see the numerous heavenly being statues looking down at him.

These were the aforementioned consciousnesses of heavenly beings, they were paying close attention to the events occurring here and spoke down at him with an absolute superior tone.

“They actually called Shroud’s power the ‘power of mortals’...” Gu Qing Shan muttered, then turned his gaze back to the notifications again.

For some reason, all of the War God UI’s notifications up to now had been very official, but now there was an extraneous ‘how regretful’ comment.

Regretful?

What is it referring to?

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly, then spoke to a heavenly being with the title ‘Virtuous Radiant Heavenly Lord’: “Heavenly Lord, let’s say I want to throw a punch at you that contains the power to destroy everything, a punch of extreme power; but you don’t have any other kinds of defensive items and can’t escape anywhere, and you just happen to be standing next to the Heavenly Tower, how would you try to defend against that punch?”

The Virtuous Radiant Heavenly Lord was surprised, but answered: “Then I’d hide behind the tower”

“Come, let us give it a try” Gu Qing Shan patted his shoulder.

The Virtuous Radiant Heavenly Lord felt utterly confused, but still tried to stand in front of the Heavenly Tower.

“Alright, I’m going to throw that punch now, try and avoid it” Gu Qing Shan told him.

The Virtuous Radiant Heavenly Lord saw that Gu Qing Shan had truly gathered immense power, so he couldn’t help but feel a bit dazed.

He slowly ran and hid behind the Heavenly Tower.

“Have you taken shelter?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I’ve taken shelter” the Virtuous Radiant Heavenly Lord replied.

“So you’re trying to use the Heavenly Tower to defend against my punch, right?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“That’s right, if I can’t run and have no other defensive items, I can only rely on this to defend myself” the Virtuous Radiant Heavenly Lord honestly answered.

Lines of glowing text then appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan’s eyes:

[You’ve bestowed a new temporary attribute to the Heavenly Tower]

[The Heavenly Tower had become the Virtuous Radiant Heavenly Lord’s defensive item (temporary)]

[Your ‘All Things Destruction’ can destroy all defensive items, so it can naturally destroy this tower]¹

Done!

Gu Qing Shan smirked.

The heavenly beings’ consciousnesses on the Heavenly Tower also sensed this and angrily shouted:

「 No, you damned devil spawn of Huang Quan, you’re cheating! 」

Gu Qing Shan didn’t care about that at all.

—-this tower can summon the consciousness of True Immortals from the past, so it is a bit regretful to just destroy it like this.

He took out the Samsara Wicked Mask from his Thought Sea and put it on before touching the Heavenly Tower again.

“From now on, the power of this tower shall belong to the Wraith realm—— which means it belongs to me”

Gu Qing Shan declared.

As he spoke, the mask began to exude an eerie fluctuation.

——[Jade Cultivation] and [Profound Shadow] both activated at the same time!

The pure white mask began to inscribe itself with patterns of vicissitudes.

Gu Qing Shan had fought against wraiths plenty of times, but he had never seen this kind of pattern before.

Crack crack!

A single winding crack appeared all around the Heavenly Tower.

The Samsara Wicked Mask had absorbed its power and inflicted irreversible damage on it.

“Hm, I think I can consider this breaking even”

Gu Qing Shan said with satisfaction.

He clenched his fist——

Instantly, a frigidly chilling aura radiated from the white skull gauntlets that spread into his surroundings.

「 NO, YOU CAN'T DESTROY THIS TOWER! 」 one of the heavenly beings' consciousnesses furiously roared.

Gu Qing Shan didn't say a word and simply swung his fist while wearing the yaksha mask.

Doon!

A resounding noise echoed throughout the entire world.

The Heavenly Tower remained intact.

A gust of wind blew down from above and swept across the ground.

Suddenly, the entire tower crumbled into dust, which then scattered into this world following the wind.

[Samsara Wicked Guise: Jade Cultivation]

[This mask is able to unleash the Wraith realm Divine Skill: Jade Cultivation Profound Shadow (exclusive)]

[Jade Cultivation Profound Shadow:]

[Jade Cultivation: You are able to choose any treasure to have the mask gain that treasure's ability, forming a Guise Hex that's stored within the mask to be used as you wish]

[Profound Shadow: The ability you gain will be automatically improved by one stage, always more powerful than compared to the original, but this fact will be hidden and not displayed on the mask. Furthermore, by wearing this yaksha mask, your power will be converted to a form of your own choosing, others will never be able to see through your background]

[Guise Hexes are infallible]

Chapter 1608

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The Heavenly Tower crumbled into dust and was scattered into the wind.

Gu Qing Shan remained still for a bit longer while staring at the Samsara Wicked Mask in his hand, slightly lost in thought.

—this is the final mask of the Wraith realm, the Wicked Mask that the ghostly being manifested using the last of its power in that branch of the dark tunnel.

This mask had never appeared in the history of the Wraith realm ever before.

From the void of space, lines of glowing text remained in front of Gu Qing Shan's eyes:

[You've used the Samsara Wicked Mask to absorb the Heavenly Tower's Thaumaturgy: Heavenly Consciousness Summoning]

[Thanks to the power of the Samsara Wicked Mask, 'Heavenly Consciousness Summoning' has been upgraded by one step]

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[Because the Wicked Mask originated from the Wraith realm, the upgraded ability has been automatically converted into a Wraith realm Guise Hex]

[Guise Hex: Past Wraithly Form is about to be created]

Under these glowing text, a line of bright red text was reflected in Gu Qing Shan's vision:

[This Guise Hex is the manifestation of an immeasurable powerful Wraith of the past, its power is unpredictable, do not use it arbitrarily]

It was because Gu Qing Shan read these lines of text that he temporarily took the Samsara Wicked Mask off.

There were too many things that he needed to do right now that he had decided to explore this Wicked Mask's ability later tonight.

Gu Qing Shan put the mask away.

He turned to the cultivators prostrating on the ground and calmly spoke: “Whatever our Bai Hua sect had given out, we would also be able to retrieve. From now on, there will no longer be any Immortal Craft inheritances in the Xian Wu world”

“As for your lives——”

The hearts of these cultivators had already risen to their throats, but Gu Qing Shan had paused.

He gave it some thought.

With the new {Yama King} realm Tribulation, Bai Hua sect is no longer under any threat, so killing more people is meaningless.

——and Gu Qing Shan had never been someone who did meaningless things.

“You may live, if you truly feel remorseful and want to advance further on your cultivation, then I’m also willing to give you another chance”

Gu Qing Shan continued: “From where you’re all standing right now, if you prostrate once every step you take until you reach the green rock under our Bai Hua sect, I’ll forgive you for what you’ve done and allow you to face the {Yama King} realm Tribulation”

The cultivators all kept their heads down without replying.

Continue to prostrate for every step for thousands of miles?

All of us here are great cultivators with status, who would be willing to do such a thing?

An old man among them asked: “If I may, fellow Dao seeker Gu, what are the current rules of the {Yama King} realm Tribulation? How should we face it?”

This was an issue that the entire cultivation world was currently interested in.

Gu Qing Shan replied: "It's very simple. All you need to do is arrive at our Bai Hua sect and work for ten days, then when you leave, you must make a vow to heaven and earth that if the Bai Hua sect faces any issues, you'd come to aid them"

Everyone was speechless, even the heavenly beings were shaken into not knowing what to say.

—Gu Qing Shan had essentially turned the Heaven's Tribulation into a vow to heaven and earth that forced all cultivators who faced this Tribulation to stand on Bai Hua sect's side.

From now on, in the tens of thousands of Cultivation-type worlds in this Reality, all cultivators who had achieved {Yama King} realm would become an ally of Bai Hua sect.

Who else would be willing to offend such a sect?

"You're all dismissed"

After saying that, Gu Qing Shan stopped caring about those cultivators.

He then turned to the heavenly beings:

"Alright, there's temporarily nothing else to do here, so everyone can return to the Divine Mountain—but before you leave, can you ask the Divine Mountain if it can leave me a method of communication?"

One of the heavenly beings pulled out a grey rock from his chest and tossed it to him: "This was left by the Divine Mountain, you can contact the Divine Mountain any time you wish through this rock"

Gu Qing Shan caught the rock and clasped his fist: "Everyone, I won't keep you here any longer. Let's all have a drink next time I come to the Divine Mountain"

All the heavenly beings smiled as they bid him farewell and flew into the sky, swiftly disappearing into the clouds.

With everything done, Gu Qing Shan flew back to Bai Hua sect.

Only the sect leaders and elders of the larger sects remained on the spot.

These great cultivators slowly stood up one by one, exchanged glances, sighed, then flew back to their sects.

Only two old men remained.

They both appeared conflicted, then finally knelt down again after a while.

They turned towards Bai Hua sect, prostrated themselves, took one step forward, then prostrated again, slowly moving in that direction.

This scene was naturally noticed by Gu Qing Shan as he flew.

He nodded slightly, then sped up and returned to Bai Hua sect at full speed.

—Shifu's situation is truly worrying.

What exactly happened to her?

Xiao Lou and the rest were the last people who saw Shifu, so they surely know something.

Gu Qing Shan decided as he manifested a mass of white fog and vanished in mid-air.

A second later.

He reappeared in Bai Hua sect.

“Third Brother, you were so impressive!”

Xiu Xiu jumped and cheered.

Gu Qing Shan paused.

He swallowed the words he was about to ask back down.

He picked Xiu Xiu up and boastfully told her: "It was nothing, they were only a rag-tag group after all"

Qin Xiao Lou delightfully asked him: "Junior brother, is it true that everyone who faces the Tribulation from this point would have to remain in our sect for a period of time?"

"That's right. From now on, you can be responsible for testing them, don't forget to have them make a vow to heaven and earth to protect Bai Hua sect" Gu Qing Shan told him.

"Ahaha, I'd like to see who else would dare to offend our Bai Hua sect again" Qin Xiao Lou happily laughed.

Wan Er and Qing Rou both felt assured.

"How impressive, who would have thought that you'd be the one to decide the rules for Heaven's Tribulation now" Wan Er cheerfully praised.

Qing Rou nodded while smiling.

Seeing their happy expressions, Gu Qing Shan changed his train of thought.

—-I must ask about Shifu, but I can't make them worry about it as well.

They wouldn't be able to help even if they worry, so it would only cause more trouble and hinder their cultivation, especially Xiu Xiu who was the youngest and most easily influenced by external forces.

After making some considerations, Gu Qing Shan said: “There’s actually no need for you to worry about Shifu. I went through a Tribulation with her not too long ago, and she’s the current most powerful cultivator of all Cultivation worlds, so no one would dare to infuriate her— I suspect that she discovered another treasure from the Heaven realm that she left in such a hurry”

Xiu Xiu asked: “Senior brother, between you and Shifu, who exactly is stronger?”

Gu Qing Shan smiled: “Shifu is easily a hundred times stronger than I am, being able to defeat me with one hand. You can use that to imagine how impressive she currently is”

“Really?” Xiu Xiu asked.

“Really. When I ran into some issues during my Tribulation, it was fortunate that Shifu was there to help me that I managed to smoothly pass it”

Gu Qing Shan was currently unbelievably powerful, even the heavenly beings of the legendary Divine Mountain of Sumeru had to listen to his orders.

But Shifu was over a hundred times stronger than he was.

Then who would be able to offend Shifu?

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Hearing him say that, everyone imagined briefly and sighed in relief.

At this point, Gu Qing Shan put Xiu Xiu down and rolled up his sleeves: “Alright, it’s been a long time since we’ve all gathered like this, let me and Qin Xiao Lou make dinner for everyone tonight, ok?”

Xiu Xiu, Wan Er, and Qing Rou all cheered.

Qin Xiao Lou also smiled: “Alright, I’ve learnt a few new dishes recently, it’s quite opportune for everyone to enjoy as well”

Gu Qing Shan patted his shoulder and said: "I currently don't have any cooking ingredients, so please prepare something fresh, I'll go find you later— Wan Er, Qing Rou, the two of you clean up the hall first, then get some water from the nearby spirit spring to brew tea and prepare the table; Xiu Xiu, stay here and talk to me for a bit"

"Right away!" Qin Xiao Lou flew behind the main mountain.

Wan Er and Qing Rou also didn't refuse and swiftly left.

Xiu Xiu nervously looked at Gu Qing Shan and asked: "Third Brother, did you have something to tell me?"

Gu Qing Shan glanced at the sky a bit before smiling mysteriously and asked: "Xiu Xiu, do you know why that monkey earlier called me the Orange Sovereign?"

Xiu Xiu shook her head, still a bit nervous, but was more curious.

Gu Qing Shan spun and transformed into a large orange cat.

Xiu Xiu was stunned.

After a little bit, she reached out and embraced the large orange cat with both hands.

"Waa! Third Brother, how can you be so cute!"

She started rubbing the orange cat's fur.

"Easy! Easy! This is just my transformation, I'm not an actual cat" Gu Qing Shan hurriedly sent his voice

Xiu Xiu pinched the orange cat's tail and caused him to jump a bit.

“And you said you aren’t an actual cat!”

All of Xiu Xiu’s nervousness was gone, she was now happily smiling.

“That’s right, Xiu Xiu, senior brother has travelled to many different worlds, so I have a few presents for you”

While continuing to send his voice, Gu Qing Shan took out a few rare and unusual plants.

—usually, it was Xiu Xiu who took care of the plants in Bai Hua sect.

“Thank you Third Brother, I like these flowers a lot” Xiu Xiu happily said.

She carefully put those flowers and plants into her bag.

“I’ll leave them to you, make sure to take care of them, ok?” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Don’t worry, senior brother, I’ll plant them all tomorrow” Xiu Xiu declared.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly asked: “Speaking of which, did Shifu give everyone some gifts when she returned?”

Xiu Xiu was in high spirits, so she didn’t think too much and answered him: “Shifu didn’t bring back any gifts, but she did give me two presents before she left”

Gu Qing Shan became focused, but purposely asked with a curious tone: “What did Shifu give you when she left?”

While still hugging the orange cat, Xiu Xiu reached into her Inventory Bag at her waist and took out two gems.

One of them was giving off a bright red glow.

While the other gave off a profound blue glow.

“This one is a Life Source Immortal Stone, it can reinforce all Fire-type techniques by 30%, an extremely rare treasure”

“While this one is a Dim Sea Polar Ice Crystal, while I carry it, it will continuously nurture my soul vessel!”

Xiu Xiu explained to him like she was a merchant of precious treasures.

Gu Qing Shan released his inner sight to carefully examine them and found that they were indeed two very precious gems.

But that was it.

There were no clues.

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit disappointed and sighed: “Shifu truly does love you”

Xiu Xiu tilted her head a bit and smiled: “That’s true, when Shifu left, she left a present for everyone, but only I got two of them instead. So I asked Shifu why she left me two presents but didn’t leave you anything”

“What did Shifu say at the time?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Shifu said that you’re really impressive now, perhaps you’d even be able to help her with a few things, so you didn’t need these small presents, and that if we brothers and sisters all work as one, there would be nothing that we don’t know and nothing that we can’t do” Xiu Xiu answered.

Hearing this, Gu Qing Shan felt shaken, all the blood in his heart practically freezing up.

Shifu was a considerate and fair person who would not ever single out any of her disciples.

But she didn't leave anything for me and instead left Xiu Xiu two things.

Was she troubled by something that she couldn't say?

Could these words she left be trying to tell me something?

Xiu Xiu seemed to have thought of something and smiled: "Senior brother, how about I give you one of these gems? You can choose which one you like more"

Gu Qing Shan jumped out of her lap and transformed back into a human.

"Are you really willing to give me one of them?" he smiled and asked her.

"Hm! You can pick!" Xiu Xiu put up both gems for him to see.

"Let me take a closer look"

He accepted the two gems from Xiu Xiu's hand and placed them on his open palm.

—Shifu said that I'm very impressive now and that perhaps I might even be able to help her with a few things.

—it's very possible that she needs some support.

After all, I'm currently the only Star River Saint realm cultivator in the entire Bai Hua sect.

Even if Shifu doesn't know about my current cultivation, I've also just faced the {Mahesvara King} realm Tribulation the last time she met me, which puts me far beyond the entire Xian Wu world.

If I follow this train of thought—

She said... there would be nothing we wouldn't know.

There would be nothing we wouldn't know...

What am I about to find out?

Gu Qing Shan carefully thought about Xiu Xiu's words just now.

