Apocalypse 189

Chapter 189

Red blood flowed from inside its body, soaking the horse cart red.

Soul vessel attack spells are a double-edged blade, because the target only needs to be able to resist for the spell to backfire on the user.

The slab of meat was hurt very badly, but it quickly reacted and moved the invisible waves to surround Ye Fei Li.

In the air, Ye Fei Li stopped his struggling and roared with hatred: "Die, DIE! I WANT TO KILL YOU!"

His pair of bloodshot eyes stared straight at Gu Qing Shan, although it still looks pained, the killing intent gathering around Ye Fei Li began to thicken.

Using his inner sight to scan him, Gu Qing Shan immediately understood that Ye Fei Li was about to be completely controlled by the slab of meat.

In just a few breaths, Gu Qing Shan will have to face a 2-on-1 scenario.

Ye Fei Li has evolved to 6th stage, so the slab of meat must have also evolved as much as he did.

At that point, the situation will become so dangerous that even Gu Qing Shan would have no choice but to retreat first.

Thinking that, Gu Qing Shan's body shifted, turning into a black shadow as he rushed forward.

Taking his sword in hand, he changed his title to [Talented General]

In a flash, a thick fog made of sword qi enveloped the Earth Sword.

Gu Qing Shan jumped up high, his sword pointed directly at the large slab of meat.

Secret Art, [Water Flow Severance]! [Rampaging Sword Qi]!

In that moment, the heaven and earth became silent.

But there was no sound of exploding phantom swords.

All the phantom swords were concentrated into a single one, suppressed by Gu Qing Shan himself on the Earth Sword.

He descended on the large slab of meat.

As if it felt danger, it ignored the pain it was feeling from the spell backfiring and produced hundreds of meat spikes from its body to attack Gu Qing Shan.

Ting ting ting ting ting ting!

Despite how sharp the spikes were; they couldn't even leave a scratch on the You Ji General armor set.

Gu Qing Shan had already ignored all defense, focusing on thrusting the Earth Sword directly at the meat.

All the suppressed sword phantoms erupted at once when it was released.

The shining sword phantoms combined to become a giant sword, stabbing at the slab of meat.

But it's not over yet, as [Rampaging Sword Qi] also activated!

The fog on the Earth Sword formed into a second giant sword and pierced into the slab of meat.

Two strikes of Secret Art!

This was Gu Qing Shan's strongest attack!

The ear-piercing screams the slab of meat raised was silenced as the second sword struck it.

Blood spurted from it like a broken dam, spewing everywhere.

Right in the center of the slab of meat, a thin line of blood appeared, then cleanly split in two as they fell off the horse cart on either side.

Gu Qing Shan sheathed his sword.

[Ting]!

The War God UI suddenly showed two notifications.

[Because you've won against a powerful enemy, the cooldown period for comprehending cultivationtype scriptures has been completed early]

[Starting at this moment, you can continue to use Soul Points to comprehend cultivation-type scriptures]

After reading the notification, Gu Qing Shan was a bit speechless.

On one hand, he was indeed thinking of pushing his cultivation to Foundation Establishment peak as soon as possible.

That way, the next time he enters the cultivation world, he can immediately begin to breakthrough to Golden Core realm.

But on the other hand, this trip was supposed to be for Ye Fei Li to evolve his ears. He didn't think that Ye Fei Li would actually fall under that creature's control, he couldn't help but attack with all he had and fulfilled the rank up requirements early.

"I guess things don't always go the way you plan" Gu Qing Shan shook his head and put the Earth Sword away.

A red figure landed.

Ye Fei Li was very embarrassed, saying: "Really, I didn't expect its mental attack to be so strong, if I knew, I would've used everything to deal with it right away"

"That's right, soul vessel attacks are the hardest to deal with" Gu Qing Shan said: "This is already the last monster that I'm worried about, as long as it's dead, none of the other Man Killer Fiend can compete with you at all"

Saying so, he waved his hand.

The super-speed shuttle flew in from afar and slowly descended.

"Let's go back, I'll have Impartial Goddess look for the ones that are the most threatening for you to kill" Gu Qing Shan stepped onto the shuttle.

"It can't be helped" Ye Fei Li looked at the large slab of meat and commented: "How regretful that you're not a Man Killer Fiend"

"Hm?" Gu Qing Shan turned around to look at him.

