

## **Apocalypse 501**

### **Chapter 501**

Within the space vortex, a large ship was currently moving forward.

Being as fast as it was, the ship caught the attention of numerous creatures hiding within the void.

Occasionally, some of these particularly large creatures would appear out of nowhere, attempting to attack the ship.

Whenever that happened, the ship would release a bright light that covered it like a shell.

It would then suddenly speed up and crash straight into those creatures.

Before you knew it, the ship would've already gone through the monster and continued heading forward.

While a large hole would be left on the monster's body.

This was a ship that belonged to the Spire Keeper Association.

After countless years of search and exploration, they had thought of all sorts of countermeasures against problems that would appear from the void of space.

In the ship.

One of its guest rooms.

Gu Qing Shan had selected the layout of his room this time to be Bai Hua sect's Orchid Hall.

Sitting in a corner of the large hall, he glanced at the spirit cooking and pills that were placed here.

They were already here when he entered the room.

These pills were clearly reminiscent of Bai Hua sect. Upon closer inspection, they could be recognized as something that Bai Hua Fairy and Qin Xiao Lou created.

There was also an incense pot burning calming incense, the same kind Gu Qing Shan always used.

Being able to create real, usable items simply from the memories of their passenger, this wasn't a simple feat.

Gu Qing Shan was once again impressed by the powers wielded by the Spire Keeper Association.

The conditions in Orchid Hall were perfect for him to break through.

But Gu Qing Shan did not regret choosing the slums last time at all.

That was also a type of relaxing.

Gu Qing Shan took one of the pills and swallowed it.

The medicine quickly turned into a warm flow, absorbing into his body.

Intense spirit energy began to build up.

Gu Qing Shan stared at the notification on the War God UI.

[Remaining Soul Points: 300,000/400]

Gu Qing Shan just stopped and stared at it for a while.

*Why do I feel a sense of... satisfaction out of nowhere?*

He took out the 7-colored fragrance bag again.

Infusing his inner sight into it, he searched for a bit to find a jade tag.

A notification popped up on the War God UI.

[Xie Dao Ling's cultivation notes]

[This jade tag records Bai Hua Fairy Xie Dao Ling's experience cultivating the Sainted realm through its early, middle and late stages, as well as methods she tried to advance above Sainted]

Reading this, Gu Qing Shan sighed.

With Xie Dao Ling's talent and brilliant mind, she would've broken through Sainted to achieve Projection realm, or possibly reached Tribulation realm and above a long time ago.

Unfortunately, she was born in the cultivation world.

Being a Scattered world, the limit it was stuck with was Sainted realm.

Now that he carefully thought about it, the cultivation world was also very strange.

During the semester examination, Gu Qing Shan had witnessed the broken Path to Heaven.

If Divinity used to exist, then the cultivation world should also be a complete Samsara world.

*Then where were the Divinities now?*

Xie Dao Ling's previous sect was destroyed, leaving no one but herself alive.

But despite being alone, she managed to learn some powerful Divine Skills such as [Skyfall], [Ground Shrink], [Unbreakable Mountain].

She even had Samsara Divine Skills like the Huang Quan Path's [Forgetting River] and an Asura Path Divine Skill.

At the time, Qi Yan was a Virtualized realm cultivator, a total of 3 realms above Xie Dao Ling, but as soon as he noticed that Xie Dao Ling had a Samsara Divine Skill, he was frightened and wanted to stop her from using it.

How did Xie Dao Ling get these Divine Skills?

If there was one from the Huang Quan Path and Asura Path respectively, then what about the other paths?

Gu Qing Shan witnessed first hand the existence of the Forgetting River ferrywoman, she wasn't fake.

Everything about Xie Dao Ling was a mystery.

The history of the cultivation world had a missing period of a few hundred years.

What exactly happened, over 100,000 years ago in that missing history?

The fact that a Samsara world existed within the Scattered worlds— this came as a shock to both Barry and Kitty.

According to them, Samsara worlds usually existed in the Mystic Zones.

Then what about the cultivation world?

Was it also an undiscovered Samsara world?

Thinking about it for a bit, Gu Qing Shan found that he didn't have a clue about anything.

And he was currently unable to return to the cultivation world.

Thinking that, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but sigh helplessly.

*Qing Rou and Wan Er have both been sent to the cultivation world.  
I can only hope everything goes well.*

As he thought about it more and more, a sense of worry welled up inside him.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head, dispelling such thoughts.

*It's not time to think about useless things.  
It's time to breakthrough!*

Following his thought, a few lines of text showed up on the War God UI.

[To comprehend Xie Dao Ling's cultivation notes' method of breaking through to Sainted realm middle stage, 600 Soul Points is required. Would you like to comprehend it?]

"Yes, use 600 Soul Points"

As he said so, a warm flow came from the jade tag, filling Gu Qing Shan body before settling at his Thought Sea.

In a few moments, Bai Hua Fairy Xie Dao Ling's comprehension of cultivating the Sainted realm was now understood by Gu Qing Shan.

At this point, Gu Qing Shan had both the Asura King's entire life's worth of battle experience and Xie Dao Ling's Sainted realm middle stage understanding of cultivation.

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As a genius in both sword cultivation and battle, having these two things made him improve as if having a pair of wings on a tiger.

Gu Qing Shan briefly calmed himself down, leveling his breathing and quickly entered a breakthrough state.

Having been through the battle in the Suspended world, killing Wang Hong Dao despite being 3-4 realms below, even Gu Qing Shan couldn't believe it at the moment.

But that sense of disbelief didn't last for long.

The appearance of the white fox.

The battle for Rakshasa.

Xiao Die.

The Spire Keeper Association.

Barry and Kitty.

Gu Qing Shan was now already numb.

His vision had far surpassed himself from before, his view on and understanding of cultivation realms had both gone beyond that of the cultivation world's.

His spirit energy was shifting constantly, his spirit sense got clearer and more hidden, his Thought Sea was also opening up.

After an untold amount of time.

Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes.

Sainted realm middle stage was reached as easily as water flowing downstream.

After checking the changes in his body briefly, he stood up from the cushion.

"What time is it?" he asked.

"6 o'clock, it's already nighttime" Shannu answered.

She looked around in confusion: "Gongzi, the place you lived at before was so small, why is this place so big?"

Gu Qing Shan smiled a bit and answered: "My Shifu likes to keep up appearance, so she likes things to be a bit grandiose and solemn"

He held back his thought of wanting to breakthrough again as he paced around Orchid Hall.

With a shadow expanding in his mind, Gu Qing Shan felt a bit uneasy.

"Something's not right, why do I keep feeling so uneasy, could it be something happened?" Gu Qing Shan muttered.

This feeling was similar to having someone tailing you closely with a knife, waiting to stab you in the back.

"Shannu, do you feel something?" Gu Qing Shan suddenly asked.

Shannu was the spirit of the Divine Mountain, so she might sense things a bit clearer.

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword flew out, turning into an indifferent blue-dress girl.

She silently stared at Gu Qing Shan and answered: "I feel that you've gotten stronger"

"Not that, do you have some sort of strange feeling in your mind, like some kind of intuition"

Shannu thought for a bit and shook her head.

Then she thought of something, activated the [All Beings Equal] and turned from a sword spirit into a real female cultivator.

"Hm... I can sense that everything is as it should be, completely normal" Shannu thought for a bit more and answered.

"Could it be that my spirit sense was off?"

Gu Qing Shan lightly pinched the creases on his forehead.

Shannu curiously asked: "Gongzi, your spirit sense is reacting?"

"Ah, it is, but it's a faint omen, it won't necessarily be the truth" Gu Qing Shan replied.

While he said that, spirit sense was similar to the intuition that Gu Qing Shan was used to, and frequently relied on.

Spirit sense was different from fortune telling cards.

Spirit sense would foretell real images of what was about to happen, so if cultivators could glance and peek at these real future images, they might be able to prepare better to deal with them.

Unfortunately, Gu Qing Shan was only feeling uneasy without seeing any solid future.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head and sighed.

*Fine, let's not think about it for now.*

*While I'm feeling so uneasy, it's not suitable to keep cultivating.*

So Gu Qing Shan stepped out.

Following the hallway of the ship, he reached the ship's deck.

There weren't any other guests on this ship.

Seems like this was a ship that the Spire Keeper Association purposefully sent out to receive him and him alone.

Gu Qing Shan looked around.

The winds of the vortex flowed intensely like a waterfall.

Gu Qing Shan's shirt sleeves were fluttering with the wind nonstop.

The ship itself was currently moving forward at such speed that even though there would occasionally be sceneries of various worlds flashing by, they were too fast for even Gu Qing Shan to check out.

Out of nowhere, a monster that appeared incredibly fierce came out.

It looked like a snake and at the same time similar to an ocean fish that grew too long.

The monster opened its gaping jaws, roaring as it approached the ship.

Its jaws were huge enough to swallow ten ships of this size at once.

But the ship wasn't reacting to it at all.

"Is someone there?" Gu Qing Shan called out.

No one responded.

The ship only sped up and crashed straight through the monster's body.

The monster was screeching as it writhed in a frenzy while falling downwards.

More and more monsters appeared from the void of space, pursuing the fallen monster.

It probably didn't have long to live.

Seeing that, Gu Qing Shan felt nothing but completely impressed.

He couldn't help but look back at the ship's sails.

Unlike the duo sail ship he travelled on before, this ship was even larger, with several layers of sails orderly lined up to form a half-bowed shape.

If this was ancient times, this would be a 4-sail ship appropriate for long-distance travel.

The large ship kept quickly moving through the dark space vortex, no more monsters dared show up around it.

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The large ship flew through the seemingly endless grey fog of the space vortex, as if it was sailing through a thick layer of clouds in the sky.