Right, Shifu also said that I didn't need a present and that we brothers and sisters should all work as one.

...what is the keyword here?

Most likely 'work as one'...

Gu Qing Shan put the red and blue gems into one hand, holding them as one.

The glows of the two gems came into contact with one another.

The red and blue light overlapped and fused into a dark purple glow.

"Purple... red and blue equals purple"

Gu Qing Shan muttered.

For some reason, he suddenly recalled a certain memory.

At that time——

Shroud and I were talking.

...

"I found her. She's currently massacring a city" Boss spoke with a heavy tone.

"Can you recognize what kind of Apocalypse it is?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"A dark purple glow... capable of absorbing the unique qualities of all living beings to achieve destructive evolutions and reduce living beings to dust——"

“This is the power of the Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse”

Chapter 1609

Translator: La0o9

The Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse.

—*—did this Apocalypse find Shifu somehow?*

Gu Qing Shan silently kept note of this in his mind while maintaining a smiling expression: “Xiu Xiu, I think you should keep these two gems for yourself. Senior brother has a lot of treasures already, so there’s no need for me to take Shifu’s gift for you”

He placed the two gems back into Xiu Xiu’s hands.

“Alright, Third Brother, can you turn back into a cat for me?” Xiu Xiu asked.

Gu Qing Shan shivered a bit.

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To be honest, when my tail was grabbed earlier, it was...

Not very comfortable.

Gu Qing Shan wasn’t sure what other cats thought about this, but he obviously didn’t like it.

So he simply smiled: “Xiu Xiu, among the plants I gave you earlier, there were two that would bloom at night, how about you plant them now before dinner is ready?”

“Un! Then I’ll do it now!”

Xiu Xiu responded and quickly ran towards the garden.

Gu Qing Shan regained his composure and stood still to continue pondering.

—if it was truly the Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse, how did it find Shifu in the first place?

Firstly, it was an Apocalypse from outside the Reality Gate.

Secondly, it only descended after Reneedol summoned it.

Reneedol...

At that time, she had to face my Fate while I became a fruit in the Age of Immemorial.

I have no idea what Reneedol did at all.

Ah.

That's going to be troublesome.

Gu Qing Shan paced back and forth in place before suddenly recalling something.

My Fate...

That's right, if Reneedol had chosen to enter the point in my Fate where I searched for the Heaven sword, then she must have seen that—

When Xie Gu Hong entrusted his daughter.

Perhaps it was at that time that the Apocalypse hiding in Reneedol's body discovered traces of Shifu.

Indeed, Reneedol didn't manage to make it very far during the Age of Old, she hadn't arrived at the final moment or reached Xie Dao Ling's dream.

Then the only chance she had, to come into contact with Xie Dao Ling was when Xie Gu Hong entrusted her to Shen Yang.

That's exactly it!

Gu Qing Shan remained lost in thought for a few moments longer before he started making his way towards Bai Hua hall.

Halfway there, he noticed a girl standing next to the stone stairs.

Qing Rou.

“Are you waiting for me?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Qing Rou nodded and said: “I told Wan Er to clean up the Bai Hua hall while I went to fetch some spirit spring water, then I waited here for you”

“What’s the matter, junior sister?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Qing Rou replied: “Before Shifu left, she had said a few seemingly casual things, but when I thought about it more closely, I think that there was a deeper meaning in her words, coupled with the fact that you have suddenly returned, I think that I should tell you about it”

Gu Qing Shan sighed: “None of the others had noticed it, but you did”

Qing Rou replied: “I’ve been through hardship and lived with my heart being constantly tense like a bird on a shaky branch, so I’m a lot more sensitive compared to others, and also more pessimistic”

“What about Wan Er?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“She is different from me” Qing Rou replied.

Gu Qing Shan nodded,

Since these two girls had different personalities, even though they had been through the same experience, what they took out of it was completely different.

Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist: “Junior sister, aside from me, your cultivation is the highest among the disciples of the sect, your mind is also the sharpest, and your interpersonal skills are also first-rate. Once I’m gone, I’ll have to rely on you to take care of everyone else”

Qing Rou stepped aside and refused his formality, shaking her head: “If you hadn’t saved me in the past, I would have already been caught by Qi Yan; and if this is for the sake of the sect, I would not hold anything back”

Gu Qing Shan smiled and slightly nodded.

“Very well, senior brother, let us go back to the main topic”

“Hm”

“Right before Shifu left, she summoned us and gave each of us a present, only Xiu Xiu received two instead”

“I’ve seen Xiu Xiu’s presents” Gu Qing Shan told her.

Qing Rou continued: “The presents that Wan Er and I received were these, I’m temporarily keeping them both”

She took out two masks.

“Yaksha masks?” Gu Qing Shan doubtfully asked.

“Yes, these two masks seemed to be a rare paired mask, they’re called Trap of Shadow Puppet” Qing Rou replied.

“What can they do?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“In battle, whenever Wan Er or I hit an enemy, the other would be able to take advantage of that to deal damage to them at the same time”

“—For example, if I hit the enemy’s arm and Wan Er immediately unleashes another spell, that spell would also hit that enemy’s arm”

Gu Qing Shan asked: “Did Shifu say anything else?”

Qing Rou replied: “The exact words that Shifu told me was: You and Wan Er’s relationship is like that of sisters, regardless of where you go, you would always travel together and even cultivate together. It just happens that this pair of masks are suitable for two people to fight alongside one another, it can be very difficult to defend against”

Gu Qing Shan fell silent.

A pair.

Two... together...

What caliber of a person is Shifu?

She once carried the entire Samsara through the Reality Gate, so how would she be afraid of a single Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse?

If it had been as always, if the Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse did come after Shifu, there was a very high possibility of Shifu facing off against it instead of escaping in a hurry.

Then...

Two Apocalypses?

Other than the Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse, there was another powerful Apocalypse pursuing her?

Gu Qing Shan sighed and clasped his fist towards Qing Rou: “Junior sister, thank you for telling me about this”

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Qing Rou sternly replied: “My cultivation is too low, I could only take a general look at it, so the rest will have to depend on senior brother”

Gu Qing Shan nodded and replied: “I will head behind the mountain to see Xiao Lou now”

“Hm, see you later, senior brother” Qing Rou said.

Gu Qing Shan’s figure flashed and vanished.

Qing Rou stood still for a bit longer and looked at her surroundings with a longing gaze.

“Bai Hua sect... such a wonderful place, and such wonderful brothers and sisters... I hope that everything will be alright”

She whispered to herself.

...

On the other side.

Gu Qing Shan had arrived behind the mountain.

Only to see that Qin Xiao Lou had prepared various cooking utensils, busily scrambling around without a care.

“Junior brother, I’ve prepared everything already. Today, us brothers are going to freely exert our skills”

Qin Xiao Lou called out.

“Alright, that’s exactly what I wanted”

Gu Qing Shan rolled up his sleeves, carefully examined all the cooking ingredients, then picked out a few of them and began to prepare them.

The two of them got busy and made a large full-course meal before they stopped a bit to rest.

“That’s right, I heard that before Shifu left, she gave everyone a present, what did you get?” Gu Qing Shan absentmindedly asked.

“Ah, it was this”

Qin Xiao Lou took out a jade tag without much care and replied: "This is called the Cultivation Hearsay Records, a large newspaper published by the joint effort of various large Cultivation-type worlds. It would periodically renew itself and record everything of significance that happened around the Space Vortex, thus informing everyone of the latest news from distant worlds"

"Then it seems like Shifu had hoped that you would better understand everything that goes on outside" Gu Qing Shan commented.

"There's really nothing of significance in the outside world though, just a few minor events here and there—— although there was something quite interesting that happened in the last few days"

"What's that?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Wait a moment, my final dish is about to be done——" Qin Xiao Lou handed the jade tag to Gu Qing Shan and quickly said: "Take a look at it yourself, then we'll talk about it"

He turned around to open the braising pot and retrieved the dish from inside.

Gu Qing Shan received the jade tag and scanned it with his inner sight, then instantly changed his expression.

Even as experienced as he was, he couldn't help but hold his breath out of shock when seeing this.

He silently stood there like a wooden statue, completely motionless.

After plating up the food, Qin Xiao Lou asked him without turning around:

"What do you think? Interesting, right?"

"Very interesting" Gu Qing Shan parroted his words.

Qin Xiao Lou then turned around and excitedly waved his hands: “Tsk tsk tsk, I really couldn’t imagine that there would be such a huge eye in this Reality, it’s already about to destroy that place called the Pantheon ruins, even approaching the territory of the legendary Samsara Wraith realm”

“And also, I heard about a group of especially powerful entities— all of them were in slumber, but the Era of [Chaos] that they created had allied themselves with the Wraith realm!”

“These were respectively the events of yesterday and today, junior brother, don’t you think it’s so fun?”

Gu Qing Shan squeezed out a smile: “That truly is fun”

He touched his forehead to find that he was sweating bullets.

—the Era of [Chaos] and the Wraith realm becoming allies.

—the frozen corpse’s eyeball is about to destroy the Wraith realm.

These two events originally occurred a long period of time from one another.

The alliance should have happened first, followed by the Eternal Abyss losing the war and the giant eyeball being released into Reality, then it began heading towards the Wraith realm.

This was the normal course of events.

But now, the giant eyeball approaching the Wraith realm was yesterday’s news.

While the decisive battle between [Order] and [Chaos] was today’s news.

The order had been messed up.

Furthermore, neither of these events should have happened at this point in the timeline relative to where I am...

Unless the entire information network of all Cultivation-type worlds have gone awry, then there is only one answer.

—Time.

There was something wrong with time itself.

But what kind of entity would be able to manipulate time?

Gu Qing Shan was full of doubts, so he hung his head trying to think.

From Xiu Xiu, I saw the dark purple light, which represented the Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse.

Qing Rou and Wan Er received a pair of masks, which Shifu had emphasized as 'two', so let's assume that there were actually two Apocalypses pursuing her for now.

Qin Xiao Lou was given a Cultivation Hearsay Records, which recorded the course of events in the outside world, proving that the timeline had been messed up.

Then...

Aside from the Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse, the second Apocalypse was related to time?

If that was the case, that would be terrible.

Because no one would be able to fight against time.

An Apocalypse related to time would definitely not be inferior to the True Apocalypse that the glowing cloaked skeleton belonged to.

But this Apocalypse wasn't in a hurry to destroy Reality, instead, it was after Shifu's life!

Gu Qing Shan felt his throat tensing up.

He suddenly remembered something else.

In the future---

In the future where I came from, the Samsara Clash for Supremacy hadn't begun yet.

And it was Shifu who brought the Samsara into the Reality Gate.

...Could Shifu have lost her life?

Gu Qing Shan's mind went completely berserk, unable to restrain his presence.

Fwoom!

A huge burst of wind erupted from his body.

"Junior brother, what's the matter?" Qin Xiao Lou was surprised.

Gu Qing Shan replied: "I'm sorry, senior brother. I have something extremely urgent that I must do right now, please help me explain to everyone"

"The next time I return, I'll make sure to make it up to them"

Immediately after saying that, he vanished without a trace.

Chapter 1610

Translator: La0o9

Bai Hua sect.

Delicious food and drinks had been laid out all over the table.

"What? You mean, Third Brother just suddenly left?" Xiu Xiu asked in shock.

Qin Xiao Lou nodded with a troubled expression: "That's right, he seems to be in so much of a hurry that he couldn't even say anything else to me before he left"

Wan Er was worried: "What exactly happened? When Shifu left, she was in a hurry, and now Third Brother was the exact same, seriously, what's going on?"

They all exchanged glances and felt worried.

The table was full of delicious food, but no one took a single bite.

Qing Rou silently sighed, adjusted her emotions, then suddenly giggled.

"Huh?"

Everyone turned to her.

"Junior sister, what are you giggling about?" Qin Xiao Lou couldn't help but ask.

Qing Rou smiled: “Me? I was giggling because everyone was needlessly worried”

“Needlessly worried? What do you mean?” Wan Er asked.

Qing Rou explained: “Doesn’t everyone already know how powerful Shifu is? What is there to worry about? As for Third Brother, he is in a different situation, erm, it’s not really good for me to explain it”

Xiu Xiu slipped down from her chair and ran up to Qing Rou, tightly holding onto her hand and shook while begging her: “Big sis Qing Rou, my respected big sister, what exactly happened with Third Brother, please tell me, I beg you”

Qing Rou paused briefly before acting like she had no other choice: “Alright since you’re all so worried like this, I’ll tell you—”

“Third Brother, he had actually gone out to find Blade Saint Ning”

“WHAT!?”

Qin Xiao Lou, Wan Er, and Xiu Xiu were all shocked.

“How do you know that?” Wan Er asked.

Qing Rou’s expression was relaxed as she continued to make things up: “How ridiculous, he asked me earlier what kind of thing was best to give as a present to a girl, so I told him that it depends on the person. When I heard that it was Ning Yue Chan, I told him that he should just give her some flowers, then spar with her a little bit, and finally after sparring, he should help her cook and clean. That would be the best present”

Bai Hua Hall fell into silence for a few moments.

“You know, I’ve already noticed that there was something between them since a long time ago”

Qin Xiao Lou loudly declared.

Feeling a bit hungry, he casually grabbed a chicken drumstick for himself.

“That’s right, they’ve known one another for a very long time, Third Brother had even saved Blade Saint Ning” Xiu Xiu recalled and said.

She suddenly felt hungry as well, so she was unable to turn her attention away from the table full of steaming hot food in front of her.

“Gu Qing Shan really is tactless, forgetting about us as soon as he found someone. Hmph, ignore him, let’s dig in!” Wan Er picked up a bowl of soup and declared.

“Alright!” Qing Rou smiled brightly and replied.

Boom— — —

Suddenly, a resounding noise was heard from outside Bai Hua Hall.

While all the disciples were surprised, Qing Rou was the first to rush outside to check the situation.

When everyone arrived at the main square of the sect, they saw an unfamiliar cultivator standing there, curiously observing his surroundings.

“Who are you?” Qin Xiao Lou loudly questioned.

Noticing them, that cultivator quickly fixed his appearance and clasped his fist: “Everyone, I am a cultivator from the Eastern Earth world, Sha Jiu Zang, here to face my 10-day {Yama King} realm Tribulation at Bai Hua sect. Please give me your orders, and I shall fulfil it”

All the disciples of Bai Hua sect froze up, unable to react in time.

Ah right.

Third Brother was the Lord of the Yama Heavenly Realm.

That's why this person came here to face his Tribulation.

After a while, Xiu Xiu was the first to speak up: "Fellow Dao seeker, I... still haven't finished planting my flowers, can you help me with it?"

The cultivator answered with a solemn expression: "Of course, I would be more than happy to work following the Lord of the Yama Heavenly Realm's will"

...

Gu Qing Shan was continuously vanishing and reappearing in the sky, traversing thousands of miles each time he did.

He was moving forward as fast as possible.

From the void of space, lines of glowing text suddenly manifested in front of his vision:

[The first cultivator had arrived at Bai Hua sect, he has vowed to follow your rules and fulfil your wishes to complete his {Yama King} realm Tribulation]

[You've obtained 10 Prayers]

Gu Qing Shan appeared surprised.

—so I can earn Prayers like this as well.

However, he quickly put that to the back of his mind and continued to be on his way at full speed.

After a while, the Earth sword finally couldn't help but ask:

「 Gu Qing Shan, where has Ling'er gone to? 」

——it had stayed by Xie Dao Ling's side for countless years, watching her grow and mature as well as the establishment of Bai Hua sect, it wasn't until Gu Qing Shan was accepted as a disciple that it finally left Xie Dao Ling's hand.

Gu Qing Shan replied: "I'm not sure, but I think she's most likely fighting against an Apocalypse"

「 An Apocalypse? How did the Apocalypse find her? 」 the Earth sword asked.

"Within the Deathmatch Dance, when Reneedol and I exchanged our Fates, after which she used something to freely select which Fate she would have to face. I suspect that she chose the Age of Old Fate because she noticed that she would be able to redo it hundreds of time" Gu Qing Shan answered.

——what an idiotic woman, the Age of Old was actually a much more dangerous period compared to any of my other Fates.

Gu Qing Shan silently thought to himself.

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「 And that's how Reneedol met Ling'er? 」 the Earth sword asked.