Please support our website and read on novelbold

Ye Fei Li pointed at the large slab of meat that's now cut in two, speaking full of regret: "If you were a Man Killer Fiend, you surely would've evolved after killing such a special creature"

Gu Qing Shan only smiled and said nothing.

When Gu Qing Shan and Ye Fei Li returned to the mountain mansion, Zhang Ying Hao swung his hand to order the hot food be served.

After the crew of over a dozen kitchen staff members have all left, Ye Fei Li finally took off his sunglasses.

After being busy for an entire day, the four of them were literally starving.

Zhang Ying Hao opened a bottle of aged wine and gestured to everyone.

Liao Xing pointed at the cup of ridiculously sweet milk tea in front of himself and waved his hand.

Ye Fei Li very carefully took the bottle from Zhang Ying Hao's hand and asked: "How much is this wine worth?"

"About 80,000 Credits, but I really have to say, from a brother to a brother, you can't just enjoy wine based on their price" Zhang Ying Hao complained.

"Wine that's worth 80 Credits and wine that's worth 80,000 Credits, which will you choose?" Ye Fei Li said, then gestured with his finger for him to put his glass out.

Zhang Ying Hao couldn't say anything to that and begrudgingly put his glass forward.

Ye Fei Li poured for himself, then passed the bottle to Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan took it, then directly drank the remaining half of the bottle down in one go.

"80,000 Credits, gone in a single gulp" Ye Fei Li sighed.

Liao Xing put down his milk tea and suggested to Gu Qing Shan: "If you're feeling too much pressure, you need something sweet"

"It's not really pressure; I just like to drink" Gu Qing Shan smiled.

Zhang Ying Hao took out a completely new bottle of wine from the icebox, opened it, poured for himself first before giving to Gu Qing Shan.

"Bottom's up?" he asked.

"No, I'll go slow this time, let's eat"

Gu Qing Shan poured himself a glass then returned the bottle.

The four happily ate and chatted for a bit, the entire meal took around half an hour.

Since the ingredients used were all top quality, the chefs are first-rate and the wine are from Zhang Ying Hao's personal stash, the four gladly ate their fill.

The fatigue and pressure they felt from a day's work was relieved somewhat.

Suddenly, Gu Qing Shan's Holo-Brain lit up.

[According to how much attention you pay to some individuals; I have some news for you sir] Impartial Goddess spoke.

"Tell me" Gu Qing Shan answered.

[The Holy Empire's princess Anna, as well as Fuxi Empire's Queen and King will be arriving together at the Confederate's United Nations conference]

"Got it" Gu Qing Shan said without changing his expression.

"Princess?" Liao Xing looked at Ye Fei Li in confusion, but Ye Fei Li shook his head and looked at Zhang Ying Hao.

Zhang Ying Hao ignored the two curious people, stood up and said: "You guys rest for a bit, I'll be going out for something"

"Murder?" Ye Fei Li asked without much thought.

"No, to command a murder" Zhang Ying Hao answered and left the room.

"Doesn't that make him sound one step higher than me?" Ye Fei Li thought about it and muttered.

Gu Qing Shan was drinking soup, so he said without lifting his head: "I saw him buy quite a few things with his Holo-Brain"

Impartial Goddess chimed in: [Sir Zhang Ying Hao had bought 999 roses, delivery address is Capital University female dormitory, building 21, room 310. Recipient is Ms. Shen Yu; Shen Yu is the President's daughter]

[Sir Zhang Ying Hao had put his shuttle on auto pilot, the GPS is routed towards Capital University] [Report complete]

Gu Qing Shan and Ye Fei Li exchanged looks.

Then the one drinking soup kept on drinking soup, while the one who was thinking kept thinking.

Liao Xing stood up and went towards one of the rooms.

"Where are you going?" Ye Fei Li asked.

"Brat, remember one thing, I'm different from the rest of you, I'm only a normal person" Liao Xing turned around to look at him: "After a hard day's work, a normal person needs some rest, they need a nap!"

Saying so, he closed the door to his room.

Not long after, a very faint sound was heard from his room.

The sound is actually very low, impossible for normal people to even notice, but to Gu Qing Shan and Ye Fei Li, it was as clear as a loudspeaker.

What they heard was a female voice reading some lines from a script, followed by a soft moan, and more sounds of a certain "something" happening.

Ye Fei Li and Gu Qing Shan just stayed silent and listened to it for a while.