Although there was no sun or moon here, occasionally the light from a few hundred trillion stars would appear in the sky.

Space, vortex, monster, the void, World Layers.

Chaotic and unpredictably whizzing by.

At a few certain moments, Gu Qing Shan even felt that he was moving forward with the ship inside a strangely stifled and mysterious darkness.

The winds inside the void never stopped for even a second.

Gu Qing Shan brushed his messy hair aside and casually paced around the deck of the ship.

It was such an unprecedented experience, giving him a sense of relaxation unlike nothing else.

An old voice came by.

“My friend, why are you on the deck alone? Could it be the room wasn’t to your liking?”

Gu Qing Shan turned back to see the old man from the Spire Keeper Association.

He had a candle in his hand as he walked towards Gu Qing Shan.

“The room was more than satisfactory, I’m only going out for a bit of fresh air” Gu Qing Shan answered.

“I’ve heard about you” the old man smiled and said.

“Which part? Saving that person? It was only something I happened to do, there’s no need to keep it in mind too much”

“That’s not it, that colleague of mind, he forgot to ask about your basic situation, that was a mistake in doing his work”

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit and understood.

He was talking about the old man on the ship that brought him to the Justice Iron Fist club.

Gu Qing Shan explained: “He treated me very well, I didn’t feel like he did something wrong at all”

Hearing that, the old man laughed.

“Ahahaha, there is no need to make excuses for him. Truthfully, he was supposed to ask about your personal situation”

“But he was fooled by the presence concealment scroll you used, thinking that you were a descendant of some big wig, so he didn’t extend an invitation to you”

“Invitation?” Gu Qing Shan was confused.

“Indeed. Normally for people who were first-time World Layer travelers like yourself, and had made contribution for our association, we would ask if they were willing to join the Spire Keeper Association”

“Ah, so that’s it” Gu Qing Shan replied.

He rethought about the situation at the time.

If he had joined the Spire Keeper Association back then...

While he was thinking, the old man continued to speak: “Unless I’m wrong, since Barry sent you to accept the call of the Bramble Birds, you must’ve joined that club of his”

“Indeed” Gu Qing Shan admitted.

The old man shrugged: “If I may say, joining that club of his was a mistake. Other than providing a free place to fight, what else is that club actually useful for?”

Gu Qing Shan smiled and said nothing.

The old man then made a very sincere, serious expression: “How about you leave that club and join our Spire Keeper Association?”

“This association of ours has knowledge more vast than all the seas in the infinite worlds, studied the

direction of growth for countless spells and Professions, not to mention the most precious history of all 900 million World Layers, and some of the best kept secrets of the world outside of the 900 million World Layers”

“Outside of the 900 million World Layers?” Gu Qing Shan was a bit intrigued.

“Of course, such precious secrets are only known to a few members at the highest positions of our association”

The old man’s tone changed a bit: “However, you can join us, slowly increase your membership level through contributions, slowly gaining more authority and privileges”

“As you are a benefactor of our association, joining our association would naturally let you enjoy a few perks that new members do not have”

Gu Qing Shan scowled a bit: “To join the Spire Keeper Association, I must first leave the club?”

“Indeed, according to the Law, one person can only connect themselves to a single Super Dimensional world, you must cancel the link between yourself and the Justice Iron Fist Club’s beacon to be able to connect to our Spire’s beacon” the old man explained.

Gu Qing Shan quickly smiled and nodded, replying: “Thank you for the thought, but I have no intention of changing my beacon”

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The old man found that a bit unexpected and asked: “Staying at the club means that you would need to shoulder a large debt, but joining our association would mean you get to enjoy untold amounts of knowledge and perks, are you clear about the difference between them?”

“Crystal clear”

“Yet you still choose the club?”

“My apologies”

“But why?”

“Simply because they’re hoping that I can get a few things back to help them pay back their debt”

“Just because of that?”

The old man looked at him like he was looking at a fool.

“I don’t like letting my friends down, unless when we’re playing cards” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Is that so... I can only say that’s regretful” the old man sighed and said.

“I also feel it regretful, but I do hope to maintain a good relationship with you guys” Gu Qing Shan said.

The old man put a bit of strength into his foot, crushing a bug that just happened to pass by under his feet.

The old man smiled: “Seems like that damn Barry got quite a good new member, his leg is also healed now, it seems the Iron Fist Club is truly starting to turn its luck around.”



“Young man, even though some of your choices can only be described as foolish, I still find that I like you, unexpectedly—- wait here for a bit, I have something to give you”

Saying so, the old man nodded to Gu Qing Shan before turning to leave.

On another side.

The Justice Iron Fist Club.

The brother and sister were sitting in one place, staring at an insect on the table anxiously.

The insect had its mouth opened wide, speaking with two different voices.

[I don't like letting my friends down, unless when we're playing cards]

[Is that so... I can only say that's regretful]

[I also feel it regretful, but I do hope to maintain a good relationship with you guys]

When it reached his point, the insect suddenly exploded and died with a 'bang'.

“We were found out, that damn old man must've crushed my Spy Bug” Kitty begrudgingly complained.

Barry just smiled: “It's something they made, of course it would be easy to be found out”

Kitty was still fuming, but she smiled: “That boy Gu Qing Shan is quite a decent person”

Barry nodded and clenched his fist: “When he returns, he will be qualified to fight me, completing the ceremony to join the club”

Kitty suddenly remembered.

*Ceremony?*

*Ah right, everyone who joins the club has to seal their powers and fight with Barry bare-handed.*

*Barry would also seal his power to fight.*

*This was an old rule of the club.*

*In all these years, only new official members of the club get to enjoy this special privilege.*

*'Special privilege'...*

*Barry beat up so many people so bad that they all ran away.*

*This time, the one who will have to take the ceremony will be Gu Qing Shan.*

*Gu Qing Shan knows how to cook.*

*Gu Qing Shan can pay back their debt.*

*Gu Qing Shan already passed their test and is recognized as a trustworthy person.*

*—do you want to beat him up that he runs away too?*

Kitty hurriedly yelled out: “Absolutely not! Before, I haven't said anything when you're always beating them until they run away, but not this time!!!”

Barry was a bit troubled: “But the ceremony must be done, it's our club's tradition”

Kitty didn't bother to persuade him and asked very calmly: “Tradition? Do you want to eat raw space monsters everyday, or a hot cooked meal? Bro, this is a master chef who came to us on his own will, think very carefully about it before deciding!”

Barry thought for a bit and was still a bit unwilling: “Kitty, listen to me, the ceremony is solemn and divine, we have to——”

“He still needs to help the club pay its debt” Kitty added.

Barry was stunned for a second.

Nothing could tempt him as much as these words right now.

Barry spoke very sincerely and seriously: “Kitty, the ceremony is solemn and divine, we need to conduct it under appropriate conditions—— but seeing how poor our conditions are right now, let’s skimp over it”

“That’s right, our conditions right now are too poor, unsuitable for the ceremony” Kitty nodded.

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Not too long after, the old man returned to the deck of the ship from inside.

He was holding something slimy in his hand.

Gu Qing Shan took a careful look before confirming that it was a snail.

“Here, I’ll give you this snail as a gift” the old man said.

Seeing the slimy wet snail in his hand, Gu Qing Shan tried to refuse: “Thank you for your thought, but I probably won’t need this”

The old man shook his head: “This is a great item you know, much better than normal Spy Bugs”

He cleared his throat and explained: “Normal Spy Bugs are easily discovered, and those who found that they’ve been tapped would normally kill the bug from anger without much thought”

“But this snail, even if it looks alive, it’s only a small device emulating a living creature”

“Only when it’s crushed to death will its snooping capabilities be activated”

Gu Qing Shan understood.

If that really was the case, this snail would be a very good thing to have.

No one would pay any mind to a dead insect or pest.

It would be helpful in gathering intel under many circumstances.

“This is just a minor research of mine” the old man pridefully said, “and now I’m giving it to you”

“Thank you”

Gu Qing Shan thanked him and put the snail away.

He thought for a bit and asked: “I don’t have much to repay you with, how about joining me for a drink?”

The old man smiled: “I’ll be honored to, a bit to drink is always a good way to pass a long journey”

He waved his hand.

A dining table and two chairs appeared on the ship's deck.

They both sat down.

"Do you prefer a stronger drink or a milder tasting drink, sir?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Liquor that's too strong affects my ability to think, so I'd prefer mild, if it a bit sweet then it couldn't be any better"

"Your tastes are similar to a friend of mine"

Gu Qing Shan took out a large ice box and searched inside.

He offered the old man a bottle of iced Osmanthus Flower Wine and a bottle of white wine for himself.

The two of them poured their own drinks and raised their glasses.

"Bottom's up, thank you for the wine"

"There's no need to be so formal, if thanks are needed, I need to thank you for the snail a lot more"

The two enjoyed the alcohol while passing through the endless fog outside the ship.

Osmanthus Flower Wine was mild and slightly sweet from the taste of flower, after just a few sips, the old man already felt refreshed.

"Who would've thought this kind of wild evergreen flower could foster such a tasteful wine" he praised.

The bottle quickly got down to half.

"If you want, I can give you the recipe to brew some for yourself to enjoy later" Gu Qing Shan offered.

"Of course I want it!" the old man exclaimed.

Gu Qing Shan took out a random blank jade tag, recorded the recipe for brewing this Osmanthus Flower Wine and gave it to the old man.

The old man happily received the jade tag and lowered his hat, bowing: "You've given me a type of knowledge, this is precious beyond anything else. I am very grateful"

"It isn't that much, only a bit of enjoyment for daily life" Gu Qing Shan waved his hand.

"Then, let me treat you to dinner" the old man said.