"Yes, but that's not the key point—— in the beginning, she most likely didn't try to summon an Apocalypse from outside the Reality Gate because she thought that it was her definite victory with so many tries—— so I think she had most likely met Shifu and travelled back to the Age of Old where she faced numerous trials. After discovering that it was impossible, she finally remembered that she could summon an Apocalypse" Gu Qing Shan made his conjecture.

「 ——which was also during Xie Gu Hong's entrustment 」 the Earth sword followed up.

"That's right" Gu Qing Shan confirmed.

The Earth sword was clearly anxious and said: 「 Why did an Apocalypse outside the Reality Gate specifically go searching for Ling'er? She's in a lot of danger! 」

Gu Qing Shan consoled it: "I know that you're worried about her, I am as well; but as far as I can see, she is most likely still alive"

「 How do you know that? 」 the Earth sword asked.

Gu Qing Shan calmly analyzed: "The fact that she was able to leave so many hidden messages for me to see means that she wanted my help which meant that her situation wasn't actually that bad—— if she was facing a situation of guaranteed death, she would have been willing to die alone rather than getting a disciple involved"

「 So that's why. That's good to hear 」 the Earth sword sighed in relief.

Gu Qing Shan fell silent and continued to move as fast as possible.

——there was something that he failed to mention.

Just because Xie Dao Ling was currently fine didn't mean that she would continue to remain fine.

In the future, the Samsara Clash of Supremacy hadn't begun at all.

Su Xue Er said that everything in the future she came from had already been destroyed and that only she and Impartial Goddess remained to prolong their last breaths.

——*the fact that such a future was possible meant that there was a very serious problem with the Samsara.*

Xie Dao Ling... really might have been killed by two Apocalypses.

Gu Qing Shan's gaze suddenly became sharp and said:

"Earth sword"

「 I'm here 」 the Earth sword replied.

“Luo Bing Li, Shannu, Chao Yin” Gu Qing Shan called out again.

“Here”

“What’s the matter, gongzi?”

Oong!

All of his swords manifested behind him.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly before telling them: “Following this, I will most likely have to use everything I have”

Luo Bing Li asked in return: “When have you ever not used everything you had?”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “This time is different, it will probably... be very different compared to before, just don’t feel shocked about it”

“What kind of form will gongzi turn into again” Shannu worriedly asked.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head: “It’s not a physical change, I simply won’t be able to collect information or worry about minor details again. Right now, I have to do a few things as fast as possible, so I hope that you all will also make the preparation to exert yourself as much as possible as well”

“Gongzi, I’m ready to kill at any moment!” Shannu emotionally declared.

“I don’t have an issue at all—— whether it’s to fight or to sleep” Luo Bing Li replied.

「 Don’t worry, Gu Qing Shan. For the sake of Ling’er’s safety, I will slay all obstacles that stand in your way! 」 the Earth sword called out.

The Chao Yin sword uttered a resounding 'wu wu' in response.

Gu Qing Shan silently listened to them all and softly smiled.

He muttered: "Then we're going to begin right now!"

He suddenly sped up, turning into a streak of light that descended into the ground.

「What are you doing?」 the Earth sword asked.

"I can sense the second body part of the frozen corpse is hidden deep below this region" Gu Qing Shan loudly replied.

"Do we need to scatter and help you find a path that leads underground?" Luo Bing Li asked.

"No need, we need to seize our time" Gu Qing Shan replied.

He wielded the Earth sword tightly and formed a sword seal in front of himself.

"Open!"

With a resounding shout, a tsunami of sword phantoms struck the ground.

The sun and moon both lost their shine, the heaven and earth both shook intensely!

While standing in the sky, Gu Qing Shan looked down.

The ground was no longer there.

Deep below the ground, a mass of light was continuously glowing.

Gu Qing Shan waved his hand.

That glowing mass of light swiftly flew into the sky and hovered in front of him.

——it was a sealing casket that exuded a chilling presence.

Lines of glowing text then appeared on the War God UI:

[You've discovered the frozen corpse's sealing casket (2), which contains a part of the frozen corpse's body]

[You can use this part of the corpse to eventually reconstruct the entire Secret Apocalypse]

——facing his sword phantoms, only the frozen corpse's body part would be able to endure it without getting destroyed.

Which allowed him to instantly find the second body part.

The Earth sword immediately called out: 「 Alright, now we're going to save Ling'er! 」

“No, we're not heading out to save her”

Gu Qing Shan replied with a cold tone.

Chapter 1611

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「Ling'er is in a state where she doesn't even dare to remain in the sect while hoping that you would be able to help her, so why aren't we going to save her?」 the Earth sword asked with its heavy mountainous voice.

Gu Qing Shan asked in return: "Do you know where she is?"

The Earth sword froze, then quickly replied: 「But you've always had a solution for everything. Don't you have a way to find her whereabouts?」

Gu Qing Shan refuted: "You think too highly of me—— she merely left me a bit of information regarding her situation, there was no mention of her location or destination at all. No one would be able to find her, I suspect that even the Apocalypses are trying to search for her traces"

.

He adjusted the white skull gauntlets before putting his hand on the sealing casket.

Clak clak clak——

The entire sealing casket crumbled into the wind and revealed the item contained inside.

It was a mass of bones!

This mass of bones resonated very briefly with the gauntlets on Gu Qing Shan's arms, then flew up into pieces of bone armor that attached themselves to Gu Qing Shan's torso.

The gauntlets on Gu Qing Shan's arms and the bone armor had connected to one another to form a complete set of half-armor.

[Your 'Frozen Bones' gauntlets and the bones had fused into a suit of half-armor]

[Bone Armor: Frozen Hold]

[Product of Apocalypse homology, currently in a faux state of death state, it has the following abilities:]

[Frozen Grasp: Two of the frozen corpse's body parts had fused together to create this armor. While you wear it, you would instantly be able to discern the location of the next frozen corpse body part]

[Mystery of Apocalypse Equal (advanced): Low-level Apocalypses will follow your orders]

[Awaken: When you obtain all the frozen corpse parts hidden by the Sealing Tokens, they will awaken together with Shroud turning into the new Secret Apocalypse]

[Power Parasite: You will need to wear or carry it in your hands to allow it to absorb your power of Death, thus maintaining its existence]

A new line of notification was blinking:

[Unique Manifestation: Shroud isn't sure of the situation you had run into, so you can freely choose one of the three Laws listed below, sacrificing all opportunities for you to use the frozen corpse's power to stimulate the creation of a corresponding ability that would resolve the current difficult situation]

[Law: Time]

[Law: Fate]

[Law: Space]

[Additionally, you can instead select one attribute of your own choosing]

[—Shroud's will is with you]

After reading that, Gu Qing Shan clenched and waved his fist happily.

That's perfect!

As expected of Shroud, he had even thought of this.

He then turned to the Earth sword and explained: "We're not heading out to save her for two reasons, the first was that we can't find her, the second was that we can't alert the snake hiding in the grass"

「 ""Alert the snake hiding in the grass?"" 」 the swords asked him all at once.

"That's right. The timeline had been completely messed up, but do you know why the Apocalypse had done this?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Just consider me an idiot and explain” Luo Bing Li replied.

Gu Qing Shan continued: “Yesterday, the giant eyeball had already begun to approach the Wraith realm within the Pantheon ruins, can you guess what would happen next?”

The Earth sword answered with a heavy tone: 「 Wasn't what happened next the Deathmatch between you and Renedol, then the Reality Gate being opened— 」

It couldn't say the rest.

“The Reality Gate would open, and everything would be destroyed” Shannu continued, her voice shaking from it.

“We've been put into Check” Gu Qing Shan sighed: “This Apocalypse was even more sly compared to the glowing cloaked skeleton, it had moved the moment of the Reality Gate's opening ahead of many other events, which would allow it to destroy everything starting from that moment”

Luo Bing Li suddenly said: “Wouldn't that be very soon?”

Gu Qing Shan's eyes lit up with fighting spirit and spoke in a low tone: “That's right, I suspect that both it and the glowing cloaked skeleton had been injured, leading to them being unable to directly force that moment to occur right away. This is the reason why everyone is still alive, and also the reason why we still have hope!”

“We need to collect all the body parts of the frozen corpse before that moment arrives and awaken Shroud, then——”

Gu Qing Shan's tone became extremely grim: “We need to make it to the Wraith realm before my Deathmatch with Renedol concludes, then have the frozen corpse awaken and fight once again—— Shroud will become the frozen corpse and close the Reality Gate back up once more”

“The giant corpse had told me that only the frozen corpse would be able to close the Reality Gate!”

All of his swords were extremely shaken and couldn't say anything.

And after his explanation was over, Gu Qing Shan no longer wasted time talking and closed his eyes to communicate with the white bone armor he was wearing.

“Time... is being controlled by the Apocalypse, I cannot alert it”

“Fate— is too eye-catching. Even a slightest shift in Fate would draw Renedol’s attention, as she still has the two Deities of Fate with her at this point in time”

“Space— is a good idea, but I think that all passages that would lead towards the final moment of the Deathmatch had already been destroyed by the Apocalypse— there’s actually no need to guess at all, this was only inevitable”

“Then...”

Having made his decision, Gu Qing Shan sent his consciousness into the white bone armor.

“Shroud”

“We need power”

“We need a power that can move through all Apocalypses—”

“It must allow us to smoothly reach the remaining body parts of the frozen corpse while also not being afraid of the Apocalypse, power that would make it possible for us to reach the moment that the Reality Gate opens!”

One second.

Two seconds.

Three seconds.

Lines of new glowing text suddenly appeared on the War God UI:

[Your white bone armor had been reinforced with Mystery of Apocalypse Generality]

[Mystery of Apocalypse Generality (primary): Unique power, exclusive ability. Capable of letting you directly appear at the position of the next frozen corpse’s body part, or freely move through other Apocalypses]

[P.S: You’ve now activated the second body part of the frozen corpse, when you collect all of the body parts, your Mystery of Apocalypse Generality will reach its highest level]

Gu Qing Shan's gaze slightly shifted and declared: "Let's go, we're heading to the next sealing ground"

The white bone armor gave off a flash of light that completely enveloped him.

A second later.

Gu Qing Shan vanished from the Xian Wu world.

...

The boundless void.

Within a zone of complete darkness, there was a gigantic monster.

Its body was as big as an entire continent and was constantly exuding a chilling presence, constantly remaining in one place to sleep.

No one had ever dared to anger it.

But today was an exception.

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Gu Qing Shan appeared in front of this monster.

He only needed to swiftly sense it to understand the current situation.

— the third sealing casket was within the monster's embrace.

It was because the sealing casket was constantly giving off a chilling presence that the monster had been able to take advantage of it and grow to the point it is at today.

I need to take the sealing casket from it—

Gu Qing Shan readied the Earth sword.

He was preparing to strike.

「 Youngster, what are you doing!? 」

A fearful voice echoed in his Thought Sea.

“Hand over that thing in your chest” Gu Qing Shan said.

「 Is this daylight robbery? 」 the voice angrily shouted back.

“No, that is my friend’s corpse. Hand it over, or die” Gu Qing Shan declared.

Fwoom!!!

Gu Qing Shan released the full extent of a Star River Saint’s power, then triggered both the power of the Earth sword’s [Sanctuary] and [Earth’s Choice]

A huge gust of wind began to pick up within the void of space with him as the center, spreading his immense killing intent into the surroundings.

The voice stopped.

The gigantic creature below suddenly started moving and threw out a frozen casket.

—evidently, under the threat of death, survival was more important than anything else.

Gu Qing Shan immediately broke the frozen casket without any hesitation.

He found a transparent blue ice crystal within the casket.

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[You've obtained the frozen corpse's blood]

[Your half-armor had—]

Gu Qing Shan ignored the rest and put the blue ice crystal away, then instantly activated [Mystery of Apocalypse Generality].

He vanished once again.

...

Within a world of magma

A certain red giant was slowly walking across the world.

Suddenly, a streak of light descended from above.

The giant immediately roared: 「 Who is it that dares target my treasure trove! 」

He hurriedly ran towards a certain volcano.

A second later.

The giant suddenly realized something.

Immense killing intent drifted from its body as it furiously roared: 「 Who exactly was it!? Who stole my most precious treasure without even showing your face!! 」

—Gu Qing Shan simply took what he needed and transported away without even waiting for a confrontation.

...

In a certain world.

The most powerful country of this world was conducting the coronation of its new sovereign.

The man who had conquered the entire world stood next to the throne and bowed down to a withered arm and made a solemn declaration:

“I hereby vow to the Divine Arm that I——”

An intense gust of wind descended from the sky.

Without waiting for anyone to react, this gust of wind flew onto the ceremonial platform, manifested a huge mass of white fog, then vanished.

The man standing by the throne trembled a bit, then suddenly noticed the divine relic of their country had gone missing.

“Bastard! Someone stole our Divine Arm! Guards! GUARDS!”

He furiously shouted.

The venue of the ceremony went into complete chaos.

...

Yet another world.

This was a silent planet.

It existed within a dark zone of space as a part of a grander world.

Outside of this planet, a mass of white fog manifested.

After Gu Qing Shan appeared, he examined the planet briefly before drawing the Earth sword.

Without saying a word, he simply swung his sword.

A gigantic sword phantom that was beyond any observation abruptly manifested to cut the planet in half.

Gu Qing Shan lowered his sword and waved his hand towards the broken planet.

A frozen casket started flying towards him.

“I have to catch up...”

Gu Qing Shan muttered.

He broke the casket and took out the body part within, then swiftly vanished again without taking a look at it.

Chapter 1612

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Dream Island.

The inn.

A long time after Gu Qing Shan had left.

In the hallway outside of his room, the fatty who wore a green baseball cap continued to stand guard..

There was a keyboard hanging in front of his chest while he leaned on the door of the room, slowly gnawing at an apple in his hand.

“It’s already been so long, what kind of important guess is brother Gu meeting exactly?”

Dead Fatty muttered to himself.

——across an array of isolation formations, even he didn’t know what was going on inside.

But Gu Qing Shan was very solemn about it.

That man isn’t someone who would say meaningless things.

——which means, the matter he was attending to must be very important.

After confirming this again in his mind, Dead Fatty felt assured.

At this point, a beautiful woman in sexy clothing came in at the end of the hallway.

Dead Fatty glanced at her, then quickly typed something on his keyboard: [Whistle—— attention this is the noise to draw a beautiful girl’s attention]

His cap immediately gave off a long whistle.

The woman seems to be used to this kind of reaction and simply glared coldly at Dead Fatty.

“What are you standing in front of room 319 for?” the woman asked.

Dead Fatty glanced up to check the room number, then quickly typed: “My friend has some business in the room, so I’m standing guard for him”

The woman nodded: “I’m the owner of this inn, it’s time for room 319 to renew its payment”

Dead Fatty was a bit surprised and tried searching himself.

I just came out from the River of Death, through summoning no less—— and before coming, I was still fighting against those dead people, so I used the summoning to flee, not taking any Realm of Life money with me.

He turned to the door of room 319 again.

The door was shut tightly, not giving off even a hint of sound.

——perhaps brother Gu had reached a critical point in his discussion, so it’s not a very good idea to bother him for money.

This Dead Fatty, in both the Realms of Life and Death, is a highly welcomed individual, so how could I be bothered by a little bit of money?

With that in mind, Dead Fatty squeezed out a flattering smile and quickly typed on his keyboard.

[Miss owner, I really must say you are a lady of rare beauty, the most beautiful I’ve ever seen in my life]

The female owner coldly replied: “Stop talking nonsense, as long as I remain here, those who stay would be under my protection and would not be bothered by anyone, but if you can’t pay the fees, then get out”

Dead Fatty lowered his back a bit and lowered his head, once again smiling flatteringly: [Don't worry miss, my master is currently talking so he mustn't be bothered. How about this, I'll bring the money down to you, later on, how about that?"]

The female owner openly glared at Dead Fatty.

[Ha ha ha—-]

A burst of fluid mechanical laughter was suddenly heard.

Another of the inn's tenants had shown up in the hallway.

This was a robot whose entire body was made of metal who mocked Dead Fatty as soon as it saw him: [Inferior creature, if you're so poor, there's no need for you to stay here, otherwise, you're just causing trouble for yourself]

Dead Fatty's expression became furious and got ready to charge at him.

The robot took out a gun that gave off a silvery glow and pointed it at Dead Fatty, scoffing at him: [Want to die?]

Dead Fatty quickly typed: [Perhaps a lifeform such as you hadn't been introduced to the meaning of death, I shall gladly lead you to—-]

As soon as his iris turned vertical, a hand pressed down on his shoulder.