"He doesn't really seem like the kind of normal person he spoke about" Ye Fei Li said.

"Well, at least he's a normal man" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Chapter 190

At this point, crying voices of children could be heard from inside Liao Xing's room.

"Just listen, sounds like having kids is a huge pain, no wonder he had to video call his wife" Ye Fei Li continued.

"Just think of how many children he has, I heard he got even more the last few years ———his wife has to sing and yell all the children to sleep, of course she would be breathing heavily from being tired" Gu Qing Shan agreed.

"Forget him, how have you been feeling these last two days?" He asked Ye Fei Li.

Ye Fei Li tilted his head and thought for a bit: "There's delicious food and more than enough things to kill, I think it's actually better than how I lived before the apocalypse?"

"Impartial Goddess is still looking for more targets for you to kill" Gu Qing Shan said, "the next Game of Eternal will have to wait until the next night, so you just take some time to rest until then"

"If that's the case, I'm going to climb the world rankings a bit" Ye Fei Li nodded.

He stretched, then threw himself onto the sofa and muttered: "Really, I feel like I'm the real normal person here"

Not too long after, a screen was projected onto the wall across from the sofa.

His game is starting.

Gu Qing Shan just sat there, slowly drank the rest of the wine in his cup, then stood up.

Walking by himself out of the mansion, he headed for the top of the mountain.

Up there, he found a place that has little wind, tapped his Inventory Bag and took out a formation plate.

Infusing it with spirit energy, his finger darted across the formation plate.

After setting up two [Wind Spirit Formation], one covered another, the entire mountain top has entered Gu Qing Shan's range of detection.

This was the only formation he knew how to use, but it's exceptionally great for supervision and detection of danger.

After setting them up, Gu Qing Shan put away the formation plate and said: "Impartial Goddess"

[I'm here] his Holo-Brain lit up.

"Help me watch this area and don't let anyone come near"

[Understood, sir]

Taking out a cushion, Gu Qing Shan sat down on it, cross-legged.

Taking the jade tag Bai Hua Fairy gave him in hand, the War God UI immediately popped up a notification.

[Detected Foundation Establishment scripture: Thousand Saints Core Formation Script] [Your current cultivation is: Foundation Establishment late stage]

[To comprehend Thousand Saints Core Formation Script (Foundation Establishment peak), Soul Points cost: 50]

[Would you like to comprehend it now?]

"Yes"

[Comprehension complete, Current Soul Points: 220]

A large wave of warmth flowed from the jade tag into Gu Qing Shan's hand.

The warmth flowed from his hand to and around his body, then finally reached his Thought Sea and became a series of images and understanding.

In a single moment, Gu Qing Shan now knew Foundation Establishment peak like the back of his hand.

From Foundation Establishment late stage to peak, the main issue lies in how well you understand the realm and how well you understand the Laws of heaven and earth.

Relatively speaking, what this part mainly tests is a cultivator's natural talents and abilities.

Some cultivators are able to pass this stage without any trouble, but others can get stuck on it for months or even a couple years.

But such a stage that tests comprehension was trivial to [War God Skills].

Gu Qing Shan tapped his Inventory Bag, took out an energy pill and swallowed it.

After doing so, he closed his eyes and began the real process of breaking through.

A night passed.

Dawn came, the waning moon was still visible in the sky, and the cold morning breeze was blowing.

Gu Qing Shan noticed none of that, it was only until the first rays of sunshine reflected on his face that some warmth came back to it.

He suddenly opened his eyes and looked around.

From his eyes, a seemingly solid light was emitting from his gaze.

Flowing Lightning Pupils.

This is the sign of reaching Foundation Establishment peak.

Gu Qing Shan pulled out the Earth Sword, jumped into the air proceeding to dance across the sky with the Flowing Clouds Style.

Please support our website and read on novelbold

His body floated like a bird, flowing like a fish in water. He rode the wind, free and flowing. His movements were artful and animated.

[Flowing Clouds Style] was originally meant to be used while in the air. Its specialty is fighting and killing while in mid-air, as you can even ride your sword to fly for a very short period of time.

The gleam of the sword blinked from here and there, as slashes interlaced with more slashes, letting out a series of 'wu wu' sounds.

Standing on the side of the mountain looking up, you'd see a person holding a sword, dancing gracefully while in the air, like an immortal from heaven.