Then clapped his hand.

Two glittering sets of silverware flew out from below the deck, setting themselves properly on the table.

The old man placed a candle in the middle of the table and lit it up.

Almost instantly, a respectful male voice came from the fire of the candle: "Hello, this is Barkley Interstellar Restaurant, how may I help you?"

The old man cleared his throat before ordering: "I want two portions of top-class cuisine"

“Very well! Two portions of top-class cuisine, you must be a gourmand with great tastes” the male voice sounded very passionate.

“That much is obvious” the old man puffed out his chest proudly.

A few breaths later, the table was filled with steaming hot plates of food.

“Please enjoy your meal. We at Barkley Interstellar Restaurant look forward to serving you again next time, thank you for your patronage”

As the man said so, the candle put itself out.

As Gu Qing Shan looked at the intricate silverware and plates on the table, he suddenly had a thought.

*Haven't I been eating a lot lately?*

“Please be my guest” the old man said.

“Thank you, then I won't hold back”

The two of them began to eat.

Gu Qing Shan tried every dish once.

After tasting all of them, he couldn't help but have some questions.

*What the hell is this?*

*This can be eaten?*

*Can this be called eating?*

*Wait, that one looks quite good.*

*...this food that I can barely swallow is their top-class cuisine?*

Gu Qing Shan wiped the corner of his mouth with a handkerchief and respectfully spoke: “I'm already full, please take your time”

The old man who was still wolfing down his food without any restraint was surprised as he heard Gu Qing Shan.

Then he made a knowing smile.

“Young man, there is no need to be reserved, food from first-rate restaurants such as this aren't easy to come by for newcomers such as yourself, feel free to enjoy yourself a bit more”

*First-rate restaurant...*

Gu Qing Shan fell silent for a bit.

He tapped his Inventory Bag and took out a tray full of food, offering it.

“What is this?” the old man was a bit confused.

“Ah, this is a type of local snack from my home world. If you don't mind, please have a taste and tell me what you think”

“Very well, I’ve tasted food from countless restaurants in the infinite worlds, I’m more than qualified to judge some local snacks”

The old man gracefully took a bite.

The suddenly lowered his head and became speechless.

A few moments later, he took another bite.

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Then another.

Then another bite.

One more bite.

Just another bite.

It was now that the old man just took the entire tray and started to devour the food one after another without stopping.

At first, Gu Qing Shan wanted to show him how to peel off the shells, but decided to give up as he saw how starved the old man was acting.

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A few moments later.

“What do you think about it?” Gu Qing Shan hesitantly asked.

The old man said nothing, only took out a handkerchief to wipe his tears.

“Are you... ok?” Gu Qing Shan carefully asked.

The old man suddenly looked up, shouting to the sky: “THAT WAS SO DELICIOUS!!!!!!”

Gu Qing Shan was a bit taken aback.

The old man waved his hand, discarding all the remaining food on the table out to the space vortex.

——as if he was throwing out trash.

He didn’t even need the table.

“Compared to this dish, I’ve been eating nothing but donkey shit all these years!!!” the old man was sobbing as he said that.

“What is this dish called? I must remember it clearly!” the old man asked.

“Spicy sour crayfish”

“The red part must be the crayfish, then what about the green one?”

“Cucumber”

“The white parts?”

“The big ones are chicken eggs, the smaller ones are quail eggs”

“These ingredients are completely soaked within the spicy broth, perfectly complimenting each other, what a masterpiece! No wait! I understand now, these must be food specially prepared for royalty back in your world, aren’t they?”

“...” Gu Qing Shan.

Right, this was the same dish he made for Barry and Kitty yesterday, since he made a bit too much, there was still over half a pot of spicy crayfish left, so he decided to pack it up to-go.

Originally, Gu Qing Shan wanted to keep it for himself to slowly eat.

But it was quickly finished here.

It was now that Gu Qing Shan finally had a grasp on the standard of food in the 900 million World Layers.

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After a fulfilling meal.

With a toothpick in his mouth, the old man spoke: “Thank you for the meal”

“There’s no need to”

“I originally wanted to treat you, but now I’ve not only drunk a your wonderful wine, I’ve also enjoyed such a good meal”

“You’ve already given me such a great gift, consider this my show of gratitude”

The old man thought for a bit and spoke: “This time’s call of the Bramble Birds is probably the one with the most participants”

Gu Qing Shan made a serious listening expression.

He was repaying him.

As a member of the Spire Keeper Association, it was normal for him to know something others did not.

The old man continued: “The Bramble Birds are a mystical species, they themselves are powerful creatures, and the one who arrives at the Super Dimensional Zones to issue the call this time was a particularly renowned Bramble Bird”

“Renowned?”

“That’s right, the Light of Dawn – Triste, guardian of the Bramble Bird’s royal family. Her name is synonymous with generosity and kindness, her reputation well-known among the people of countless worlds”

“That’s why many people are going this time?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The old man shrugged: “As long as they are excellent young men and women below 30 years old, anyone can accept the call of the Light of Dawn Triste and work for her”

“She even declared beforehand, every person who arrives would receive a small meeting gift she brought from the Mystic Zones”

“You get a gift as long as you come?”

“Correct”

“How generous” Gu Qing Shan sighed.

“That’s right, everyone went into a frenzy hearing that, enough that those above 30 even want to try using some sort of secret technique to turn themselves back before they were 30—- but of course that’s very hard, and Triste’s discerning eyes aren’t easy to fool”

“Is no one worried that what she might ask them to do would be incredibly difficult?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“God! There’s at least ten million talented young geniuses gathered there, enough to bulldoze through whatever hardship”

“You mean, it’s easy for most people to benefit just by showing up?”

“That’s right, not only is there a meeting gift, the Bramble Birds also provide a lot of supplies, there’s a chance for everyone to trade for what they want most, and also, once the job is done, she will also generously give out the most precious gift”

“Now I understand why there were some people who wanted to return to before they were 30” Gu Qing Shan muttered.

If that was the case, there would be nothing to worry about.

Gu Qing Shan calmed down.

*A wonderful and miraculous gift that will end with getting a treasure.*

*The Bramble Birds would also grant a lot of supplies to exchange between participants.*

*I can also use this chance to exchange for a few things to bring back.*

“How is it, are you happy with this intel? Truthfully, you only need to begin this journey to gain benefits” the old man said.

“As for the most precious gifts, that would be given to those that finished the given job the best, but before leaving, I’m sure the generous Triste would also prepare another gift for everyone”

“Thank you for your intel” Gu Qing Shan expressed his thanks.

Then he thought about something.

“Ah, there is one last thing I need to ask”

“Go ahead”

“I have a friend who is a God’s Chosen, he said he got his hands on a prediction-type fate card, but how valuable is such a thing exactly?”

*Prediction-type?*

*Fate card?*

The old man appeared very concerned as he hurriedly asked: “A prediction-type fate card? Which world did your friend get that from?”

“A Scattered world”

The old man laughed: “He definitely couldn’t get such a thing there. He must’ve been fooled”

“Why do you say that?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Obtaining such a card from the area of Scattered worlds is like daydreaming”

The old man explained further: “Within the countless types of cards there is, a normal prediction-type card is already rare, never mind a fate prediction card— not only are they deeply connected to the fate of the World Layers, they would most likely be a royal treasure of some of the most powerful God’s Chosen kingdoms within the Strife Zones. It’s highly improbable for them to let such a thing get off their hands”

“If such a card really did get out, those powerful God’s Chosen kingdoms would spare no price and effort to retrieve it”

“Is it that rare?”

“It is incredibly rare! Fate card decks are only a bit uncommon, but I’m willing to bet that not even 10 cards that can predict fate itself exists within the entire 900 million World Layers”

“If that’s the case, that friend of mine must’ve been fooled, I’ll have to make sure to tease him when I return”

Gu Qing Shan nodded and said.

## **Chapter 504**

After having a good meal and getting a lot of useful intel, Gu Qing Shan happily returned to his room.

Sitting in the middle of Orchid Hall, he suddenly chuckled a bit.

*Who could’ve thought there would be a day where I of all people get to go on a sightseeing trip and take treasures back for free.*

*Barry and Kitty valued items from the Mystic Zones very highly.*

*And during this call of the Bramble Bird, those that answer the call get a ‘meeting gift’.*

*Entering the Bramble Bird world gets you a ‘participation gift’.*

*Doing a good job gets you a ‘ranking gift’.*

*And as you leave, there’s a chance for a ‘parting gift’ as well.*

*That much should be enough to pay back all their debt.*

*Worst case scenario, I’ll just try a bit harder to get a high rank and get some better treasures.*

Thinking that, the uneasiness Gu Qing Shan felt before went away without a trace, enough for Gu Qing Shan to regain his composure.

*That’s good then.*



He took out and swallowed another pill, then picked up [Xie Dao Ling's cultivation notes] again.

A line of glowing text showed up on the War God UI.

[Remaining Soul Points: 299400/400]

[To comprehend Xie Dao Ling's cultivation notes' method of breaking through to Sainted realm late stage, 1400 Soul Points is required. Would you like to comprehend it?]

"Yes, I'll use 1400 Soul Points"

A huge amount of warmth flowed from the jade tag into Gu Qing Shan's body from his arm, finally settling at his Thought Sea.

This was Xie Dao Ling's final understanding and comprehension of cultivating at Sainted realm.

She didn't have any time to record her experience after breaking through the Wind and Lightning dual Tribulation to reach Projection realm.

After sensing himself, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but felt a bit at a loss.