The female inn owner.

As the female owner saw his irises, her expression changed.

A dragon.

This is the eye of a dragon.

Who would have thought that a dragon was staying in my inn and even working as a guard?

Then, what kind of person would be this dragon's master?

—it's not worth it to offend them.

The female owner shook her head and spoke in a low tone of voice: "The rules of Dream Island states that you can't cause trouble inside an inn"

Dead Fatty's expression was still full of ferocity and violently typed: [He messed with me first]

The female owner sighed and adjusted her tone to be a bit softer: "Alright, you can continue to stay here, I won't take your money— but you can't cause trouble, how about that?"

Dead Fatty paused briefly before silently typing: [Alright]

The female owner nodded.

While dragons are sly, they can be trusted once they've given their words.

She disappeared.

Only Dead Fatty and the robot remained in the hallway.

[Haha, the owner had always taken pity on poor people. That's fine as well, even a single of my bullets is worth more than your life, inferior creature] the robot boastfully shook his gun and said.

Dead Fatty wasn't angry this time.

He put the keyboard away and took off his cap, smirking.

“Of course I can’t be compared to rich people like you”

Dead Fatty had spoken.

—Dragon Hex, activated!

The robot didn’t notice anything at all and just stood still for a bit, feeling this to be a bit meaningless.

The other party had already admitted weakness, am I supposed to continue insulting them?

—*it’s no longer fun.*

[Garbage carbon-based lifeforms...]

The robot begrudgingly put his gun away and swiftly left.

The hallway became silent again.

Only Dead Fatty remained here by himself.

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A while later.

He suddenly put up his hands in front of his face and muttered: “I won’t collect any kind of power today, only money”

Cla cla cla cla clak—

From the void of space, a large number of metal coins suddenly fell down.

As soon as the coins fell onto his hands, they all vanished without a trace, having been taken by him.

Dead Fatty mumbled to himself: “You dare insult this dragon, then this dragon will take away your entire life savings...”

An entire minute later.

The final metallic coin landed on his hand, which he put into his pocket.

“Currency from the robot kingdom— now I have money”

Dead Fatty whistled in satisfaction.

He leaned on the wall once again and took out another apple to eat.

Suddenly, the female owner reappeared in the hallway.

Dead Fatty put the cap back on and took out the keyboard: [Miss owner, you came just in time, I’m not someone who would stay without paying]

He casually took out a bag of coins and tossed it to her.

The female owner accepted the bag of coins, then threw it back.

“It isn’t about money this time, I have a question that requires your expertise”

The female owner said.

[Huh? Eh? Expertise?] Dead Fatty typed with a confused expression.

“Indeed, I heard that the dragon race is one with the most abundance of knowledge, and I’ve just discovered something strange that needs your excellency’s knowledge” the female owner said.

[What’s in it for me?] Dead Fatty typed.

The female owner looked at the pitiful apple in his hand, then at his figure and said: “The meals of our inn are of the highest quality in Dream Island, from now on, whenever you stay here, you’re welcome to eat as you like”

[Speak, I won’t refuse to help] Dead Fatty excitedly typed.

The female owner hesitantly asked: “Are we going to talk right here?”

[That’s right, I need to guard in front of the door just in case anything happens] Dead Fatty typed to explain.

The female owner then clapped her hands loudly.

A row of watches appeared in the void of space in front of her.

Dead Fatty’s gaze became focused.

So she was a Temporal-type Combatant, no wonder she could operate an inn in a place like Dream Island.

The female owner said: “Please take a look, there have been some issues with my life-bound Soul Artifacts. They were originally capable of displaying the correct time in various historical locations within the Space Vortex, but now, they’ve all gone haywire”

Dead Fatty took a look at those watches.

Only to see that the Second hand on all 17 watches were moving at ludicrous speeds.

Dead Fatty tilted his head in thought and typed: [Are you pregnant?]

“No, I currently don’t have a partner” the female owner answered.

[Do you have a healthy lifestyle?] Dead Fatty typed another question.

“A very healthy one” the female owner glared at him briefly.

Dead Fatty narrowed his eyes and typed:

[A fair trade, I will give you a Temporal incantation specifically for testing Temporal-type abilities. It won’t do much, but you should know better than I do that Temporal incantations are always very rare]

The female owner finally smiled and nodded: “Indeed, that is very beneficial, I can give you a gold card. From now on, you can come here to eat and rest as you like, I won’t charge you anything”

Dead Fatty was also pleased with this transaction and typed: [The incantation goes like this: Time, you are the enemy of living beings, but my best friend, please help me take care of all within the drifting sand]

The female owner’s expression became serious and commented: “This incantation... seems to be that personage...”

Dead Fatty quickly put up a ‘shh’ gesture.

The female owner immediately stopped talking and mobilized her power, chanting: “Time, you are the enemy of living beings, but my best friend, please help me take care of all within the drifting sand”

Golden sand began to manifest from the void of space, circled once around the female owner, then slowly disappeared.

The female owner waited for a bit before turning to look at her row of watches.

The hands of the watches continued to spin like crazy.

“How strange, through the incantation, I can sense that there was nothing wrong with my Temporal ability, so what exactly—”

The female owner turned back to Dead Fatty and abruptly stopped talking.

In front of her, Dead Fatty’s expression was horrifying.

The presence of the dragon race started radiating uncontrollably from his body, even his eyes had turned into a pair of vertical irises.

“No...”

Dead Fatty struggled to open his mouth.

“How could that be, Time... had collapsed...”

...

At another location.

Gu Qing Shan was standing on top of a mountain.

At this point, his entire body was encased in bones, which made him look like a skeletal monster.

——he had gathered all six of the frozen corpse's body parts.

"Shroud" he muttered.

"I'm here" Shroud's voice resounded in his mind.

"Are you prepared?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"I can do it at will, but you must be careful. I suspect that Apocalypse had already arrived at the Wraith realm and was now silently waiting for the moment that the Reality Gate opens" Shroud replied.

"I think so as well——"

"Let's go!"

As soon as he said that, he disappeared without a trace.

Chapter 1613

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The dark void.

Within a mass of boundless white fog, a figure slowly manifested.

Gu Qing Shan.

The white bone armor he was wearing had disappeared..

Instead, he was holding an ice crystal sphere that continuously gave off cold air in his hand.

Gu Qing Shan muttered: "I can't, [Fog Realm Descent] was stopped"

Shroud's voice could be heard coming from the ice crystal sphere: "Of course, take a look and see what point in time this is"

Gu Qing Shan looked around himself.

There was nothing at all in the void of space.

The last time he had seen such a sight was during the Age of Immemorial.

"Have we really arrived at the Age of Immemorial?"

While he knew that couldn't be the case, Gu Qing Shan still couldn't help but wonder.

A second later, he suddenly felt his vision becoming blurred for a split second.

The entire void suddenly disappeared and reappeared in front of him.

But something had changed.

Lines of glowing text began to appear on the War God UI:

[Attention! Time is continuously shifting, causing you to see the scenery from many different time periods]

A second later.

Numerous scorching suns suddenly appeared in the void of space within the silent darkness, all of which was rapidly moving forward.

Gu Qing Shan silently observed this as a scene appeared in his mind.

In the Bramble Bird Kingdom at that time, I successfully performed the second stage of the Living Being Sacrificial Dance.

Because of that, the strongest Combatant of the Bygone Era had shown me this scene.

—these ‘suns’ in front of my eyes are all metal ships of extreme sizes, each one of them as gigantic as an Abyssal Behemoth— perhaps even larger.

“The spaceships of the Bygone Era humans” he muttered.

Indeed, this was just before the beginning of the Age of Old.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

Time had directly jumped from the Age of Immemorial to the pre-Age of Old, truly chaotic.

Who would be able to pass through this kind of temporal blockade?

Gu Qing Shan continued to observe those bright scorching spaceships and suddenly thought of something.

The Bygone Era humans.

— they had previously escaped from one parallel world, trying to head into the next, but because their ship’s energy had run out, they were unsuccessful.

That was why they immediately fled outside the Reality Gate as soon as they discovered it.

Wait a minute.

I think... there was something crucial that I seemed to have forgotten.

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking, Shroud suddenly spoke up and cut off his thought process: “It seems that we won’t be able to enter the Wraith realm right now, nobody would”

“Why not? Has the Apocalypse actually isolated the Wraith realm so thoroughly?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“That’s right. I can sense countless Apocalypses hiding behind the chaotic flow of time, they had surrounded the Wraith realm and would not allow anyone to approach it” Shroud replied.

“Do you have a solution?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Shroud answered solemnly: “Fortunately, you managed to collect all of the frozen corpse’s body parts. I would now be able to use the complete forms of [Mystery of Apocalypse Equal] and [Mystery of Apocalypse Generality] to turn you into an advanced Apocalypse as well— this way, we would not be interrupted by the chaotic flow of time and meld in among the other Apocalypses to watch over the Wraith realm”

“That’s great” Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief.

“What’s important right now is... what kind of Apocalypse do you think we should disguise as?” Shroud asked.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and answered: “The Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse”

“The Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse?” Shroud asked once again.

Gu Qing Shan explained: “The enemy is very advanced, and highly cautious. It had used the chaotic time flow as the first layer of defense, the countless Apocalypses as the second layer of defense, and then the Wraith realm’s strict layers of Causality Laws as the third layer of defense— we need to first use the Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse’s power to go through the first two layers of defense, then use its spirit snatching ability as well as my [Mystery of All Beings Equal] to thoroughly disguise as a wraith and successfully infiltrate them”

“That’s a good idea” Shroud praised him, then continued: “I’ll begin transforming into the Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse now. This process will require a bit of time, so wait a moment”

After that, his voice faded away completely.

Gu Qing Shan silently waited while standing in the void.

Just now——

What was I thinking about?

He tried to recall the topic, but only came up with a blank.

This is one of the most irritating states that one could experience, whenever a thought was cut off by someone or something else, it would not return no matter what.

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath.

Don’t be in a rush.

Slowly think about it.

What was I thinking about just earlier?

The Bygone Era humans...

Right, the Bygone Era humans wanted to flee from one parallel world into another parallel world, but ended up stopping in the void.

Gu Qing Shan’s eyes suddenly lit up.

He remembered.

At the time, the strongest Combatant of the Bygone Era had told me something very important, but I didn’t know a lot of secrets at the time, so I hadn’t taken the time to think carefully about it.

After I completely grasped the first official Sacrificial Dance, the old man had said this:

...

"It isn't as simple as you think. This place used to be a boundless void that exists between parallel worlds— we've never been to another parallel world before, it was under the threat of our Reality's destruction that we had no choice but to leave"

"In reality, we also don't know the method of escaping this boundless void, we don't know how to enter another parallel world at all"

...

Gu Qing Shan fell silent briefly.

If that strongest Combatant of the Bygone Era hadn't been wrong...

Then the void I'm currently in was actually not a part of the parallel worlds.

But the parallel worlds are only a technique that exists to obscure something.

—then, could the existence of the parallel worlds were meant to protect this void?

Why?

Was there something unique about this boundless void?

Or rather, this void itself was unique!

The more Gu Qing Shan thought about it, the more shocked he became.

In every parallel world he had been to, there was another 'him', another Gu Qing Shan.

If that was the case...

Then the countless parallel worlds had actually been created using this void as the base.

The Reality I'm currently in wasn't actually a parallel world!

Gu Qing Shan felt like a chill had just climbed up his spine, causing all of his hair to stand on their ends.

Without knowing, I've accidentally uncovered such an unspeakably terrifying secret!

This is such grand scheme.

Furthermore, since I've already realized this to be the case, it wouldn't be too difficult to confirm the truth either.

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As long as I contact the parallel worlds again and investigate the worlds within, then compare them to my own Reality, everything would become clear.

—because there must be something completely unique within this void.

What 'something' must be what the parallel world technique wanted to hide!

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help clenching his fist.

At this time, Shroud spoke up: "Get ready, I'm going to attach myself to you and turn you into the Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse"

"Wait a moment" Gu Qing Shan suddenly regained his senses and wiped the cold sweat from his forehead.

"What's the matter?" Shroud asked.

"It's nothing" Gu Qing Shan calmed back down.

This isn't the time to be thinking about the parallel world technique.

The Apocalypse is about to open the Reality Gate already, I need to head to the scene and wait for that moment to occur!

Gu Qing Shan said: "To make it completely safe, I'm going to be using some tricks as well"

His body began to change and transformed into an orange cat.

[Ghostly Shadow of Night] had activated!

[Ghostly Shadow of Night: After the shroud of night draped over the world, by communicating with any supernatural artifacts and with their permission, you are able to borrow one of their abilities at will. Once per night]

The orange cat sent his voice: “Shannu”

“I’m here, gongzi” Shannu replied.

“This time, I want to borrow one of your Thaumaturgies” the orange cat sent his voice.

“That would be no issue—— I can sense your Sumeru Thaumaturgy, which ability of mine do you wish to borrow?” Shannu asked.

“[Invincible]” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Yes” Shannu happily agreed.

A layer of frigid grey light suddenly appeared around the orange cat’s body, which looked exactly the same as the Grand Tie Wei Mountain.

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[With the Sumeru Thaumaturgy Ghostly Shadow of Night, you’ve obtained the Six Paths Great Mountain sword’s ability: Invincible]

[Invincible: No force or power anywhere in reality would be able to destroy your body]

Sensing the power of the Thaumaturgy affecting him, Gu Qing Shan meowed in a satisfactory manner.

“Shroud, I’m ready”

“There’s something that I’m afraid you might have neglected, so I have to remind you about it before we go” Shroud told him.

“What’s that?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“We can’t interfere with anything that that happens in the Wraith realm” Shroud

“Because we’re currently affected by [Distortion], and another ‘me’ was also affected by [Distortion] at the scene?” Gu Qing Shan smiled and asked.

“It isn’t only that. I’m worried that you and I might cause some sort of commotion that leads to the ‘you and I’ at the time to take a look— if the other ‘us’ see us right now, your Light Chaser ring will lose its effect, causing the Laws to erase one side” Shroud replied.

“Hm, before the Deathmatch, I will make sure to be extremely careful. Our current trip definitely cannot draw the attention of the other ‘me’” Gu Qing Shan agreed.

“Furthermore, that Apocalypse must be hiding somewhere on the scene. It was silently waiting for the Reality Gate to open, so it would also notice if we made any suspicious movements, then kick us from the timeline” Shroud added.

“If that’s the case, then everything would truly be over” Gu Qing Shan said.

“That’s why we can only wait. We will wait until the moment that the Reality Gate was opened and both of us were transported away from the timeline by Su Xue Er. Only when that had happened would we suddenly leap into action and close the Reality Gate” Shroud explained.

A line of glowing text appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan’s vision:

[He’s right]

This was the War God UI’s confirmation.

Gu Qing Shan pondered for a bit and said: "Since we can only play a background role, I have something I want to take a careful look at"

"Demon Dragon?"

"Yes"

"That's fine, let's go!"

The ice crystal sphere in Gu Qing Shan's hand suddenly scattered and turned into a mass of fog that enveloped him.

Right now, he looked like a cat clad in smoke.

Lines of glowing text appeared:

[You've turned into the Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse]

[As you carry the Six Paths Great Mountain sword's invincibility, you've become a unique Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse]

[Your Title is: The Invincible Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse]

[Attention: You are about to draw the attention of the other Apocalypses]

After reading the final notification, he noticed the space around him stabilizing.

Time was no longer jumping all over the place.

It had stabilized at a certain moment in time.

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

From the distance, a faint consciousness called out to Gu Qing Shan.

[Come...]

[Hold... Wraith realm...]

[Forbid... any living being entry or exit...]

The orange cat silently listened and uttered a curt sigh to signal his recognition of the order.

[Very well, I will send an envoy to receive you]

That consciousness replied in satisfaction.

A few moments later.

A mass of light that was several hundred meters in length slowly appeared.

The mass of light turned into a giant hand that suddenly ripped the void of space open.

There was a vast ocean of light behind the void.

If Gu Qing Shan tried using inner sight to observe it, he would find that it was an ancient monster made of pure light with all sorts of dazzling treasures hanging from its body.

The monster looked closely at the orange cat clad in frozen smoke.

[Indeed, you are the Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse, follow me——] the mass of light spoke.

The orange cat's ears twitched.

This voice...

I've heard this voice before, a long time ago.