At Foundation Establishment peak, a cultivator can already fly for a short period of time; if not for that, Gu Qing Shan wouldn't be able to use the Flowing Clouds Style so fluidly.

But to truly fly among the clouds, to go in and out of the sky, using the air as footing to walk across rivers, you have to be at Golden Core realm.

Finishing his sword dance, Gu Qing Shan slowly landed.

After using spirit energy to rank up, his entire body was filled with spirit energy and brushed all the fatigue away, Gu Qing Shan was feeling extremely good.

Looking at the War God UI, he found no notifications on [War God Skills].

That means, he is able to keep using [War God Skills] to comprehend more cultivation-type scriptures.

"The next step is to break through to Golden Core..." Gu Qing Shan muttered.

There's a saying, "...as I swallowed the Golden Core, I knew that my fate isn't up for god to decide". Golden Core realm cultivators are considered the bulk of strength for the cultivation world, their fighting strength is on another level altogether compared to qi training and Foundation Establishment realm. This was also the reason why Gu Qing Shan had insisted on inviting Leng Tian Xing to go with him to look for the truth about the spirit beasts' betrayal.

Suddenly, on the War God UI, the [War God Thaumaturgy] icon was slowly moving.

Looking down at it, Gu Qing Shan noticed there were a few lines of text on the [War God Thaumaturgy] icon.

[Detected user to have become Foundation Establishment peak] [Thaumaturgy breakthrough has been prepared] [Thaumaturgy gacha has been prepared]

After Gu Qing Shan read through it, the lines of text disappeared.

On the War God UI now were two circles, one big one small. The big circle was on top, while the small circle was at the bottom, both of them were rotating.

In the middle of the smaller circle, the word "Smiting" was written in dancing characters.

Above the small circle, the large circle was greyed out, no matter how Gu Qing Shan tried tapping it, it didn't show any response.

[Ting]!

A large line of text showed up.

[The user must complete the Thaumaturgy Rank-up Quest before he can move onto the Thaumaturgy Drawing Quest]

Seeing this notification, Gu Qing Shan suddenly understood.

Every time a cultivator breakthrough a realm, they are given a chance to closely feel the Law of heaven and earth, awakening their Thaumaturgy at that time.

But a Thaumaturgy that has been awakened can still evolve again.

No one really understood the rules for evolving a Thaumaturgy, the general consensus is that the more you use it, the deeper you understand it, the more likely it is to evolve.

After going through Foundation Establishment early, middle, late and peak stages, Gu Qing Shan's "Smiting" Thaumaturgy is finally ready to evolve.

He can only go on to the next step after evolving "Smiting" ---which is to draw a new Thaumaturgy after breaking through to Golden Core.

There's also no real rules for what a new Thaumaturgy can be, since there are simply too many kinds of Thaumaturgies.

With just God's Chosen Skills alone, humanity has gone through categorization and listed over 70,000 different types of God's Chosen Skills, including numerous shapes and forms, usable and unusable. Not to mention the ones that aren't willing to disclose their abilities and doesn't get them categorized.

And then there are Martial Thaumaturgies, which includes: fist, palm, feet, and speed technique plus outer and inner power.

From just fist-types alone, you have crane, tiger, dragon, elephant, panther, snake, cloud, flower, mountain, 7 Stars, 8-Trigram, 9 Directions, 18 arms of Luo Han, 24 killing strikes, 36 sealing strikes, 72 stealing strikes... so on and so forth.

Palm, legs, speed technique, outer and inner power, for each one there's just as many, if not even more compared to fist-type.

Compared to that, Elemental awakening is the easiest to understand, there's only Metal, Wood, Water, Fire, Earth, Wind, Lightning, Light, Dark, and Sound.

Because of that, the only thing you can count on when drawing a new Thaumaturgy is your own luck.

The most that the War God UI can do is just let Gu Qing Shan have a certain few selections, which increases the chance of him getting a strong Thaumaturgy ---but about which type and kind of Thaumaturgy to appear, he can only wish for good luck, as the System can't do anything about it.

A bit excited, Gu Qing Shan tapped the "Smiting" circle.

Three slots appeared from the circle.

A line of text that further explains it appeared.

[Please find a 99% concentration Martial Potential Enhancing Serum, Elementalist Awakening Serum, and God's Chosen Awakening Serum. Insert them in each of the slots to have Smiting evolve and become stronger]

Looking at this description, Gu Qing Shan frowned.