*Being as brilliant as Shifu is, she has probably already reached Projection realm.*

*Perhaps, after witnessing Qi Yan's attempt at refining the world, she had already thought of a way to merge Shen Wu world and the cultivation world as well.*

*The highest level of cultivation for Shen Wu world used to be Virtualized realm, so after fusing the new world's cultivation limit would surpass Virtualized realm as well.*

*It should at least reach Cryptic realm right?*

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

*I wonder how Shifu is now.*

*And also Xiao Lou, Xiuxiu, Ning Yue Xi, Leng Tian Xing, Sun Gong Zhi...*

*I hope that everyone is fine.*

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes, crossed his legs and entered a meditative state.

He began his breakthrough.

There seemed to be no problem with the Bramble Bird's call.

But Gu Qing Shan still decided to seize the moment and get stronger!

He wouldn't relax his requirements for himself just because the external situation didn't demand much of him.

One day later.

Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes again.

Shannu was in front of him.

As she felt the waves coming from Gu Qing Shan's body, she couldn't help but feel a bit expectant.

The stronger Gu Qing Shan was, the stronger she got.

Having the power of a cultivator was a wonderful experience unlike anything she had felt before.

“Congratulations, gongzi, your total spirit energy seems to have increased by 40% from before” Shannu smiled.

“Indeed, I’m now a Sainted realm late stage cultivator”

Gu Qing Shan waved his hand, grabbing the Chao Yin sword.

Silently sensing it, he muttered: “I feel... my swordsmanship will output more power than before”

“Of course, you can use more spirit energy so your attacks would naturally be stronger” Shannu replied

“But I’m still too weak” Gu Qing Shan sighed.

He had already seen a Cryptic realm cultivator, so even after breaking through, he didn’t feel satisfied for even a little bit, instead feeling like he couldn’t catch up quick enough.

Shannu encouraged him: “Gongzi, a person can only eat so much in one sitting, from what you’ve told me about cultivation common sense, your current speed is already very fast”

Gu Qing Shan nodded, but then shook his head.

A knock came from the door.

Shannu turned back into the Six Paths Great Mountain sword and hid into Gu Qing Shan’s Thought Sea.

Gu Qing Shan stood up and opened the door.

The old man was standing outside, smiling: “I’m here to inform you that we’re about to reach our destination in about half a day, if you have things that you consider treasures, you can prepare to exchange them with the Bramble Birds for some items from the Mystic Zones”

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised.

The old man already mentioned this once before, but seeing how he was here specifically to remind him about it, this must be quite important.

Sure enough, the old man went on to explain: “To the Bramble Birds, our precious items are probably not worth much. But if something happens to catch their eyes, they will trade for them with items from the Mystic Zones— all of which are true treasures”

“Thank you, I understand” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The old man nodded to him and turned to leave.

Gu Qing Shan closed the door and sat down back on his cushion.

*Treasures huh?*

He thought briefly.

*Do I have something that can be considered treasure?*

*Resources of Bai Hua sect?*

*Materials from a Scattered world are probably not considered treasures.  
The armor?*

He took out the You Ji General armor.

After going through the battles of Shen Wu world, there were already quite a few cracks on it.

*Bramble Birds probably wouldn't like a damaged item like this.*

*—the Earth sword, Chao Yin sword and Six Paths Great Mountain sword?*

*I'd kill anyone that even thinks about taking them away, so no treasure is worth as much as they do.  
What else is there?*

*Ah, the card.*

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but smile.

*The old man of the Spire Keeper Association said that it is a real treasure that couldn't possibly be found  
in a Scattered world.*

*But I really do have it.*

*Such a precious thing can probably exchange for a few things at least.*

*This way, part of the Justice Iron Fist Club's debt would be dealt with.*

*With some luck, I might even completely clear it!*

Thinking for a bit, Gu Qing Shan took out the [Predictor of Fate] card again.

Depicted on the card was a large eye.

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Endless white fog was spiraling around the eye, forming a maelstrom.

A line of glowing text popped up on the War God UI.

[Predictor of Fate, rare card]

[In moments of hesitation, you may observe this card in order to see a possibility of your own fate]

...

[This is a rare and precious card, you will be able to trade it for anything your heart desires in many  
worlds]

Gu Qing Shan stared at the card.

It seems it was finally time for this card to be useful.

When he looked at the card, the eye on the card was also looking at him.

After a short breath, the eye disappeared.

It made another telling of his fortune.

A skeleton dressed in rags once again showed up on the card.

The skeleton was pacing back and forth nervously, as if it sensed something.

Normally, the skeleton represented death, this was common sense for card reading.

Gu Qing Shan just smiled when he saw this.

Back in the Suspended world, the card also depicted a skeleton to represent his death.

He had never really believed in such things, so he didn't think too much of it.

Gu Qing Shan was about to put the card away.

At this moment, a change occurred on the [Predictor of Fate] card.

The scene depicted on it changed.

The skeleton opened its jaws wide, screaming in fear.

Its voice even escaped the boundaries of the card, reverberating in the entire room.

The skeleton was making a mad dash trying to run away, but it couldn't get out of the card no matter what.

All its struggles were futile.

Then Gu Qing Shan saw himself on the card.

However, the one depicted didn't seem like the real him.

His eyes were gone, replaced by two black holes.

His mouth was full of sharp fangs, drool dripping down from the corner of his mouth.

The 'him' inside the card lunged towards the skeleton, quickly pushing it to the ground.

While the skeleton wanted to retaliate, it was held down completely by Gu Qing Shan.

'Gu Qing Shan' opened his jaws wide and bit down on the skeleton's head.

*Crunch, crunch!*

The sound of broken bones.

The head was quickly chewed to bits and swallowed.

'Gu Qing Shan' looked down and continued to eat the bones.

The sound was him chewing the thick, brittle bones could be heard.

As he kept eating, darkness slowly filled the face of the card.

Until it became completely dark.

"How strange, how would I turn into something like that?" Gu Qing Shan stared closely at the card as he muttered.

He had never seen such a strange scene on the card ever since he got it.

Gu Qing Shan tried shaking the card, then flicking it.

But no matter what he did, the face of the card remained completely dark.

“Gongzi, the card made me feel a bit anxious” Shannu muttered.

It was the first time she had ever felt such a thing.

Gu Qing Shan also had the same faint sense of unease, but at the same time a bit cloudy.

It wasn't like before.

This time, Gu Qing Shan really felt that something was off.

Ever since he got onto the ship, his spirit sense has been reminding him over and over that something out of the ordinary was happening.

Spirit sense was a special type of intuition unique to cultivators.

Xie Dao Ling's spirit sense was so powerful that she was able to see the scene of her own death before it happened.

Because of his spirit sense, Gu Qing Shan couldn't concentrate at all and even needed two sittings to breakthrough.

*What exactly is going on?*

Gu Qing Shan stood up, pacing around Orchid Hall.

He was very confident in his spirit sense.

If he could tell what this card was saying, then he would be able to gather more accurate intel.

But he was a sword cultivator, not a card user.

While he had a crude understanding of cards, when the card itself changed to show such an obscure thing, he had no way to tell what it was actually saying.

Gu Qing Shan stood there completely clueless.

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Time quickly passed.

The old man escorted Gu Qing Shan to the ship's deck.

“We're almost there” the old man said.

Gu Qing Shan looked around, a bit expectant.

Around the ship was vast space filled with glittering stars.

This wasn't part of the space vortex, it was actual scenery of a certain world.

“The Bramble Birds are nearby?”

Gu Qing Shan asked.

“The Bramble Birds are probably not here yet, participants are required to gather at the Old Gods’ Ruins”

“Ruins?”

“Indeed” the old man looked at Gu Qing Shan’s expression and waved his hand: “It’s not as you think, after so many years, every last grain of sand inside the Ruins had already been studied so there is no danger, of course, there’s also nothing to gain”

“So we’re here because...”

“Because those who accept the call of the Bramble Birds are required to gather here”

The old man explained further: “Everyone is here waiting for the Bramble Bird’s arrival”

“Which means I’m not that late” Gu Qing Shan sighed with relief.

“No, you are quite late, those who arrived first will be allowed to enter the Bramble Bird’s treasure world first, you will have to wait until a certain amount of people that arrived before you enter until you can enter”

Gu Qing Shan shrugged: “Nothing wrong with going in after others”

The old man smiled: “But quite many aren’t as open-minded as you are”

While they were talking, a grand palace array appeared in front of the ship.

The gigantic palaces were pure white, majestic and glorious, almost as if they were carved out of ivory.

But inside this wall of white, there was a large plaza so large you couldn’t see the other side.

Yet the plaza was almost filled with people, so many gathered that you couldn’t even begin to count.

“So many participants!”

Gu Qing Shan exclaimed as he saw the crowded plaza.

“Of course, if it weren’t for the Old Gods’ Palace and plaza, there probably wouldn’t be any place that could hold so many young talents and geniuses” the old man commented.

“Everyone gets to rest anywhere they like?”

“No, no, no” the old man spoke, “they can rest only on the plaza for free, the other places are official business venues of Aboul Hotel”

“These palaces are part of a grand-sized hotel?” Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

— *wait a minute, why does that name sound so familiar?*

Gu Qing Shan then recalled.

*Aboul is where that big rooster said he’s come for vacation.*

*Which means the big rooster is also here?*

“Old Gods’ Palace, this name by itself holds a lot of attraction, so a renowned corporation bought out this entire Super Dimensional world and remodeled it into a hotel resort”

“This is one of the most famous luxurious hotels in the Outer Plane, so much that many powerful Combatants and royalty book rooms here periodically”

“Why is it so sought-after?”

“Because of time—— this place had condensed a type of time Origin Law, paying the appropriate price, you’ll be able to return to a certain moment of the past”

“Once there, you’ll get to enjoy a time of peace and relaxation, about half a month at most”

The old man appeared a bit fascinated: “And after spending half a month there, you’ll find that only a day has passed”

“How miraculous” Gu Qing Shan commented.