Right.

This is the Game of Eternal.

So this gigantic monster was the form of the Game of Eternal.

The gigantic figure led the orange cat towards a part of the void filled with colorful light.

Chapter 1614

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Time had completely stabilized within this part of the void.

The orange cat's body was completely obscured by a mass of icy smoke that only left his eyes exposed.

His frigid gaze scanned through the entire surroundings.

There were strange and unusual entities everywhere within this part of the void of space..

The Game of Eternal wasn't the only one.

Next to its manifestation as a gigantic mass of light, there was also a stone statue several hundred meters in length whose entire body was full of engraved runes. One of the engravings depicted a strange black figure with a total of 199 heads.

—-from his conversation with the Game of Eternal, Gu Qing Shan had guessed this strange entity's identity.

It was the Game of Eternal's advanced form, the Game of Infinite Worlds Destruction.

Next to them was a vortex that had enveloped some transparent scenery.

This was the God Slayer Apocalypse.

Numerous screams and cries of desperation could be heard from inside the vortex.

At one point, a hand that exuded infinite power even tried to reach out of the vortex.

「 SOMEBODY—- SAVE ME! 」

Such a voice could be heard from within the vortex.

But the voice and the hand both fell back into the vortex and vanished without a trace.

The orange cat calmly watched this without doing anything.

Because right next to the vortex hovered a gigantic ship made up of nothing but green insects.

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On the ship, long and colorful feelers occasionally reached out that exuded a chilling eerie presence.

There was then another Apocalypse next to the ship.

—numerous kinds of Apocalypses filled this region of the void.

It could even be said that all existing Apocalypses within the Boundless Void had actually gathered here.

The orange cat observed for a while, then started waving his tail.

Although I've made it through the temporal blockade and arrived at the second layer of defense, I can't keep staying here.

I need to think of a method to enter the Wraith realm.

Suddenly, a voice called out:

[As entrusted, I will now begin to discern your powers and origins, then issue each of you a corresponding mission]

The orange cat turned his head.

Only to see that the voice originated from the gigantic ship made of insects.

The ship began to fly through the void.

It reached out a long feeler and touched each Apocalypse.

From the looks of it, it seems to be gauging something.

All the Apocalypses remained still, waiting to be tested.

This time, the orange cat also had to remain still.

“Shroud” the orange cat sent his voice.

“No problem” Shroud replied.

So the orange cat just sat down on the spot.

A few moments later.

The insectoid ship began to approach the orange cat’s vicinity.

Its long feeler first touched the Game of Eternal.

[Eternal competition, a Deception-type Low Sequence Apocalypse]

A voice spoke from inside the ship.

The feeler then touched the Game of Infinite Worlds Destruction.

[—decent, secondary form. Destruction-type Mid Sequence Apocalypse]

After saying that, the colorful feeler reached towards the orange cat.

The orange cat didn’t move at all, but the icy smoke around his body abruptly surged and became a freezing flow of air.

As soon as the colorful feeler touched the smoke, it abruptly shrunk back.

A doubtful voice spoke up from inside the ship:

[Possession-type Apocalypse, the Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse—— but why do I feel like something is different?]

Complete silence.

All of the Apocalypses turned their attention towards him.

“Shroud?” Gu Qing Shan silently sent his voice.

“There are no mistakes, it simply doesn’t know” Shroud sent his voice in return.

Gu Qing Shan calmed down a bit more.

He began to speak with a mocking tone: [How ridiculous, you recognized the secondary form Apocalypse to be a Mid Sequence Apocalypse, how come you don’t recognize me?]

The colorful feeler hesitantly said: [You seem similar to Spirit Snatcher, but also different——]

It stopped and didn’t continue.

Gu Qing Shan continued: [Indeed, but you’ve already seen the Game of Eternal, you should know that Low Sequences are always prone to problems, and I’m not a normal Spirit Snatcher—— I’m the Invincible Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse!]

He shook his fur to radiate the power of [Invincible].

At the same time, lines of glowing text appeared in front of his eyes:

[To coordinate with you, Shroud had exerted ‘Mystery of Apocalypse Equal’ to its very limit]

The colorful feeler touched the void of space a few times, seemingly to confirm the power of [Invincible]

After a few moments, the voice from the ship seemed genuinely impressed:

[You are stronger compared to the normal Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse, that is correct]

The feeler pulled back.

The ship continued to fly and examined the other Apocalypses.

The orange cat remained sitting where he was and silently observed the ship's movements.

After a while.

"Safe" Gu Qing Shan silently thought to himself.

"That's right, you didn't arouse any suspicions, but I think we're stuck here" Shroud sent his voice.

"No— I can sense that these Apocalypses are going to attempt something, otherwise, why would it want to examine each Apocalypse Sequence?" Gu Qing Shan said.

"I hope so" Shroud replied.

The orange cat waited for a while longer.

Whenever that ship loudly said the attribute of a certain Apocalypse, the orange cat would silently make a note of it.

—up until the entire process was complete.

The ship returned to the middle and spoke to all the Apocalypses:

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[Headcount complete, preparing to distribute missions]

Colorful feelers reached far into the sky and began to give off an invisible fluctuation.

[All Apocalypses that can sense my fluctuation will stand guard here]

[You don't need to know anything, you only need to keep an eye on the border of the world to ensure that no living being can enter]

The orange cat sat still without sensing anything.

But the Game of Eternal that was sitting next to him began to give off some flickering light.

The colorful feeler wiggled a bit before giving off a more intense fluctuation:

[Next are the advanced Apocalypses]

[All Apocalypses with the Control, Descent, and Possession attribute, you all need to gather around me]

The orange cat's tail waved back and forth.

He could sense the intense fluctuations— which seemed to be a summoning signal.

The orange cat carefully looked around.

Only to see many Apocalypses starting heading towards the large ship.

By the time all the summoned Apocalypses had gathered around the colorful feeler, the orange cat finally began to move.

He continued to be obscured by the icy smoke as he flew through the void, stopping at a relatively far distance from the colorful feeler.

The voice on the ship became austere:

[The majority of the slumbering Apocalypses hiding within this void gate have had their powers absorbed by the Silent Light Apocalypse]

[Because of that... only you all remained]

[Now, we must complete a mission of the highest priority]

The feeler moved through the void of space.

The darkness scattered.

The Wraith realm as a whole appeared in front of all the Apocalypses.

But everything within the Wraith realm was currently in a stationary state.

Time had been frozen.

[As you can see, time had been stopped at this moment]

The voice on the ship continued:

[As soon as everything resumes, you all must use your control, descent, or possession-type abilities to enter this world, take control of a certain living being, then lie silently in wait for a certain moment]

[I will support you from behind to ensure that no living being notice you]

Gu Qing Shan suddenly cut in: [What are we going to do? Simply wait until the moment arrives?]

[No] the voice in the ship was raised a bit.

The colorful feeler moved through the void of space again, causing the entire dark void to disappear into emptiness.

[This is a temporary Phase World that I've created. What comes next is top-secret, which Low Sequences aren't qualified to be informed of]

[Having been entrusted by that High Sequence Apocalypse, I will inform you of a top-secret matter, but you Sequences must participate in the following destruction operation]

Gu Qing Shan was startled, considerably shocked.

Not only had these Apocalypses prepared three layers of defenses against him, they had also prepared a different plan.

They're planning a certain event in a highly organized manner.

All the remaining Apocalypses within the Boundless Void had gathered here to plan a single event.

—this is completely unprecedented.

The voice on the ship began to explain:

[An indiscernible distant time ago, an ultimate weapon belonging to living beings was created]

[Although we managed to break it into pieces in time, it had the ability to reform itself and escaped without a trace into a certain Reality Gate]

[For the past countless years, we have always been searching for it]

[—And indeed, at a certain moment in the future, this Reality Gate had opened, after which we discovered traces of that ultimate weapon]

[The Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse was the first to arrive and fought]

All the emptiness around them disappeared.

Darkness.

Followed by light.

A vision slowly appeared in front of all the Apocalypses.

The voice on the ship continued to explain with an absolute austere voice: [This was the situation at the time. You must all take a careful look at it, because we would begin to hide within a place called the Wraith realm]

[Indeed, this was a trap]

[We would wait for its arrival within the Wraith realm]

[—The one carrying it would definitely show up, because that carrier wishes to close the Reality Gate]

[After that carrier arrives, we will find a chance to kill her with all our strength!]

Finally, that vision became bright and clear.

Gu Qing Shan wasn't prepared to see the content of the vision, so he was extremely shocked, having to spend all his strength to maintain his presence.

He saw Xie Dao Ling riding a dragon through the boundless void.

In front of her stood a woman carrying the light of stars.

Simply by standing there, countless worlds were being created and destroyed behind her.

—-Reneedol!

Gu Qing Shan took a closer look.

No.

This isn't right.

This isn't the real Reneedol, the heavily chaotic presence she carried seemed to have been fused together with numerous powerful forces.

Her eyes, her gaze, her presence, everything was completely different from Reneedol.

From the looks of it, her body seemed to have been taken over by some sort of entity.

This vision was exactly the same as the vision he saw while he was in the Spirit Wanderer state, but he wasn't familiar with Reneedol at the time, so now that he could take a closer look, he was faintly able to sense that this woman wasn't actually Reneedol herself.

Reneedol looked at Xie Dao Ling and declare: [I am the Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse, we've been looking for you for a very long time, now hand over that weapon]

Standing on the dragon's back, Xie Dao Ling curtly replied: "An Apocalypse hiding inside a dead body actually dares to order me around?"

Reneedol coldly chuckled and said: [After countless years, I've finally found you. Don't even dream about running any longer, I'm going to destroy you right here and now]

She reached her hand forward——

Xie Dao Ling curtly glanced at her.

From the void of space, boundless heavenly clouds suddenly manifested.

A colorful length of chain suddenly reached out of nowhere and swiftly restrained Reneedol, not leaving her even a bit of space to retaliate.

"The Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse? You dare declare yourself an Apocalypse?"

Xie Dao Ling put up one hand and formed a hand seal.

“AAEEEE!”

Reneedol began screeching with an ear-piercing voice.

The length of chains suddenly gave off an intense radiance that illuminated the entire void of space.

This radiance burnt away all of Reneedol’s power and flesh, leaving nothing but a single skeleton behind to struggle and scream.

The skeleton tried to escape from the chains, but couldn’t manage it no matter how much it struggled.

“Head into the Forgetting River of Huang Quan. Your body belongs to a living being, so she shall reincarnate, while an Apocalypse like you shall be restrained for eternity at the riverbed of the Forgetting River”

Xie Dao Ling changed her hand seal.

A massive river arrived from the void of space, enveloped the chains and skeleton, then quickly took them away.

Only Xie Dao Ling stood by herself on the back of the dragon, pondering something.

She carefully counted something on her fingers and muttered: “They want to open the Reality Gate? That can’t be allowed to happen——”

Her figure then disappeared together with the dragon.

Chapter 1615

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Xie Dao Ling disappeared from the vision.

Gu Qing Shan's mind was moving quickly, contemplating a countermeasure.

—although I've managed to infiltrate the ranks of the Apocalypse, a few dozen Apocalypses are now preparing to enter the Wraith realm.

Even he hadn't fought so many Apocalypses at once before..

Behind these Apocalypses, there was even another terrifying Apocalypse that could control time.

No matter how powerful Shifu was, how could she fight against so many Apocalypses?

Gu Qing Shan considered many solutions, but they all ended up being dismissed.

At this time, the voice from the ship made up of green insects spoke again:

[—She's coming]

[All of you are advanced Apocalypses, chosen because you have the attributes of Control, Descent, and Possession]

[You must all cooperate with this Apocalypse of Time and surround to kill that human female]

The vision changed again, returning to the scenery of the Wraith realm.

Time continued to stand still.

Within the Wraith realm, every living being remained in their original positions, even the wind had been frozen.

The voice from the ship suddenly became raised:

[The Apocalypse of Time had arrived. From this moment on, we must all listen to their orders]

A second later.

A cultivator wearing a yaksha mask suddenly appeared out of thin air.

He appeared completely mundane, just like a low-level cultivator from the Wraith realm without any distinct features.

The cultivator stood with his hands clasped behind his back and casually spoke: "I am the Apocalypse: The End of Time, I will now explain the situation]

Staring closely at this cultivator, Gu Qing Shan slowly understood.

—This was the second Apocalypse that Shifu had implied in her message.

The Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse was only a vanguard, this End of Time Apocalypse was the true threat!

"As you can see, I've possessed a living being"

The cultivator continued:

"All of you must do the same and lie in wait within the bodies of the Wraith realm's living beings until the moment that the Reality Gate opens"

"By the time that the Reality Gate opens, if that person still hasn't arrived, the Silent Light Apocalypse and I will destroy everything within the Reality Gate"

"If that person does arrive, all of us Apocalypse will act at the same time and eliminate them!"

"This way, the ultimate weapon of the infinite living beings will fall into my hands and would never be reforged again"

After saying that, the cultivator waved his hand and pointed towards the Wraith realm.

“You may choose any of those living beings and possess them, but make sure not to die—— as soon as your host dies, you will also lose all of your power and fall into slumber”

The cultivator’s voice suddenly became full of urgency:

“The explanation is done, if you have any questions, ask me immediately, that person will arrive very soon”

The Apocalypses all kept silent.

The cultivator then said: “Very we——”

[Wait a moment!]

Gu Qing Shan suddenly called out.

The cultivator turned to him and asked: “What do you want to ask?”

Gu Qing Shan said: [From this moment up until the Reality Gate opens, many things must have happened—— can you tell us what exactly happened during this whole period of time? That would let us know the course of events and allow us to better prepare]

The cultivator shook his head: “You are correct, but when I brought Silent Light back in time, I was injured by the Chrono race, and to keep controlling the timeline, I’ve had to continue fighting against them——”

“I can only tell you that before the Gate opens, that human called Reneedol was about to summon the Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse”

“Other than that, we don’t know anything either”

Gu Qing Shan felt shaken.

This is a precious silver lining!

The only hope for survival!

He displayed a confused expression and asked: [Do we only have so little information?]

That cultivator replied: “Indeed, but that isn’t an issue, everything will proceed as normal, and how much or how little we know won’t affect the course of history”

Gu Qing Shan immediately continued: [I don’t know if you’ve noticed, but this seems to be a world of very strict ranks]

The cultivator appeared a bit impatient and asked: “And so?”

[We’re Apocalypses] Gu Qing Shan emphasized this, [Are we supposed to obey those mortals’ orders?]

The cultivator froze up briefly.

He seemed to have recalled something.

— that’s true, during the infiltration process, I’ve been ordered by those wraith cultivators many times.

To avoid being exposed, I’ve had to follow their orders.

That was extremely irritating.

If I were to be sent somewhere distant right before the critical moment, then it would be very troublesome.

The cultivator muses: “Then your idea...”

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Gu Qing Shan replied: [I hope that the few most powerful Apocalypse Sequences among us would be able to possess cultivators with considerable status. This way, we would become the ruling class of the Wraith realm and take better control over the entire situation]

He added: [In the beginning, due to our authority, we would even be able to order those wraith cultivators to attack the human female that carries the ultimate weapon of all living beings— this will delude her, allowing all of us Apocalypses to abruptly attack and eliminate her at a critical moment. I'm sure this will work!]

The cultivator remained silent for a short moment.

“Authority is the symbol of civilization”

He praised: “As expected of an Apocalypse that mutated to become invincible, you aren't as simple as you appear. However, in order to achieve what you said, I will have to spend a bit more power”

The cultivator waved his hand over the void.

Three images swiftly appeared.

Fate Obstruction, Giant Frame, and Karmic Fire, the three Wraith Lords!

“I've been in hiding for a while, so I somewhat understand this civilization— we cannot touch Renedol, as she shoulders the mission of opening the Reality Gate, but these three people are the highest authoritative figures in this civilization” the cultivator explained.

All the Apocalypses looked closely at the three Wraith Lords.

A voice spoke up from the ship: [Then I will take one of them]

The eerie figure with 199 heads also said: [I will also take one]

A voice spoke up from inside the faint vortex as well: [Leave the last one to me]

The cultivator turned his gaze over all the Apocalypses, then nodded: “The three of you belong to the highest Sequence here, and are the most powerful, then it’s decided that it’ll be the three of you——”

His voice suddenly became a bit satisfied: “After infiltrating, relieve me of all the irritating duties first, I want to accompany you three and prepare to keep control over the entire operation”

[[[Understood!]]]

The three Apocalypses replied in unison.

A glowing stream of water appeared from the cultivator’s body, which appeared exactly the same as water within the River of Time.

Except this water contained an aura of destruction.

“Very well, all Apocalypses prepare yourselves, make sure to select the cultivators with some level of status—— I will now send all of you!”

As soon as he said that, the stream of water expanded into a huge wave that enveloped all the Apocalypses who would infiltrate the Wraith realm.

Gu Qing Shan sensed that he had turned into an incorporeal soul.

Is this the power of time?

He couldn’t understand how it worked at all.

But that didn’t stop him from searching for someone to possess.

Gu Qing Shan followed the stream into the Wraith realm and quickly reached the Wraith Temple.

After searching back and forth for a while, he finally found his target.

——-Demon Dragon!

Demon Dragon was still wearing a yaksha mask and maintained a walking stance while being motionless.

As the water of time still enveloped Gu Qing Shan, he silently observed the other party.

No.

Demon Dragon is also someone with a mission.

He would delude Reneedol into siding with the Apocalypse.

Then——

Gu Qing Shan looked behind Demon Dragon.

Two servants were closely following Demon Dragon with their heads lowered, both also wearing yaksha masks.

Got my target.

Seemingly sensing his will, the water of time became a bit more violent.

Gu Qing Shan abruptly charged towards one of them.

At the same time, lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[Within the surging flow of time, you activated the power of the spirit snatcher and the 'Mystery of Apocalypse Equal' that you carry]

[You will take over everything belonging to this cultivator]

Gu Qing Shan suddenly opened his eyes.

He discovered that he had turned into that servant.

Tick tock.

Tick tock.

Tick tock.

[Time stop has ended]

Instantly, everything returned to normal.

The sound of talking and loud discussions, as well as yelling could be heard.

The Wraiths all around him were all in a hurry minding their own businesses.

“Have you all finished your jobs?” Demon Dragon continued to walk as he asked.

“Everything is done, sir” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Hm” Demon Dragon said with some satisfaction.

Demon Dragon led him and the other servant towards an upcoming turn in the path.

Chapter 1616

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Gu Qing Shan kept his head down and followed Demon Dragon.

In front of his vision, lines of glowing text quickly scrolled through:

[Current character: Chu Feng]

[By the power of the Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse, you've obtained all of Chu Feng's memories and abilities]

[By the power of Mystery of All Beings Equal, you've obtained all of Chu Feng's signature physical characteristics]

[You've officially become Chu Feng]

[Please quickly familiarize yourself with your character]

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Oong---

Numerous memories flashed through Gu Qing Shan's mind like a flipbook.

It felt to him like these memories had always been there, just forgotten at the back of his mind until something triggered it.

Gu Qing Shan continued walking while slowly digesting Chu Feng's experiences thus far.

"As the mission is over, for now, we can take a short rest" Demon Dragon said.

"Yes sir" Gu Qing Shan and the other servant both replied.

Demon Dragon led the two of them to the outside of a jet-black room and clasped his fist to the guarding cultivators: "We've completed our missions, please give me a room to rest in"

He then handed them a jade talisman.

After examining the jade talisman, one of the guard cultivators handed him a wooden badge and said: "Wraith Might Xue Long, sir, you have 30 minutes of rest, after which you need to be present in front of the Wraith Lords, please do not be tardy"

"I understand, thank you"

Demon Dragon received the wooden badge and brought his two servants to the back.

Standing in front of the jet-black wall, he held the badge up.

The wall suddenly split apart to reveal a steaming hot spring inside.

An almost tangible stream of spirit energy drifted from the hot spring, manifesting as a colorful light.

"Go"

Demon Dragon brought his two servants inside.

The wall closed behind them.

After standing silently next to the hot spring for a bit, he suddenly ordered: "Chu Feng, Zhao Jiu Xuan, I want each of you demonstrate the fifth technique and the seventh weapon skill you learnt for me"

The servant called Zhao Jiu Xuan was surprised and impatiently called out: "Big brother Leng, you're really going to do this right now?"

"Hurry up and do it"

Demon Dragon's voice now contained a faint hint of forceful urging.

"Leng Qian Chen! It's good to be cautious, but your caution is practically paranoia already!" Zhao Jiu Xuan shouted.

Demon Dragon pulled a pair of sharp claw gauntlets from the void of space and equipped it on his hand.

Ferocious killing intent could clearly be sensed from his body.

"Zhao Jiu Xuan, demonstrate the fifth technique and the seventh weapon skill you learned, or I'm going to kill you" Demon Dragon coldly said.

Zhao Jiu Xuan had no other choice but to sigh and took out a short staff, then casually performed a spell with it.

He then took out a sword and demonstrated a series of swings.

Demon Dragon carefully observed him, then nodded: "Now tell me, in the morning 20 days ago, what was the first thing that I told you?"

"Don't let your guards down today, we need to complete an exceptionally difficult mission, we might even lose our lives" Zhao Jiu Xuan shrugged.

Demon Dragon's killing intent swiftly faded and patted Zhao Jiu Xuan's shoulder with a smile:

"See, wasn't that simple?"

Zhao Jiu Xuan still complained: "But why is that necessary?"

Demon Dragon replied: "You came late, so you don't know, but it's not very difficult for some scheming people to take your place and impersonate you"

He then turned to Gu Qing Shan.

“Alright, I’ll do as big brother Leng ask” Gu Qing Shan said.

He then took out a bronze mace and performed two different mace techniques.

—tch, this Demon Dragon sure is careful, even testing his own subordinates more than one.

Had he been deceived so many times that he had to be this cautious?

Gu Qing Shan silently thought.

Demon Dragon observed his demonstration and asked: “Chu Feng, when you started following me in the past, what was the first thing you said?”

“If there’s a way to fight the Apocalypse, please take me with you, brother Leng” Gu Qing Shan sincerely answered.

Hearing that, Demon Dragon calmed back down.

His voice now lacked a bit of stiffness and gained a hint of casualness:

“Alright, don’t blame me for being too careful, it’s just that what we need to do is simply too crucial, we can’t let our guards down for even a moment”

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Demon Dragon took off his crimson red mask with black stripes that depicted a pained expression to reveal his pair of bloody red irises.

He swiftly took off his clothes and began to soak in the water.

“Big brother Leng, has the Wraith realm really recorded the weaknesses of that Apocalypse?”

Zhao Jiu Xuan asked.

He also entered the water and happily relaxed himself.

Gu Qing Shan also entered the hot spring with them.

As soon as he entered, the massive spirit energy entered his pores, causing him to shiver a bit from pleasure.

“Of course, as long as we can find that record, we’d be able to immediately destroy the entire Apocalypse and save our world” Demon Dragon replied.

“But we’ve been here for so many years already, when would we be able to find it?” Gu Qing Shan asked doubtfully.

—through Chu Feng’s memories, he had understood everything.

Demon Dragon, Chu Feng, and Zhao Jiu Xuan were all people who stood at the peak of a certain world, having known each other for many years and going through many adventures together within the Space Vortex.

One day, the world they originated from became enveloped by the Apocalypse.

Everyone had exhausted all of their wits, but still couldn’t defeat that Apocalypse at all, the most they were able to do was to hold the Apocalypse off in a constant tug of war.

To search for a way to save the world and its living beings, Demon Dragon thought of the Wraith realm.

——the Wraith realm had conquered numerous worlds and fought against several Apocalypses, so they naturally have many records of countermeasures against the Apocalypses.

As he originated from the Wraith realm in his past life, Demon Dragon was naturally able to pass the Wraith realm's trials to gradually reach a higher position.

And now, Demon Dragon had finally discovered a certain item that would help them end that Apocalypse.

——it was one of the artifacts inside the Wraith Temple.

Demon Dragon had hoped that they would be able to use that artifact to put an end to the Apocalypse that plagued their world.

And their operation had now reached a critical point.

Chu Feng and Zhao Jiu Xuan came here in order to help Demon Dragon steal that artifact.

How strange.

Gu Qing Shan was silently surprised.

Since Demon Dragon came here to find an artifact to save his world, why did he end up becoming an envoy for the Apocalypse?

He turned to Demon Dragon.

In the hot spring, the drifting mist had obscured Demon Dragon's face.

“Don't worry” Demon Dragon spoke from behind the mist vapor: “I've already found a clue”

Suddenly, Demon Dragon's body abruptly stood straight up and came out of his relaxed state in an instant.

Suu!

The water vapor swirled and scattered around his body, Demon Dragon's hands were each equipped with a claw gauntlet as he gave off a sharp presence——

He seemed to have prepared himself to fight a battle to the death!

“Big brother Leng, what happened!?” Zhao Jiu Xuan was shocked.

Demon Dragon flew up with a complicated expression: “An old acquaintance had arrived, I need to greet him”

“Acquaintance?” Gu Qing Shan parroted his words.

“Indeed, it's been many years since I saw him—— Chu Feng, Zhao Jiu Xuan, stay here and rest up, I'll return shortly.

As soon as he said that, Demon Dragon vanished without a trace.

Splash!

All the water crashed back down, once again forming a pool of warm water.

Zhao Jiu Xuan stood with a surprised expression in the water, muttering: “Chu Feng, what do you think happened to big brother Leng?”

Gu Qing Shan didn't answer.

He had realized something.

It seems---

I've just arrived in this world.

That's right, right at this point in time, I met Demon Dragon and was brought into the Wraith Temple by him.

Demon Dragon was waiting for me.

So he had gone to meet me at this time!

---then what exactly was going on here?

Standing in the faint drifting mist of the hot spring, Gu Qing Shan felt like the truth was also being obscured, making it impossible to discern the truth among all the delusions.

Suddenly, the Apocalypse of Time's voice could be heard:

"All Apocalypses heed my order and immediately be prepared at your stations"

"I repeat, all Apocalypses are to be prepared at your stations"

"She's about to arrive"

"Furthermore, I have something to inform all Apocalypse Sequences"

"I discovered---

"That there was a traitor among us"

Chapter 1617

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Traitor?

Gu Qing Shan wasn't panicked at all, instead, he felt a bit surprised.

—-if the Time Apocalypse had discovered that I was fake, it would have already acted against me.

Since it only informed everyone of this now, unless it had already dealt with the traitor, it clearly had other intentions.

However..

How could there be a traitor among the Apocalypses?

If this was truly the case, the situation had only just become even more confusing.

Gu Qing Shan took time to carefully think about this.

Currently, the two most powerful Apocalypses were the End of Time Apocalypse, and the Silent Light Apocalypse.

The Silent Light Apocalypse had turned into a glowing cloaked skeleton that absorbed the power of many Apocalypses, but I don't know what it is currently doing.

The End of Time Apocalypse had led the other remaining Apocalypses to prepare an ambush in the Wraith realm, preparing to ambush Xie Dao Ling.

—-and Xie Dao Ling is above to arrive.

Gu Qing Shan paused briefly.

If Shifu had implied to me that there were two Apocalypses going after her, then she would have already known about the existence of the End of Time Apocalypse.

—-what would she do?

The End of Time Apocalypse continued:

“Fortunately, I managed to discover this traitor and thoroughly erased it. I will now show you the traitor's outcome”

An image appeared in Gu Qing Shan's mind.

It was a dead body.

The dead body of a Wraith realm cultivator who had been taken over by an Apocalypse.

The End of Time Apocalypse continued:

"It was carrying a fragment of the Samsara Asura world but didn't hand it in. In accordance with the rules among the Sequences, this was a traitorous act no matter how we looked at it"

Following its explanation, a broken piece of rock that gave off a faint green glow hovered above the dead body.

"All of you must understand, the Samsara is the ultimate weapon of all living beings, only an Apocalypse Sequence of my level would be able to destroy it, if any of you Apocalypses attempt to keep a Samsara fragment for yourself, your outcome would be the same"

Its tone was full of threat: "There is nothing in the Wraith Temple that would be able to escape my senses"

"I am the ending, and no Apocalypse would be able to go against my will"

"Remember that!"

As the End of Time's voice faded away, so did the image.

The warm water around the hot spring continued to flow.

Gu Qing Shan stood blankly on the spot.

An Apocalypse had actually attempted to keep a fragment of the Samsara for itself.

The End of Time Apocalypse was the most powerful Apocalypse I've seen so far.

*According to the rules of the Sequences, Low Sequences cannot keep a Samsara fragment to themselves.
Yet an Apocalypse attempted to do that anyways.*

— that makes no sense.

Keeping a fragment of the Samsara would be equivalent to a death wish, so why did it do such a thing?

As Gu Qing Shan was thinking, Zhao Jiu Xuan suddenly asked him: “Chu Feng, what do you think big brother Leng had gone to do?”

Gu Qing Shan smiled wryly and replied: “I don’t know either, I’m trying to think about it”

“Hm, he seems to have gotten a bit strange recently” Zhao Jiu Xuan mumbled to himself.

“What about him has gotten strange?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I don’t know, I just feel like he has something on his mind” Zhao Jiu Xuan replied.

Gu Qing Shan didn’t reply.

He still wanted to think about the matter earlier.

There are two possibilities for why an Apocalypse had attempted to keep a Samsara fragment for itself.

Firstly, it knew some sort of secret that the others didn’t and had to keep the fragment while hiding it from the Time Apocalypse.

Secondly, it was framed.

If it was the first possibility, no one would get any answers, since it was already erased.

But what if it was the second possibility?

If it was framed...

Who would try to frame a Wraith realm cultivator that was taken over by an Apocalypse?

Gu Qing Shan felt shaken as the answer was clear to him.

It's obvious—

It was Shifu, Xie Dao Ling.

Xie Dao Ling had a Thaumaturgy that allowed her to take things from other people with nothing but a swipe of her hands while being completely unnoticed during the process.

As far as I can remember, Shifu had never failed before.

If that's the case, then if I consider it from the other side—

If Shifu wanted to put something on someone else's body without them knowing, it would also be a walk in the park.

If... she had been the one who put the Samsara fragment on that Apocalypse-possessed person...

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly.

If this was something Shifu did, then she might have wanted to express four things.

Firstly, she had already arrived!

Secondly, she was capable of accurately discerning the Apocalypses from among the Wraith realm cultivators.

Thirdly, since she was capable of avoiding the Time Apocalypse's detection and putting something on another Apocalypse's body, she could also kill those Apocalypses as long as she wanted to.

Fourthly...

Gu Qing Shan realized something.

He suddenly jumped out of the hot spring and was already fully clothed with the Wraith realm's uniform as he landed on the ground, preparing to leave.

“Hey, Chu Feng, where are you going?”

Zhao Jiu Xuan loudly called out behind him.

“I’ve soaked for long enough, so I’m going to take a piss and stroll for a bit” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Be careful, there are a lot of places in the Wraith Temple that you can’t enter” Zhao Jiu Xuan advised him.

Gu Qing Shan chuckled: “Oh you, I was the one who initially took you into the Wraith Temple all those years ago, and now you’re trying to advise me in return?”

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Zhao Jiu Xuan also chuckled before slipping back into the water, embarrassed.

Gu Qing Shan knocked on the wall with his hand to open the hot spring’s entrance and left by himself.

He stood on the path outside with one hand on his Inventory Bag, slowly rearranging the contents.

— all unrelated items in his Inventory Bag were put into a corner.

At the same time, all items related to the Bai Hua sect like cultivation scripture, uniform accessories, spirit cooking ingredients, and even formation plates, were all left in the middle.

“No, piling things up like this is a bit chaotic, Shifu wouldn’t be pleased to see it”

Gu Qing Shan silently told himself, then reorganized those items again, making sure to neatly line them up so that they’re in a square shape.

— fourthly, *Shifu might have already taken into account that I’m here.*

To avoid friendly fire, and to contact me, she would definitely go through a process of elimination to determine which Wraith realm cultivator I've turned into.

With the Time Apocalypse and numerous other Apocalypses around me, I wouldn't be able to seek her out.

But she would be able to find me.

She had already displayed a certain fact——

The Time Apocalypse couldn't detect her swiping technique.

Which means we'd be able to establish contact through this!

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath and slowly calmed down.

He reconfirmed the organization of his Inventory Bag before moving forward again.

It was currently the middle of noon, so there were very few people in the Wraith Temple and only some of them were walking in the main street.

There was a Wraith Might walking in his direction with your subordinates following him.