The old man then handed Gu Qing Shan a shining golden card.

Gu Qing Shan took and checked it.

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This was the number carved on the card.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the old man.

The old man explained: “When I came to pick you up, our association had already booked a room for you here—— for the exact situation you see right now, we thought that it would’ve taken you quite a while to find a place to rest once you’re here”

“Thank you, if I hadn’t any other choice, I wouldn’t have troubled you so much” Gu Qing Shan gratefully said.

*It’s fortunate that the Spire Keeper Association is so gracious, otherwise I wouldn’t have gotten here so smoothly.*

“What are you saying” the old man dismissed his word: “You saved Great Scholar Moore’s life—— his wisdom and intelligence is some of the most precious assets of the association”

Gu Qing Shan fell silent.

*I still can’t believe someone I happened to save would be such a VIP.*

The ship slowly decreased its speed and docked by the palace array.

It was now that one could truly see how grand these Old Gods’ Ruins were.

The Spire Keeper Association’s ship was easily 20-story tall, but compared to the Old Gods’ Palace, it was merely a small seed in front of a white elephant.

The ship squarely stopped.

The old man respectfully bowed to Gu Qing Shan: “Journeys like this one are nothing but a trivial matter, you can call on us any time, farewell”

“I thank the Spire for your help, farewell” Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist and replied.

He lightly leapt from the ship, descending on a not-too-crowded area of the plaza.

The old man stood on top of the deck, watching until his feet touched the plaza before ordering the ship to leave.

As Gu Qing Shan landed on the rowdy plaza, a few young people about his age approached.

The presence they gave off suggested that they were quite strong.

But Gu Qing Shan felt that he could handle them.

Since everyone here was 30 years old or below, besides a few unique ones, everyone’s power levels were basically the same.

Gu Qing Shan came from a Scattered world, but how many people in the Scattered worlds could actually match up to him and reach Sainted realm at the age of 20?

“Are you here to join the call of—” one of them tried asking him.

“No, I’m here on vacation”

Gu Qing Shan cut him off and flashed the golden card in his hand.

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The group begrudgingly parted ways.

The rooms in Aboul Hotel were all booked through identity.

They didn’t dare to use force.

—because this place was the Aboul Hotel.

Doing anything to a guest of Aboul here must mean they are bored of life.

Seeing the numbered card he had, a few other people tried approaching him.

“My friend, is your room for sale? We’re sick of staying here and need a place to rest, if you’re will—”

“No, I also need to rest” Gu Qing Shan cut the other party off again.

He concealed his presence and weaved his way into the crowd.

Several people immediately tried to follow him.

But Gu Qing Shan was too fast, and the crowd here was too thick, so wanting to pursue him silently was obviously impossible.

Gu Qing Shan isn’t letting down his guard either.

While moving through the crowd, he was even using movement techniques incorporated within [Ground Shrink].



About 5 minutes later, he had already made it past half the plaza.

— and successfully cut off those chasing him.

Since those people were paying such close attention to newcomers, they must've arranged something beforehand.

But Gu Qing Shan didn't care about these things.

With the golden card in hand, he followed the direction written on the card to leave the plaza.

About 5 minutes along the large stairs, taking a few turns here and there, he finally reached the front gate of the Old Gods' Palace array.

The majority of the people on the plaza were young people who answered the call of the Bramble Birds, so they all seemed anxious and restless.

But the people here came to Aboul on vacation.

Distinct from the hustle and bustle of the plaza, this place was serene.

While people were moving in and out of the hotel nonstop, they were all courteous and polite.

Gu Qing Shan even saw a wolf wearing a sheep's coat with a smoking pipe in his mouth giving way to two ladies in veils.

Gu Qing Shan then slowed his steps as he entered the hotel.

"How do you do, may I ask what can I do for you?" a voice called out.

From moments unknown, a strange creature had appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan.

It was made completely out of grey-colored air, but the air was clearly wearing a full-body vest suit.

*An air-man?*

Gu Qing Shan had such a thought.

However, when this... person appeared, Gu Qing Shan also felt a wave of relief

The air around him became clean and pleasant, the temperature also stayed at a constant 26 degrees C, the bit of excess spirit energy the air-man gave off also filled every part of Gu Qing Shan's body.

It was a wonderful feeling of being at home.

"I booked a room here" Gu Qing Shan said.

"Please present your room card"

Gu Qing Shan took the golden card out and gave it to him.

"A golden room card!" the air-man instantly spoke: "So you must be an esteemed guest... number 79, yes, please wait a minute— I found it, the Starry Sky Suite for the Spire Keeper Association"

His tone was very respectful.

*A golden card grants him the privilege to enjoy a lot of services unique to Aboul for free.  
And he's also from the Spire Keeper Association.  
They are a big customer of the hotel.*

The air-man pressed the room card in the air.

A golden gate slowly opened in the void of space.

The air-man returned the room card to Gu Qing Shan and bowed: "Please go ahead, this is your room, esteemed guest"

"Our hotel has many entertainment facilities for you to enjoy, no matter where you are, you can always activate your room card to return to your room"

After explaining that, the air-man stood back up and whispered: "Do you need other services, sir?"

"You mean?"

"Intel"

"I do"

"2 Starite please"

Gu Qing Shan hesitated for a bit.

*From how he said it, Starite must be a type of common currency, but I don't have such a thing— in fact I'm still in debt.*

"Take it"

A chiming female voice came.

Two small, transparent rocks flew over and directly fell into the air-man's hand.

The air-man quickly put the Starite away and explained: "The Bramble Bird royal line will arrive shortly this afternoon, a luxurious banquet had been adequately prepared as a VIP of the royal family to be making their public debut during the banquet"

After he finished, the air-man disappeared.

Gu Qing Shan didn't have the time to think about the intel he just heard, or care about whether or not it was real.

His heartbeat had increased a bit unconsciously.

He turned around—

Su Xue Er was silently standing at the gate of the hotel, wearing a pure white robe and a scepter in her hand.

She looked at Gu Qing Shan, whispering: "I've been waiting a long time for you"

Gu Qing Shan slowly smiled.

He walked over and gave her a hug.

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Gu Qing Shan looked at Su Xue Er's wolfing down her food and sighed helplessly: "Take it easy"

Su Xue Er didn't listen to him and spoke with a mouthful: "No way, I haven't eaten your cooking for so long!"

Gu Qing Shan smiled.

Back during their school years, Su Xue Er used to go to the night market and visit his stall very frequently.

Those were peaceful days.

But now, recalling it, it all seemed so far away, almost like those days were already an entire lifetime ago.

"Xue Er, which world did you come to exactly?" Gu Qing Shan asked her out of concern.

"That's not important" Su Xue Er was still eating as she answered.

"Why?"

Hesitating a bit, Su Xue Er smiled and spoke: "My place is just an isle, there's nothing but normal people there. I've been so bored that I'm looking for a new place to crash now"

Gu Qing Shan noticed.

*That can't be right.*

The scroll that she gave him before, with his current discerning eyes, Gu Qing Shan understood just how precious a thing it was.

*How would a normal world give out such a scroll to her?*

He stared at her.

She smiled at him: "Really, my Teacher is really strong, but he already left on a long interstellar journey alone, leaving me there. I didn't want to live in that boring place all by myself"

*These words implied something else.*

*It seems that it doesn't have something to do with that world... or perhaps she meant she wanted to come with me?*

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit and spoke slowly: "The place I'm at is a Super Dimensional world, called the Justice Iron Fist Club"

"Justice Iron Fist... wait a minute"

Su Xue Er wiped her mouth as she took out a newspaper from somewhere.

The headline on it was: [Super Dimensional worlds received good news: With the full recovery of Barry's legs, 7934 firms have issued new stock]

[An investor had this to say: Thank god, I managed to live to see the day when he can repay his debt]

The front page of the newspaper also had a picture.

It depicted the old man from the Spire Keeper Association hugging Barry's leg, fully shocked.

While Barry clenched his fist looking annoyed.

This picture was really well taken.

Su Xue Er pointed at the picture: "Look, you're also on here! I only managed to find news of you with this"

Gu Qing Shan took a closer look.

*Sure enough, at the time I was standing next to Barry, the picture got taken right as I was surprised.*

"From this picture alone?"

"Hmph, of course it took much more than that. I had to spend a lot of money for intel to find you"

As soon as she said so, Su Xue Er's face became flushed.

*That implied things a bit too clearly.*

She was a bit embarrassed.

Gu Qing Shan reaffirmed his previous guess.

*Sure enough, Su Xue Er came as soon as she found news of me, that's why she claimed what she did.*

Thinking that, Gu Qing Shan calmed back down.

He reached his hand to stroke her head.

"Since your world is so boring, come with me after this is over" he offered.

Su Xue Er's eyes glittered as she looked at him.

"Hm, I will"

She easily agreed.

Seeing her like that, Gu Qing Shan slowly smiled.

All of a sudden, a soft chime of music could be heard.

Both of them looked in the same direction.

A 5-colored silhouette descended from the ceiling, slowly gathered in the middle of the room before forming a thin card.

Su Xue Er stood up to take it in her hand and checked.

"It's an invitation— do you know a lot of people here?" she asked curiously.

"No, it's the first time I came to this hotel" Gu Qing Shan replied.

They looked at the invitation together.

This was an invitation sent to all the guests of the hotel.

The Bramble Bird royal family was about to arrive in Aboul, so they extended an invitation to all gold-ranked guests to participate in a luxurious evening banquet.

As for the occasion—

The Bramble Bird princess will have her coming of age ceremony, officially entering the ranks of ladies within the infinite worlds.