Gu Qing Shan adjusted his yaksha mask and leaned on a nearby wall to move out of the way, clasping his fist to greet them:

"Greetings, sir"

The Wraith Might didn't even bother to look at him and simply continued forward.

Gu Qing Shan maintained his respectful etiquette and waited until the other party had gone past before he lowered his hands.

He continued to stroll through the path at a normal pace, not too fast, not too slow.

He met quite a few servants, enforcers, Wraith Generals, and Wraith Mightes on his way, each time he would carefully move out of the way and lower his head to greet them.

Gu Qing Shan was simply strolling aimlessly.

—during the normal timeline, I've only just arrived in the Wraith realm at this point in time.

Demon Dragon would find me, then we would fight.

Demon Dragon would then spend a few hours catching Cang Wu Zhang.

Then I would impersonate Cang Wu Zhang and enter the Wraith Temple with Demon Dragon.

—it would take around half a day in total.

Let's hope Shifu will be able to find me during that time.

And I still need to find out what exactly was going on with Demon Dragon.

While he was thinking, a voice suddenly sounded in his ears:

"Invincible Spirit Snatcher, what are you doing?"

—this was the Time Apocalypse's voice!

As expected, it was constantly paying attention to everything within the Wraith Temple.

Gu Qing Shan's footsteps halted briefly before he continued walking and replied:

"I'm attempting to discern this civilization's strengths and weaknesses, then also check if there were any suspicious individuals, confirm this location's geography and defensive techniques, as well as fully understanding this place's layout of structures"

"Why is that necessary?" the Time Apocalypse asked.

"Because the one we're trying to ambush seems to be very powerful, every bit more preparation we have would further increase our chances" Gu Qing Shan replied.

He stepped aside once again and clasped his fist to greet another passing Wraith General.

The Wraith General slightly nodded at him as a response, then proudly left.

The Time Apocalypse continued:

“You suggested that the majority of Apocalypses should choose those with authority, but you instead chose to possess a servant?”

Gu Qing Shan casually replied: “—If you tell those Apocalypses to carefully observe living beings like I’m doing, it would be impossible for them, so it would have been better just to have them hold authority, at least they’d be useful that way”

The Time Apocalypse stayed silent briefly before praising: “As expected of a mutated Apocalypse Sequence, your actions are extraordinary compared to a normal Apocalypse”

Its will disappeared.

Gu Qing Shan smiled, then slowly continued his walk.

Two minutes later.

Gu Qing Shan had walked through every location he could within the Wraith Temple and walked by numerous wraith cultivators.

During this period of time, the Time Apocalypse had visited him two more times.

It would not check up on him again.

Gu Qing Shan circled a few times before making his way towards the main street.

At this point, he noticed two long lines of wraith cultivators.

Each of them appeared dignified and disciplined, all of them carrying a treasure of some sort in their hands as they made their way towards the center of the Wraith Temple.

—-*Reneedol is currently there.*

These wraiths serve directly under her.

Gu Qing Shan and the other wraiths silently retreated to the sidewalks.

After these two lines of wraith cultivators had gone through, everything returned to normal.

Gu Qing Shan resumed his stroll.

Suddenly, his eyebrows twitched briefly before returning to normal.

Thanks to the yaksha mask, no one would be able to notice this very minor change in his expression.

—-at some unknown point, the Bai Hua sect cultivation jade tag he left at the very center of his Inventory Bag had disappeared.

Chapter 1618

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Gu Qing Shan scanned through his Inventory Bag with his inner sight.

The cultivation jade tag has disappeared!

The mountain-sized jade tag containing all of Bai Hua sect's cultivation scriptures had been taken by someone without him knowing.

Having reached his place in the world today, Gu Qing Shan could already be considered a first-rate, if not the very best, sword cultivator within the Boundless Void, but someone had done the impossible and took something on his person without him noticing.

Very few people would be able to achieve this.

—and that person only took the Bai Hua sect's cultivation jade tag.

It's Shifu.

It's definitely her.

—I really couldn't tell when Shifu did it at all!

Alright.

The truth has been made very clear.

Shifu had indeed arrived.

Gu Qing Shan's lips perked up a small bit before readjusting his yaksha mask, then lazily walked back.

The last time I cooperated with Shifu was during the Tribulation at Mount Sumeru.

I wonder how strong Shifu had actually become?

However, since she's remaining hidden among the wraiths without showing up, she must be a little bit wary of that Apocalypse.

Otherwise, she would have already come to discuss with me on how to get rid of all the Apocalypses.

—just like how we discussed catching the Phoenix as their mount at the Divine Mountain.

"Greetings, Wraith Might sir"

Gu Qing Shan stepped aside and bowed to greet another Wraith Might.

After waiting for the other party to pass, he once again resumed walking.

The middle of noon had gone by, so the Wraith Temple was slowly becoming busy again.

At some unknown point, everyone had begun to discuss a single matter.

———the giant eyeball was continuously approaching the Wraith realm, and would reach them very soon.

Everyone's expressions were full of anxiety like before a huge battle while they sent out orders one after another.

Some especially powerful wraiths and angels had even received orders to sortie, so they were quickly leaving the Wraith Temple before taking flight.

Gu Qing Shan continued his casual stroll, occasionally stepping aside for others to go ahead.

After spending a bit more time, he finally returned to their resting room.

"You're finally back, but big brother Leng still hasn't returned, what now!?"

Zhao Jiu Xuan immediately called out to him.

He had already left the hot spring and put on his cultivation clothing, currently on the verge of panicking.

"What are you so worried about?" Gu Qing Shan leisurely asked.

"How can I not be? It's almost time for the Wraith Lord's summon, but big brother Leng still hasn't come back!" Zhao Jiu Xuan exclaimed.

Gu Qing Shan chuckled and said: "Big brother Leng had always been a careful and meticulous person, he's most likely there already"

A voice called out from behind them:

"You're right, Zhao Jiu Xuan, you should learn from Chu Feng and train your mental fortitude a bit more"

Demon Dragon.

He had returned.

Gu Qing Shan turned to him and asked in a whisper: "Brother Leng, is everything going well?"

"Hm, I'm going to see the Wraith Lord first, we'll talk later"

After saying that, Demon Dragon nodded to the two of them, then quickly left again.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and understood.

Demon Dragon is going to capture Cang Wu Zhang.

After his meeting with the Wraith Lords, he'll lure Cang Wu Zhang out, then knock him unconscious for me to use [Mystery of All Beings Equal].

A few hours later, he will return together with 'myself' at that point in time.

"See, nothing to worry about" Gu Qing Shan told Zhao Jiu Xuan.

He sat down on the table next to the hot spring, poured himself a cup of tea, but paused right as he was about to drink.

Wait.

—why do I feel like something isn't quite right?

Gu Qing Shan carefully examined himself, then finally reached into his Inventory Bag with his inner sight.

Only to see that the Bai Hua sect's cultivation jade tag had already been returned at some point!

Completely unknown to anyone!

Gu Qing Shan was stunned.

He recalled every single wraith he saw on the way back, but still couldn't detect anyone suspicious among them.

This truly is...

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but sigh with a mind full of admiration.

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—I'm also very knowledgeable and have been through many battles, met numerous powerful entities, and seen countless mystical matters.

But when it comes to 'swiping', no one has ever surpassed Shifu.

Since she had returned the jade tag, there must be a reason.

Gu Qing Shan pondered briefly before sending his inner sight into the jade tag.

Right away, Xie Dao Ling's voice could be heard from the jade tag:

"Qing Shan, to not alert the enemy, it's inconvenient for us to meet for now"

“Your master can tell that you’ve become the Chosen Saint of Huang Quan, as well as the Chosen Saint of the Wraiths— as a cultivator, to be able to obtain the Chosen Saint qualifications for both realms is truly unprecedented, Shifu is happy for you”

“Since there is still some time, I will pass on a Mind Incantation to you. You must now surpass the Star River Saint and enter the Impossibly Unknown realm”

“Being unknown to gods and demons alike is the very first step of the Samsara Clash for Supremacy”

Crack!

The entire jade tag broke in half, from which an orange and a yellow mass of light appeared, hovering directly above the jade tag.

As Gu Qing Shan scanned them with his inner sight, the two masses of light seemed to have received guidance and followed his inner sight into his Thought Sea.

The orange mass of light exploded into countless words that floated inside Gu Qing Shan’s Thought Sea.

As Gu Qing Shan focused on them, he saw Xie Dao Ling’s writing:

[The living beings of the Samsara may enter the Impossibly Unknown realm starting from Star River Saint realm]

[At this realm, spirit energy will be completely converted to the Samsara’s Origin power, turning one’s strength indiscernible and immeasurable]

[This originated from the Samsara’s mercy, using the power of Unknown to guard the lives of the Samsara’s living beings]

[Except for those who participate in the Samsara Clash for Supremacy, where only those who could utilize their peerless wits and strength regardless of the enemy’s strength would be able to achieve their position within the Samsara]

As the writing disappeared, the incantation of a mind technique appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan.

At the same time, lines of glowing text swiftly appeared on the War God UI:

[You've received a 72-word Samsara Mind Incantation]

[By sacrificing a Samsara fragment and a corresponding Divine Skill from your Chosen Saint realm, you would be able to use this incantation to achieve the Impossible Unknown realm]

[Once this is complete, no entity would be able to discern your exact strength any longer]

[From this point on, the progression of your strength will directly correlate to the number of Samsara power you wield. The more fragments of the Samsara you hold, the more powerful you will become]

[Note: This is the first step of the Samsara Clash for Supremacy]

Gu Qing Shan silently memorized the Mind Incantation, then turned to the yellow mass of light.

Lines of glowing text then showed up:

[A Huang Quan fragment that had been isolated by 36 Immortal Crafts, no entity would be able to detect its existence, not even an Apocalypse]

Gu Qing Shan's gaze appeared moved.

—Shifu had prepared a fragment of the Huang Quan realm for me.

Shifu wasn't a Chosen Saint of the Huang Quan realm, so she didn't have a Huang Quan Divine Skill to provide him.

However, I currently have three Huang Quan Divine Skills.

[Huang Quan's Guidance], [Forgetting River Severance], and [Devil Devour].

With the Mind Incantation, a fragment, and a Divine Skill, I can break through to Impossibly Unknown realm right now!

“Perfect! It's perfect! Now that a great battle approaches, being able to grow stronger is exceptionally important. If I don't at least give it a try, never mind disappointing Shifu, even I wouldn't be able to look at myself properly”

“I have to succeed!”

Having decided, Gu Qing Shan focused his attention on comprehending the Mind Incantation.

As the wielder of the dragon race's power, the authority of the River of Death, and Shroud's companion, he had researched and learned a lot of mystical knowledge.

It could be said that at this point, Gu Qing Shan's understanding of power and the Laws had far surpassed that of normal Professionalists.

—he didn't even need to spend any Soul Points, with his abilities alone, he was able to comprehend the core of the Mind Incantation.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly looked up at Zhao Jiu Xuan and said: "I took a stroll outside, but didn't find anything good to eat at all, Jiu Xuan, how about you go take a look?"

—there was a prosperous street just outside of the Wraith Temple.

After a bit more time, the 'Gu Qing Shan' of this point in time would impersonate Cang Wu Zhang and return to the end of that street with Demon Dragon through a warp formation.

"Alright, wait for me a bit" Zhao Jiu Xuan replied.

He stood up and walked out.

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes, stood up, then slowly walked around the hot spring.

All of a sudden.

A crimson red starlight and a mass of sorrowful yellow fog suddenly manifested from the void of space, became entangled with one another, then stood closely behind Gu Qing Shan.

The crimson red starlight was the manifestation of Wraith realm's power, while the yellow fog was the manifestation of the Huang Quan realm's power.

The two kinds of power became entangled increasingly more until they eventually turned into two mystical runes that flew into Gu Qing Shan's head from the top, firmly entering his Thought Sea.

"Sacrifice... the [Devil Devour] technique"

Gu Qing Shan pondered shortly before putting the Huang Quan fragment in his Thought Sea into the Mind Incantation.

At the same time, a notification popped up on the War God UI:

[Through the sacrifice, your Speech Divine Skill: Devil Devour, as well as the Huang Quan realm fragment in your hand had both returned to the Samsara's origin]

A few moments later.

Another line of glowing text appeared:

[You've achieved Impossibly Unknown realm]

[You've completed the Saint Selection and fulfil the prerequisites of participation in the Samsara Clash of Supremacy]

[Thanks to your increased cultivation realm, you may now select one Thaumaturgy to turn into a Divine Skill belonging to either the Huang Quan or the Wraith realm]

Chapter 1619

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Lines of glowing text hovered in the void of space.

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought again.

Converting one of my Thaumaturgies into a Huang Quan or Wraith Divine Skill?

I didn't expect such a benefit after achieving Impossibly Unknown realm.

Thaumaturgy...

.

Without a doubt, I should convert [Dreamjolt].

After all, this was something granted by the War God UI, a rare Lightning-type Thaumaturgy that had evolved to its final level, an exceptionally powerful ability.

I've simply been neglecting to use this Thaumaturgy recently because it required me to hit an opponent in order to take effect.

Following my growth, everyone who had taken a hit from me would die before they became stunned.

So this Thaumaturgy gradually became less and less useful.

Although its potency had always been considerable.

Then---

Gu Qing Shan focused his mind and chose the Lightning Thaumaturgy, [Dreamjolt]

[You've chosen the Thaumaturgy: Dreamjolt]

[Will you convert it into a Huang Quan Divine Skill, or Wraith Divine Skill]

Gu Qing Shan paused shortly and asked: "Can you give me a hint?"

The War God UI replied: [Your status within the Huang Quan realm or Wraith realm would determine the power of your converted Divine Skill]

Gu Qing Shan understood right away and said: "Then it's definitely the Huang Quan realm, after all, I'm the Huang Quan Devil King"

The War God UI corrected him: [That isn't the case, your status within the Wraith realm is, in fact, not inferior compared to the Huang Quan Devil King]

Gu Qing Shan was surprised and asked: "How come?"

[After killing the three Wraith Lords, you are now the only Chosen Saint of the Wraith realm] the War God UI replied.

Gu Qing Shan was stunned again.

—how could that be?

He thought for a bit and gradually realized.

—originally, the three Wraith Lords were already competing for the position of the Wraith realm's Warlord.

This was something that the servant of Wraith Lord Fate Obstruction, Xue Nu, told me.

But now I've killed all three Wraith Lords.

So I'm the only one remaining?

The War God UI continued: [You are the only candidate for the Wraith realm—]

Gu Qing Shan cut it off: "Wait a moment! I remember that there were countless Deities in the Huang Quan realm, so there should be similarly countless candidates to participate in the Samsara Clash for Supremacy. Why am I the only one remaining in the Wraith realm after killing the three Wraith Lords?"

The War God UI replied: [That is a mystery of the Samsara, you will need to explore it yourself, the System can only detect the current circumstances]

For some reason, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but recall the ghostly being he met in the dark tunnel.

...

「...The wraiths... have already selected three Chosen Saints among themselves, each with their own Title, who are respectively the Fate Obstruction Wraith, Giant Frame Wraith, and Karmic Fire Wraith 」

...

This was what it told me initially.

After that, due to the Six Paths Great Mountain sword and the power of [Null Tribulation], it changed its mind:

...

「... last power... shall be used to manifest your Chosen Saint power... 」

...

Then, I'm actually the last remaining Chosen Saint for the Wraith realm?

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking, another line of text appeared on the War God UI:

[You have the Samsara Wicked Mask, as well as the only qualified Chosen Saint, so if you convert 'Dreamjolt' into a Wraith Divine Skill, its power would be supported by the entirety of the Wraith realm's Origin power]

[That Divine Skill would become the strongest Wraith Realm Divine Skill]

Gu Qing Shan stood still in thought for a few moments.

——that isn't the only benefit.

If I convert it into a Huang Quan Divine Skill, when I have to fight against the Deities of Huang Quan in the future, they might be able to see through me.

After all, since everyone was a member of Huang Quan, everyone had gotten used to the powers of Huang Quan.

At that time, if I have a Wraith Divine Skill...

From my experience with them so far, whether it was the Life Talismans, their weapons, or the Guise Hexes, all of the Wraith realm's powers had been eerie and ferocious.

Then——

"I choose the Wraith realm, I will convert [Dreamjolt] into a Wraith Divine Skill"

Gu Qing Shan decided.

[Are you sure?] the War God UI asked.