“The Bramble Bird princess “ Su Xue Er was surprised, “that’s quite the occasion, if we manage to get to know her, even without answering the Light of Dawn’s call, we’ll be able get a lot of precious treasures”

“Is that so? Then how about we go take a look?” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Of course, but only if you’d be willing to let me accompany you as your female companion” Su Xue Er said.

“I’d be honored to” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Heheee” Su Xue Er said nothing back and only giggled.

She seemed to be happy.

Gu Qing Shan then remembered something.

“Are you a God’s Chosen?” he asked.

“I am”

“I happened to find this card here, but I don’t know what it means. Can you take a look for me?”

“Of course” Su Xue Er pridefully puffed out her chest, “my knowledge is only the best of this generation”

Gu Qing Shan didn’t change his expression as he heard that.

But what she said just now proved that Su Xue Er was lying.

‘This generation’.

These words proved that her world wasn’t as simple as she claimed it to be.

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But since Gu Qing Shan had already understood what she really wanted, he decided not to mind the problem of her world.

Gu Qing Shan tapped his Inventory Bag to take out the [Predictor of Fate] card.

As soon as he took it out, Su Xue Er opened her eyes wide and held her breath.

*The King of Fate*

*This card is part of the King of Fate deck!*

*Lord Bloodcloak once talked about this card deck.*

*Out of the entire 900 million World Layers, there is only a single one of this deck, and every card is unique, the only one of itself in existence.*

*Only the most powerful God's Chosen kingdom is qualified to receive this deck of cards.*

*And this card, the spokesperson of fate, is sentient, it has its own will.*

*Once it gives up on someone, they will die and it will leave in search of a new master.*

Su Xue Er received the card without changing her expression.

"This is a fortune telling card" she casually said.

She looked at the scene depicted on the card.

The white mist that covered the giant eye began to swirl.

"I saw myself turned into a monster and devour a skeleton, what does that mean?" Gu Qing Shan asked her.

Su Xue Er felt heavy.

She was staring straight at the face of the card without answering him.

Gu Qing Shan followed her gaze into the face of the card.

But the card face was completely blank, there was nothing there.

Su Xue Er just stared at the card and said nothing.

"Why is the card just blank? What does this mean?" Gu Qing Shan asked in surprise.

Su Xue Er still didn't answer.

She looked at the card, then at Gu Qing Shan.

"Give me your hand" she said.

Then she took Gu Qing Shan and grabbed the card together.

Su Xue Er began to chanting to the card: "Fate! Bloom at the moment of wither!"

Her tone was unusually threatening, naturally giving off an impression of solemnity and respect.

This wasn't their original world's language, rather it was an incantation.

It was thanks to the Infinite Worlds Standard Dictionary that Gu Qing Shan managed to understand this incantation and where it came from.

*This was the language of the Fog Isle.*

*What kind of place is this 'Fog Isle'?*

Gu Qing Shan silently made a note of this name.

*This incantation, doesn't it sound a bit strange?*

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking about that, the scene depicted on the card had already changed following Su Xue Er's incantation.

Within the blank card, Gu Qing Shan appeared.

As he lightly leapt, he reached space among countless stars.

With a sword in hand, he lightly swung.

Space itself was slashed in two.

Countless stars fell at his sword.

"Wow!" Su Xue Er exclaimed, fully impressed.

Gu Qing Shan was also stunned by his incredible feat shown on the card.

"Strange, before I was still eating a skeleton, why did the style change so suddenly to become this impressive?" he asked.

"That's because I'm with you"

Su Xue Er stared at the card completely mesmerized as she squeezed Gu Qing Shan's hand tightly.

"Then—" just as Gu Qing Shan wanted to ask more, Su Xue Er cut him off.

"Did you know, Qing Shan? This hotel is a bit special" she said.

Gu Qing Shan can only follow up: "What do you mean?"

"This hotel is able to send us back to a certain world of the past, at a certain era, casually spending half a month there"

"Ah, I did hear about it, that really is quite miraculous"

"Are you willing to come with me?"

"But then— weren't we supposed to come to the Bramble Bird royal family's evening banquet?"

"That doesn't sound very fun, come with me to the past, consider it a bit of relaxation before battle" Su Xue Er showed a pleading expression.

Gu Qing Shan helplessly sighed.

*Girls really are fickle creatures, already changing their minds from one second to the next.*

"Alright" he agreed.

He can't really say no since it was Su Xue Er's request.

"Yay!"

Su Xue Er threw both hands in the air childishly, as if she had just won something really important.

She then casually put the [Predictor of Fate] card away before taking out another card to give to Gu Qing Shan.

“I’ll study your card a bit closer, so this card is a deposit, otherwise you’d think I’m taking your fortune telling card for myself”

“There’s no need, I won’t think that”

“If you really won’t think that then take this— think of it as you holding onto it for me for now!” Su Xue Er insisted.

“...Fine”

Gu Qing Shan had no choice but to take the card, casually glancing at it.

The card depicted a mountainous majestic monster, with two vertical irises in both eyes and a pair of faint, dark wings.

Behind the monster were an uncountable sea of monsters.

They lined up orderly and neatly, weapons in hand, giving off a sharp feeling.

From the look of it, this was a large army.

A strange connection formed between him and the card.

With that connection, a few glowing lines of text scrolled past the War God UI.

[You’ve received the War card: Blood Sea God Army”

[You’ve received ownership of this card]

[For unknown reasons, Blood Sea God Army had actively formed a contract with you, giving you the ability to call upon and control it]

Gu Qing Shan was shocked.

*Didn’t you say I was just going to hold onto it, when did I become its owner?*

He looked to Su Xue Er wanting to ask her.

Su Xue Er blocked his mouth with her palm, smiling: “Did you feel the connection formed with the card? It’s fine, just take it for now, what’s mine is yours”

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Gu Qing Shan wanted to return [Blood Sea God Army] to Su Xue Er.

But Su Xue Er wouldn’t take it back no matter what, insisting that he keep it.

Not given much of a choice, Gu Qing Shan could only hold on to the card [Blood Sea God Army] for now.

At this time, a warm sunlight of dawn and tranquil sounds appeared in the room, drifting around Su Xue Er.

Su Xue Er closely listened to it.



The strange phenomenon quickly went away.

“What was that just now?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“The Bramble Bird’s call. The venerable Light of Dawn sensed my presence, and because I was one of the first to arrive, she had decided to allow me entry to her world after 1 hour” Su Xue Er replied.

“But I don’t feel anything yet” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Of course not, you’ve only just arrived, there’s still quite a long line until you’re called”

“1 hour huh...” Gu Qing Shan muttered.

So Su Xue Er already has to leave after such a short time.

Su Xue Er told him: “It’s nothing, I’ll just go in first to scout and wait for you”

Gu Qing Shan’s thoughts changed a bit—— that’s true, I’ll have to enter sooner or later.

He smiled: “Then it seems your choice was correct, if we had participated in the banquet, you would already have to leave before the banquet was done”

“That’s right, so we’ll be going to the true Aboul for a short vacation from this hotel, since time passes really slowly in there, I’ll be able to stay for a little bit longer” Su Xue Er said.

“Then let’s go now” Gu Qing Shan agreed.

Su Xue Er opened her palm: “Give me your room card”

“Where’s yours?” Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but ask.

“I ran out on my own, where would I find so much money to book a room? Not to mention, only a high-ranked suite like yours could go to Aboul for free”

Gu Qing Shan handed Su Xue Er his golden room card.

Su Xue Er relaxed a bit and activated the room card.

A voice came from the room card.

[Esteemed guest, what can I do for you]

“We want to go to Aboul”

[How long will you be staying?]

Su Xue Er thought for a bit and replied: “Half a month”

[Time has been registered according to your room’s rank, please wait a moment]

Before the voice finished, the glittering gold card had already hovered by itself, releasing runes one after another.

The runes quickly combined to form a large gate.

When they looked through the gate, they found the other side was a long snowy mountain range covered in vast pure white snow, but at the bottom of the mountain was a beautiful small town, giving off a sense of leisure and tranquility.

There was a clear lake right next to the town, where some people were rafting in small boats.

The other side of the lake was a wide highway that connected to a grand metropolis.

Gu Qing Shan and Su Xue Er returned their gazes.

Two beautiful horses were quickly coming towards them along a grassy meadow, stopping right next to the rune gate.

They were majestic, with all four legs slightly off the ground.

The Elements of Wind and Water were flowing from their bodies, even through the gate, Gu Qing Shan could sense the power they held.

The horses looked at Gu Qing Shan and Su Xue Er, neighing with a long breath.

“Look, they’re urging us to get on” Su Xue Er smiled and said.

Gu Qing Shan muses for a bit: “I heard you can’t get hurt inside”

“Of course, did you think there would be some sort of danger in a vacation spot like About?” Su Xue Er was surprised.

“I’ve never ridden a horse before” Gu Qing Shan looked at the horse, hesitant.

Su Xue Er started to laugh.

She pulled Gu Qing Shan and entered the rune gate.

She briefly taught Gu Qing Shan the basics.

“The simplest way is to adjust your posture with the horse’s rhythm. When it moves fast, you also move fast; when it slows down, you also slow down, that way at least you won’t churn your internal organs”

“Is this correct?” Gu Qing Shan held the reigns and asked.

“Not quite”

Su Xue Er slapped the horse’s rear and gently called out: “Hah!”

Right away, the horse shot away like an arrow.

“This girl——” Gu Qing Shan’s voice came from afar.

In just the blink of an eye, he had already made it really far.

Su Xue Er stood still, waiting until Gu Qing Shan wasn’t in sight anymore to rub the slightly reddened corners of her eyes.

Then she quickly jumped on her own horse to pursue after Gu Qing Shan.

Infini-worlds Town.

This was Aboul's most famous resort.

Within this small town, time moves particularly slow.

More interestingly, this sub-world was created from the combined powers and intellect of all the Old Gods.

It had two unique Laws.

First, half a month in here was only equal to a day outside.

Second, no one could get hurt while they were here.

Perhaps the Old Gods wanted to use this sub-world for something else.

But obviously, they couldn't finish it before quickly disappearing somewhere.

But with these two Laws, the town became the perfect vacation spot.

Gu Qing Shan and Su Xue Er stayed at the center of Infini-worlds Town, enjoying themselves.

This place had a special type of fireflies.

Every firefly represents a sure-kill technique.

When you catch one, you'll enter an illusion that shows yourself using this powerful technique against the enemy.

Of course, all you can do is see the technique's power without being able to look into its secrets.

These are techniques specifically gathered by the managers of Infini-worlds Town, so they are all renowned techniques within the 900 million World Layers used by powerful Combatants of history.

Just by touching a firefly, you'll be able to see yourself using a renowned technique to teach an opponent how to say 'uncle'.

This was a never-before-seen experience.

"Qing Shan! Guess what I saw?" Su Xue Er happily spoke.

"What?"

"I turned the enemy into an egg!"

"Ah? That sounds impressive, then what?"

"Then I threw it into boiling water to cook and peel to eat"

"...what a strange technique, but you definitely won't guess what kind of technique I saw"

"Let me see"

Su Xue Er received the firefly from Gu Qing Shan and closed her eyes.

A few moments later, she looked at Gu Qing Shan with painful eyes: “You shouldn’t have shown me this”

“Why not?” Gu Qing Shan was surprised, “this skill can only make the opponent become fat uncontrollably, enough that their limbs and body become so bloated that they can’t even touch the ground”

“Dummy!”

...

A long while later, they finally finished trying out techniques and left this area.

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The shops in this town sold all kinds of wondrous and unimaginable things.

No clerks, no shopkeepers, everything was controlled fully with the customer’s mind.

Gu Qing Shan went with Su Xue Er from one shop to another.

In the weapon’s shop, every type of weapon had its own warehouse sub-space.

When Gu Qing Shan took a look at the sword sub-space, he was shaken even when it was time to leave.

A world completely made from swords.

If it weren’t for the fact that he had no money, he would’ve loved to buy the entire world.

Su Xue Er wasn’t at all interested in the weapons.

But she pulled Gu Qing Shan into an Infini-worlds female clothing store.

After that——

Gu Qing Shan said ‘beautiful’ 94 times, ‘so-so’ 31 times and ‘you should try something else’ 5 times.

They spent an entire afternoon in this shop.

While he was waiting for Su Xue Er to change clothes, something minor happened.

Xiao Die’s pink bikini silently came out from his Inventory Bag, catching Gu Qing Shan off-guard.

“How did you come out by yourself?” he couldn’t help but ask.

It was lucky that Su Xue Er was in the changing room at the moment.

Otherwise, Gu Qing Shan didn’t know what she would’ve said when she found that he kept such a bikini on himself.

The pink bikini complained: “You said you’d find me the perfect female owner, but I haven’t heard anything for so long— or did you forget?”

Gu Qing Shan face-palmed in his mind, but kept a straight face: “How could I forget! I still remember it clearly”

He really did forget.

Hearing that, the pink bikini was pleased: "It's good that you remember, I'll be waiting for your good news"

It went back into Gu Qing Shan's Inventory Bag.

"Wait a minute!" Gu Qing Shan took it back out: "How did you get out of my Inventory Bag?"

"I can bring you across countless World Layers, this is child's play compared to that" the pink bikini answered.

"Don't leave on your own for the time being, I'll think of something for what I promised" Gu Qing Shan solemnly told it.

"Alright, alright, I'll just be looking forward to your good news" the pink bikini answered.

Gu Qing Shan shoved it back into his Inventory Bag.

Su Xue Er excitedly trotted over.

"How does this look?" she was wearing a long sun-dress, showing it off to Gu Qing Shan with a twirl.

"Nice! It's very beautiful" Gu Qing Shan raised his thumb.

"But there's also this other dress that's quite nice, I have to try it on as well" saying so, Su Xue Er ran off again.

Gu Qing Shan wiped his cold sweat.

*That was dangerous.*

*Su Xue Er almost saw that pink bikini.*

*She would've thought of me as a pervert.*

A long time later, Su Xue Er finally finished trying out clothes.

It was now nighttime.

"Are you hungry yet?"

"I'm still fine, but if you're hungry..."

The two of them went to dinner.

There was only one diner in this town.

Legends have it that no matter how many people get in, this diner would never be full.

At its peak, it served 400 million customers at once.

The two freely chose a place to sit down.

"Strange, this is a vacation resort but there's no one here at all" Gu Qing Shan looked around.

There was literally no one in the town.

Himself and Su Xue Er were the only two wandering aimlessly around town.

The shops and diner were the same.

“They’re all probably at the Bramble Bird princess’ public debut banquet” Su Xue Er commented.

“Bramble Birds...” Gu Qing Shan muttered.

“They’re mystical creatures, according to them, there are 12 kinds of spirits in the world, so they’re considered to have matured at the age of 12” Su Xue Er didn’t need to think much and simply recounted the knowledge in her mind.

“In order words, the princess is about 12 years old?”

“Correct”

“Heh, so many people go out just to see a 12 years old little girl instead of enjoying their vacation”

“There’s still us”

The two chuckled a bit looking at each other.

The night breeze swept by, refreshing and pleasant.

In the diner, they sat where the wind blew in from the window and ordered a few things on the menu.

Gu Qing Shan first ordered a glass of transparent amber wine, then some fish, bread and cheese, following Su Xue Er’s advice.

— in the infinite worlds, these were the three safer kinds of food.

The fish was caught right from the nearby lake, it was also this place’s specialty.

Gu Qing Shan’s tastes leaned a bit more on the heavy side, but he couldn’t help but admit that this fish was really good.

Since he wasn’t used to eating bread and cheese, he put them down after just a few bites.

Seeing that, Su Xue Er took it from him and ate without any hesitation.

She also ordered herself the most expensive fruit salad of the restaurant.

Gu Qing Shan also tried it and found that it tasted decent.

But they were all light foods.

Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but crave some spicy hotpot dishes.

Fortunately, the transparent amber wine was quite good, it felt refreshing in his throat.

After finishing it, Gu Qing Shan felt like having another glass.

Seeing him like that, Su Xue Er ordered Gu Qing Shan a bowl of noodles.

These noodles were a bit savory and lightly spiced, quite fitting to Gu Qing Shan’s taste.

Gu Qing Shan couldn’t even put down the chopsticks. As he ate.

Seeing that, Su Xue Er couldn't help but try a small bite.

Then the two of them shared this bowl of noodles.

They just sat there, eating and drinking without any heavy thoughts in their hearts. Occasionally they would admire the pleasant, elegant chandeliers and artistic ornaments of the diner, or look out to enjoy the scenery of the lake outside.

Truly a pleasant time.

All of a sudden, a loud rooster-like voice could be heard.

"Hah, well what do you know, there really was someone here and not at the banquet!"

Gu Qing Shan and Su Xue Er looked back to see where the voice came from.

Only to see a large rooster and a floating log coming into the diner.

Gu Qing Shan and the rooster's eyes met.

"Ah? Gu boy, why are you here?" the rooster couldn't help but exclaim.

### **Chapter 508**

*So I really did run into the big rooster.*

Gu Qing Shan smiled and greeted him.

"I came for the call of the Bramble Birds"

"Ah, so that's why. Sadly I'm already too old, otherwise I would've joined to get a few things as well. Worst case, I'll just sell them for a few spare change"

"Ahaha..."

After some small talk, the big rooster suggested that they eat dinner together.

According to it, the town was so big that it took this long to run into some living people, who knows how long it'll take until they ran into each other again.

Without waiting for Gu Qing Shan to refuse, the big rooster had already stopped Gu Qing Shan from talking.

He swung his wing and ordered a top-grade meal combo for 4.

Gu Qing Shan and Su Xue Er exchanged glances.

They couldn't refuse such hospitality without being rude.

Not to mention, since they didn't have anything else to do, and they were still not yet full, it wasn't a problem to accompany the other party for a bit.

The 4 sat down.

"May I ask for the name of this lovely lady?" the big rooster looked to Su Xue Er and politely spoke.

“Hello, I am Su Xue Er”

“Aah—” the big rooster patted Gu Qing Shan on his back: “A beautiful flower and a pile of cow manure, what a perfect combo. I wish the two of you happiness”

“Thank you” Su Xue Er sweetly smiled.

Gu Qing Shan just helplessly endured as he looked towards the log.

“May I ask who this esteemed one is?” he asked.

“Ah, this is an esteemed lady, she doesn’t allow me to give her name, erm—” the big rooster was a bit troubled as he glanced towards the log.

“It’s fine” a low female voice came from the log, “both of these little ones are related to our old friends”

The log started to peel back bit by bit, revealing a realistic beautiful woman made of wood to everyone here.

She first looked at Gu Qing Shan, intrigued: “New member of the Iron Fist Club?”

“I am” Gu Qing Shan freely admitted.

“Has Barry’s leg truly healed?”

“It certainly has”

“The hex he was under was quite the powerful one. I originally thought he would come to me begging, but he instead endured— what a fool, is dignity really more important than your own life” the wooden woman was irritated.

“Why does he not ask for your help?” Su Xue Er carefully asked.

“Because he once faced me in the casino, losing everything down to his underpants” the wooden woman lit a cigarette and took a deep drag.