“I’m sure” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Lines of notification appeared on the War God UI:

[This conversion will be completely unpredictable, once it has begun, there would be no room for regrets]

[The conversion will begin in three seconds]

[3]

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Within his Thought Sea, the crimson red starlight abruptly surged to become brighter and illuminated his entire Thought Sea.

What Gu Qing Shan didn’t expect was that following the starlight’s expansion, the Samsara Wicked Mask seemed to have sensed something and began hovering in the air right at the center of his Thought Sea.

—at a glance, it seems to be waiting for something.

Suddenly, an arc of light blue lightning manifested from deep inside his Thought Sea.

Lightning Thaumaturgy, [Dreamjolt]!

This orb of blue lightning turned into a crackling ball of lightning while hovering inside his Thought Sea.

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All the crimson starlight swiftly receded and entered the ball of lightning.

Something even more unexpected suddenly occurred.

All the patterns that had manifested on the Samsara Wicked Mask suddenly detached themselves like ink snakes or dragons and flew towards the ball of lightning as well.

The Samsara Wicked Mask then returned to its original pure-white form.

Gu Qing Shan was startled.

———those patterns originally manifested from him absorbing the power of the Heavenly Tower, which the Samsara Wicked Mask had upgraded into a higher-levelled Guise Hex: Past Wraithly Form.

The War God UI had even reminded him not to arbitrarily use this Guise Hex as its power was indiscernible.

He didn't expect that this mysterious [Past Wraithly Form] to also participate in this Divine Skill conversion process.

At this time, lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[You are the only Chosen Saint of the Wraith realm, the Wraith realm's entire path to supremacy lies with you alone]

[The Wraith realm's Origin power is currently fully exerting itself to convert your Divine Skill]

[Dreamjolt was the most advanced Lightning Thaumaturgy, Past Wraithly Form was also an ultimate Wraith Guise Hex, and because you had previously created a World Iris Technique, this Divine Skill had been determined to be a Wraith Iris Technique]

[The new Divine Skill is about to be created]

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[You've obtained the Wraith realm World Offering: Mountain Wraith (1st stage)]

[Offering Iris Technique: Mountain Wraith (1st stage)]

[This is an exclusive Divine Skill at the very top of the Wraith realm, it can evolve]

[This Divine Skill is divided into a total of 9 stages, each stage containing a different level of power]

[When you evolve this Divine Skill to its 9th stage, you will learn of the secret of the Wraith realm's destruction]

[Note: This Divine Skill originated from the Wraith realm's Origin itself, carrying a profound implications, you must carefully put your mind into experiencing it in order to learn of the Divine Skill's power]

Gu Qing Shan had only just finished reading this when something else unexpectedly occurred before he could ponder on it any further—

From within the ball of lightning that had been imbued with the crimson red starlight, the Past Wraithly Form's rune patterns turned into a mass of transparent blue light.

This blue light jumped out of Gu Qing Shan's Thought Sea and followed his acupoints to enter his left eye.

“Arg—”

Gu Qing Shan felt a wave of almost unbearable aching pain from his left eye.

Clutching his eye and clenching his teeth tightly, he stood still for a long while.

It wasn't until several dozen seconds later that this aching pain slowly faded.

Gu Qing Shan cautiously relaxed his hands and tried looking at his reflection in the hot spring.

Only to see that his left eye had returned to normal.

Gu Qing Shan continued observing for a long while and found that only a faint yellow presence of Huang Quan could be occasionally felt from it.

—-as if that arc of lightning earlier had been nothing but an illusion.

Gu Qing Shan sighed heavily in relief and muttered to himself:

“It’s good that things have returned to normal, I was worried that if I have to carry an eye glowing with electricity around from now on, that would be too eye-catching”

As soon as he said that, a blue glow appeared from inside his iris, giving off a faint ‘zi zi’ crackling before fading back into his iris.

Gu Qing Shan froze.

His expression was turning solemn.

—-the fact that that happened meant that the Divine Skill was so powerful that I still haven’t fully grasped control of it.

I’ll have to try using this Divine Skill at least once in order to get a feel for and fully grasp it.

Gu Qing Shan looked around.

There was nobody else within the hot spring.

The wraiths were experts at Causality Barriers, and the Wraith Temple was littered all over with these things, even this hot spring had been isolated within a small barrier.

At this point in time—-

Demon Dragon had caught Cang Wu Zhang and was most likely talking with ‘myself’ in the past.

*Zhao Jiu Xuan had also left the Wraith Temple to buy some food from the opposing main street.
If I want to test this new Divine Skill, it must be right now.*

Gu Qing Shan's eyes lit up and gazed solemnly at the faux mountain decoration of the hot spring.

— Iris Technique: Mountain Wraith!

A blue ray of light shot out from his eyes like a bolt of lightning and struck the faux mountain.

Instantly, the faux mountain began glowing.

A line of text appeared on the War God UI:

[Dreamjolt's lightning attribute had been triggered!]

At the very next moment, the glittering lightning suddenly turned into a ferocious wraith visage and swiftly entered the faux mountain without any difficulties.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

—-he was already very satisfied with being able to restrain someone through the Lightning attribute using his iris.

So what was the wraith visage that the lightning suddenly turned into?

While he was thinking that, the entire faux mountain thoroughly collapsed and crumbled into fine dust before fading away without a trace.

Another notification appeared on the War God UI:

[The Mountain Wraith is carried through the lightning bolt, which would then enter Dreamjolt to erase all living beings and all things]

[You've gained an initial impression of this Divine Skill's power]

[This Divine Skill's description is as follow:]

[Offering Iris Technique: Mountain Wraith]

[By activating this Divine Skill, a bolt of lightning would definitely strike an enemy within your sight, activating the power of Dreamjolt, then summon the Mountain Wraith to offer your opponent's everything to the Wraith realm's Origin]

Chapter 1620

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Reading the description on the War God UI, Gu Qing Shan felt delighted.

As expected, I made the right choice.

This Divine Skill is exceptionally powerful, even more so than [Forgetting River Severance].

Because it's infallible.

As soon as it hits, [Dreamjolt] would be invoked and restrain the other party.

—followed by a Mountain Wraith that would possess and sacrifice them to the Wraith realm as an offering.

I didn't expect that after achieving Impossibly Unknown realm, not only did my cultivation level increase, but I'd also obtained such a powerful Wraith Divine Skill.

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Bam!

The door opened abruptly.

Zhao Jiu Xuan had returned, carrying with him plenty of food.

He was even enjoying a gourd of alcohol.

“This shop seems to get a lot of business, so I came to buy some from it—— come, come here, let’s us brothers have a drink”

Zhao Jiu Xuan heartily said.

Gu Qing Shan walked over and sat down on the table across Zhao Jiu Xuan.

The two of them arranged the food on the table and poured themselves a glass of alcohol while clinking their glasses with cheers.

“This is some good alcohol” Gu Qing Shan praised.

“Of course it is. I’ll be honest, these Wraith realm cultivators had conquered numerous worlds, so everything they use is first-rate among the infinite worlds, truly a thing to be envious of” Zhao Jiu Xuan grabbed some food with his chopsticks and commented.

Gu Qing Shan also tasted some of the food.

“Did you see brother Leng on the way?” he asked.

Zhao Jiu Xuan listened to him, poured himself a glass of alcohol, drank it up, then finally answered: “I didn’t see him, but I heard that he had just returned with Cang Wu Zhang—— I’ll be frank, despite being someone of his caliber, brother Leng keeps buttering up that Cang Wu Zhang, I really don’t get it at all”

——he’s already returned?

The one who came back with Demon Dragon would surely be me who had disguised as Cang Wu Zhang.

After that, I would be summoned to see Reneedol.

It’s getting closer and closer to the critical hour!

——the giant eyeball would also arrive in this world very soon!

Gu Qing Shan took a sip of alcohol and sent his voice: “Shroud, are you ready?”

“No problem, I just need to wait for that moment” Shroud responded.

“At that point, leave everything else to me and my Shifu, you don’t have to be distracted” Gu Qing Shan told him.

“Hm” Shroud replied.

Gu Qing Shan poured Zhao Jiu Xuan another shot of alcohol and said: “You need to understand brother Leng’s struggles as well, he doesn’t have it nearly as easy as you think he does”

Zhao Jiu Xuan downed another shot and said: “I just can’t get used to that Cang Wu Zhang’s act— if brother Leng hadn’t said that, I wouldn’t have—”

He seemed to have realized something and stopped talking.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

What did Demon Dragon tell him?

Gu Qing Shan acted angry and scoffed:

“What a good friend you are, Zhao Jiu Xuan, we’ve been through so many ups and downs together throughout the years so I thought you consider me your brother, but when brother Leng told you something, you actually kept it a secret from this Chu Feng”

Hearing that, Zhao Jiu Xuan also felt a bit embarrassed and muttered:

“I didn’t want to hide it from you, it’s just that when you mentioned it just now, I suddenly remembered that brother Leng had specifically reminded me not to cause any conflicts with Cang Wu Zhang”

Gu Qing Shan remained expressionless and simply continued eating without looking at him.

Seeing him like that, Zhao Jiu Xuan assumed that he had put this matter to heart, so he had no other choice but to answer: “Brother Leng didn’t tell me anything important, just that he solemnly reminded me on one occasion not to offend Cang Wu Zhang. He said that Cang Wu Zhang had something like a key to a certain secret location, and the thing we’re trying to find could be at that secret place”

“A key?” Gu Qing Shan parroted his words.

“It’s not a real key, I heard that it was an Occultism artifact” Zhao Jiu Xuan replied.

Cang Wu Zhang...

Occultism artifact...

Gu Qing Shan quickly recalled all the events that occurred in the Wraith realm after he arrived.

Suddenly, he recalled Demon Dragon mentioning something of that nature.

Demon Dragon first knocked Cang Wu Zhang unconscious before taking him to the mines to meet me.

—that’s right, Demon Dragon had mentioned this!

...

“During one of the Wraith realm’s countless invasions of other worlds, Cang Wu Zhang was fortunate enough to obtain a certain Occultism treasure”

“That Occultism artifact, while it isn’t very useful, it has always been accurate”

...

These were Demon Dragon’s exact words.

Gu Qing Shan silently thought to himself and asked Shroud: “Do you still remember that thing?”

Shroud's voice awkwardly replied: "How can I not, 'In life sometimes, you need to take a chance; when not predestined, do not force it'"

Gu Qing Shan carefully thought about it: "That's right—— Demon Dragon took a box from Cang Wu Zhang that contained a small wooden statue about the size of a thumb, which depicted a silver-haired old man full of wrinkles"

Cang Wu Zhang was captured by Demon Dragon, and that became Demon Dragon's spoil of war, so I didn't think too much about it.

But now that I think about it, that entire matter seems to be a bit too strange.

The issue lies with this wooden statue.

——wait a minute.

Gu Qing Shan remained silent for a little bit.

Thinking back on that time, Demon Dragon seemed a bit different when he first saw me again and when he became the Envoy of Apocalypse later on.

His tone, expression, gestures, and presence had all changed a little bit.

Since he would have betrayed me later on anyway, why didn't he attack me right away?

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If he had discovered that the one who came and left the Wraith realm as they pleased was me, then he would have been able to prepare a better trap specifically against me.

But he only came to see me, then captured Cang Wu Zhang, and even cooperated with me to impersonate Cang Wu Zhang to infiltrate the Wraith Temple.

——if Demon Dragon had wanted to get rid of me at the time, he could have silently informed Renedol and the three Wraith Lords about me after we entered the Wraith Temple, before preparing an inescapable net.

However.

He simply didn't do that.

In Chu Feng and Zhao Jiu Xuan's eyes, Demon Dragon came to the Wraith realm in order to obtain something that would save their world.

When meeting 'Gu Qing Shan', he helped 'Gu Qing Shan' infiltrate the Wraith Temple.

—-and then he ultimately became an Envoy of Apocalypse.

This makes no sense at all.

Even with very basic logic, his actions were filled with conflicting points.

Gu Qing Shan became a bit more cautious.

Something must have happened in the shadows without my past self knowing about it.

—-what could that be?

Gu Qing Shan slowly ate and drank while silently thinking about this.

After a while, he silently called out: “War God UI, do you still remember your notification when I first activated the Death Match Dance?”

Lines of glowing text appeared on the void of space:

[I remember, I’ll display them for you again:]

[You’ve listened to Occultism music and singing]

[You’ve completed the fifth stage of the Living Being Sacrificial Dance, the Offering Dance of Three Lives]

[From this point on, you can begin practicing the sixth stage of the Sacrificial Dance at any moment, the Deathmatch Dance]

[Attention, the Deathmatch Dance is a war dance, similar to the fourth stage of the Sacrificial Dance, the Sword Dance of Offering; but it contains a richer symbolism of the Dance]

[A certain entity in the Dusty World hopes that you would diligently practice and quickly grasp this stage of the Dance]

Gu Qing Shan put his cup down and sighed in relief.

“What’s the matter?” Zhao Jiu Xuan asked.

“It’s nothing, I’m just about full” Gu Qing Shan smiled and replied.

—that’s right, that Occultism wooden statue must have been extraordinary.

Even my Deathmatch Dance only became fully activated after listening to the statue’s singing!

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking, he heard a sound at the door.

Clack

The door was opened again as Demon Dragon came in.

Zhao Jiu Xuan stood up in surprise and called out: “Hah, brother Leng, I heard that you came back with Cang Wu Zhang—”

Demon Dragon’s voice was clearly excited as he said: “He’s being summoned by the Grand Empress. So I took this chance to return in order to tell you some good news”

“What news?” Zhao Jiu Xuan and Gu Qing Shan both asked.

“I found the solution”

Demon Dragon replied.

He held up something in his hand for the two of them to see.

A small box.

Inside the small box was a small wooden statue about the size of a thumb that depicted a silver-haired old man full of wrinkles.

Seeing this statue, Gu Qing Shan's heart couldn't help but jump.

Indeed, to achieve my goal and out of caution at the time, I even touched this statue in order for the War God UI to test its attributes.

There shouldn't be any issues.

But now, the situation seemed to have gotten out of my and the War God UI's expectations.

Gu Qing Shan doubtfully asked: "Brother Leng, what can this thing do?"

Demon Dragon replied: "This is an Occultism Artifact that originally belonged to a Wraith Lord, but it had been handed over to Cang Wu Zhang, which he constantly keeps on him. Its function is to discern if it would be an appropriate occasion to do a certain selected event"

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

— *this was indeed true.*

"That sounds quite useful, so you borrowed it from Cang Wu Zhang?" Zhao Jiu Xuan asked.

"That's right, I managed to borrow it. Now it's time for us to seize this opportunity and immediately attempt a certain thing" Demon Dragon told them.

"What's that?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Do you remember that the Wraith realm originally had two Divine Artifacts?" Demon Dragon asked.

"I remember, a talisman and a longbow" Zhao Jiu Xuan replied.

Demon Dragon continued: "For countless years, that talisman and longbow had consistently been out of commission— either the artifact spirit had gone mission, or the artifact itself was missing, so the Wraith realm had always been missing a Divine Artifact to protect itself"

Gu Qing Shan and Zhao Jiu Xuan both nodded.

Demon Dragon then took a deep breath and solemnly told them: “This was because there existed something that continuously prevented them from returning”

“What’s that?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I don’t know either. All I know is that there had been something that constantly ensured that both of these Realm Protector Divine Artifacts couldn’t return. I’ve researched and tested many solutions in order to conclude that it must have been a more powerful weapon” Demon Dragon explained.

Zhao Jiu Xuan excitedly said: “Then as long as we obtain that weapon, we will be able to save our world?”

“Brother Leng must have already known where that artifact was—— so this Occultism Artifact can tell us when it would be appropriate for you to obtain that weapon?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Demon Dragon slightly nodded and appeared nostalgic.

He seemed to be lamenting over something and slowly said: “In the past, there used to be two Divine Artifacts, they were the main body of the Abyssal Weapon, Evil-warding weapon of the Bottomless Abyss, the Guardians against ultimate extinction, the Swords of Changing Fate, the Key to infinite worlds. They were called the twin swords Heaven and Earth”

“The one who obtained those two swords had become exceptionally powerful”

“Over these years, I’ve gone through countless hardship and struggles before I finally found a Divine Artifact more powerful compared to the twin swords Heaven and Earth”

“I will have finally caught up to that person, and would even surpass him——”

“Today!”