*Seems like she really was an old acquaintance of Barry’s.*

Gu Qing Shan couldn’t really say anything for Barry.

“Barry? You mean Iron Fist Barry?” the big rooster was surprised.

“That is him” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Ah, I still owe him a small favor” the big rooster begrudgingly mumbled.

The wooden woman then turned to Su Xue Er and asked: “Is your Teacher still well?”

Su Xue Er was a bit shocked.

“Do you know my Teacher?” she sat up gracefully.

“Of course, master of the Blood Sea, since you have the scent of the Blood Sea contract on you, I could tell right away”



Su Xue Er tried asking: “Can I ask, about you and my Teacher——”

“He’s courting me”

The wooden woman answered curtly.

Su Xue Er felt cold sweat running down her forehead.

“Relax, young lady, I’m not going to become your teacher’s wife” the wooden woman said as she saw her panicked look.

The big rooster was holding his breathe this entire time, laughing as he heard this: “Well said, that guy Bloodcloak is too much of a bookworm, nothing like a real man should be”

It was at this time that beautiful tableware started to appear on the long table.

One after another, the food also showed up.

“Dig in, I’m starving to death” the big rooster said.

The wooden woman glanced over all the food and spoke irritated: “Why aren’t there any chicken?”

The rooster froze briefly before answering awkwardly: “That is—— can we not eat chicken?”

“You’re not really a chicken, you just look like one. Can you not get in the way of me eating chicken?” the wooden woman said.

The big rooster went silent for a bit before slapping the table, saying: “Right, I’m not a chicken”

It then ordered a portion of chicken sandwich, some chicken soup and an entire braised chicken.

It was now that the wooden woman relaxed her scowl.

“You’re decent, much stronger than that Bloodcloak” she whispered softly into the big rooster’s ear.

The big rooster was ecstatic, happily replying: “Of course I am, milady”

The wooden woman nodded with satisfaction and began with gracefully drinking some chicken soup.

The big rooster then narrowed his eyes, looking back at Gu Qing Shan.

“Boy, besides this lady, no matter who they are in the entire 900 million worlds, if they dare mention a single word about eating chicken, I’ll beat him up so bad that his mother won’t recognize him. This is a matter of principle”

He very solemnly sent his voice.

Gu Qing Shan tried his best to keep a straight face.

“Indeed, the strong should uphold their own principles” he replied with a completely serious voice.

The big rooster then nodded in satisfaction.

When dinner was over, it was already late at night.

Both parties left the diner.

Before saying their goodbyes, the wooden woman said nothing and placed a leaf on Su Xue Er's forehead.

The leaf gave off a lapis-colored light before sinking into Su Xue Er's forehead.

"Although I'm not an expert at fortune telling, I can tell that your future is quite worrying" the wooden woman said.

"It's really nothing" Su Xue Er awkwardly smiled.

Gu Qing Shan just silently listened on one side without saying anything.

Hearing Su Xue Er, the wooden woman shook her head: "Young girl, don't let your guard down. Consider this leaf of mine a little bit of protection"

Su Xue Er politely replied: "Thank you, may I ask what I should call you?"

The wooden woman waved her hand without saying anything.

She headed down the other side of the road.

"Alright, we'll see you tomorrow, the vacation is long" the big rooster also said goodbye to them.

He quickly chased after the woman.

Gu Qing Shan and Su Xue Er stood still until the other two went out of sight.

"She said your future was worrying..." Gu Qing Shan seemed a bit concerned as he looked at Su Xue Er.

"It's nothing, I have a very powerful master"

"Did something happen? Xue Er, you have to tell me"

Su Xue Er looked at his expression that didn't take 'no' for an answer and giggled a bit: "Alright, there's a minor problem. Let us find a place to stay first, I'll tell you before we sleep"

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

"How was the meal?" Su Xue Er asked caringly.

"I'm a bit too full, let's go, we need to find a place to stay"

"Yeah, I'm a bit sleepy, let's go, let's go"

There were quite a few inns in the town.

Gu Qing Shan and Su Xue Er looked at a few of them before deciding on one that was particularly serene and peaceful.

Su Xue Er quickly registered them there with Gu Qing Shan's room card.

From this moment onwards, Gu Qing Shan sensed that Su Xue Er was a bit off.

She was becoming anxious.

*Strange...*

Gu Qing Shan felt more and more suspicious.

But after a few moments, Su Xue Er came back with a small key.

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She plugged the key into the void of space.

A door opened there.

Su Xue Er took Gu Qing Shan's hand and went in.

"Look, the one I picked was a school dorm" Su Xue Er said.

Gu Qing Shan looked around.

Sure enough, this was a normal female dorm room that left no details out.

"Alright, then where do I sleep?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"You'll be sleeping here"

"What about you?"

"I'll also be sleeping here"

What?

This time it was Gu Qing Shan's turn to be anxious.

At the same time, he faintly understood what Su Xue Er was anxious about.

*If that's the case... it's normal for her to be anxious.*

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking, a small, soft, fragrant body hugged him.

It was Su Xue Er.

She was hugging him.

The girl closed her eyes, looked up and softly kissed Gu Qing Shan.

Time felt like it stopped.

Gu Qing Shan was thinking of so many scenarios, considering what kind of danger Su Xue Er could be in while preparing himself to listen to what Su Xue Er had to say.

But he didn't expect Su Xue Er to do such a thing.

A moment like this was something he had never experienced before.

All of Gu Qing Shan's worries and thoughts went away.

Their lips parted.

Su Xue Er gently stroked Gu Qing Shan's face, whispering: "Sleep, Qing Shan"

Gu Qing Shan slowly closed his eyes and fell down on the bed behind himself.

Su Xue Er silently stared at him, then peeled off a transparent layer from her lips.

As the transparent layer left her lips, it slowly turned into a card in her hand.

There wasn't anything depicted on the card but a pink lipstick mark.

[Gift of a witch's kiss]

[A person kissed by this card will fall into a wonderful slumber for 3 days straight]

[Only those who possess the same kissing techniques as the witch will be able to escape the dream]

Su Xue Er put the card away and sat down on the side of the bed.

She silently stroked Gu Qing Shan's face.

She did nothing and just looked at him longingly.

Until a certain moment, when chimes and light appeared around Su Xue Er.

The call of the Bramble Birds.

One hour outside, one day here.

Time was up.

Su Xue Er sighed.

"Qing Shan, you eating the skeleton meant that you've been demonized"

She finally told the truth.

"But when I took the card, it showed me nothing"

"This was because I've finally escaped from my original fate, where nothing else can control or manipulate me anymore"

Su Xue Er took out the [Predictor of Fate] card.

She returned it into Gu Qing Shan's breast pocket.

"The only things I do right now are things that I wish to"

"So I will take over the dangers on your way for you— according to the card's prediction, as long as I take it for you, you will be safe. And if you can safely make it through this, you will surely become a peerless Combatant"

At this point, Su Xue Er warmly smiled.

"You only need to stay here and sleep, awaiting my return"

Saying so, Su Xue Er took out another card and threw it to the air.

The card enveloped Gu Qing Shan.

[The Binding Oath]

[The target of this card can only move around within an area of 5 meters, unable to leave]

Su Xue Er thought for a bit and took out another card.

This card was different from the ones from before.

It was giving off a bloody glow.

Lord Bloodcloak was standing in the card, holding a shield in his hand.

[Blood Sea deck: The Lord's protection]

[After this card is activated, it will form a protective barrier around the selected area. No person or attack will be able to break through it]

Su Xue Er activated the card.

A blood-colored barrier expanded from the card to envelop the room.

Three cards.

The first was to put Gu Qing Shan to sleep.

The second was to force him to stay here in case he woke up early.

The third—

Even though no one should be able to get hurt in Aboul, Su Xue Er still used her strongest defensive card to protect this room.

Only after using 3 layers of protection did Su Xue Er finally feel relieved.

Stroking Gu Qing Shan's face, she whispered: "If... I don't return..."

She kissed Gu Qing Shan.

This was a true goodbye kiss.

"You have to live well"

Saying so, she disappeared from the room.

Only Gu Qing Shan remained here.

Gu Qing Shan laid on the bed, his eyes closed without moving.

The [Gift of a witch's kiss] put him to sleep for a total of three days.

During this, the call of the Bramble Birds would end.

In truth, since the time had come, everyone will be allowed to enter its world, but those who arrived first get to enter first.

And so, Gu Qing Shan will definitely miss the call.

The three cards ensured that he won't be able to do anything— or meet any danger.

Time slowly passed.

The spatial waves formed when Su Xue Er left gradually calmed.

The room was silent.

All of a sudden, an autumn-like blue sword appeared from the void of space, twirled in the air and turned into a blue-dress maid.

Shannu.

Seeing Gu Qing Shan's sleeping expression, she couldn't help but feel a bit troubled.

*Gongzi was put to sleep, what do I do now?*

Indeed, as the sword spirit of the Divine Sword, she can cut through all techniques and spells.

But Su Xue Er was very smart, all the spells affected Gu Qing Shan directly, and they were all activated when Gu Qing Shan least expected.

Shannu was unaffected by any Laws, so she wasn't affected by the cards.

But Gu Qing Shan didn't put up any defense, so he was.

And now, not even Gu Qing Shan could escape from the three cards' effects.

Shannu stood by the bed, a bit troubled from what to do, but moved at the same time.

She couldn't help but sighed: "Who could've thought such a devoted woman actually exists"

A sudden male voice responded.

"What devoted woman? More like a silly girl"

Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes and got up from the bed as he spoke.

## **Chapter 509**

Gu Qing Shan sat on the bed looking at the War God UI.

Several lines of glowing text was on-screen, recording everything that had happened just now.

As soon as the card touched him, the War God System had already noticed.

In a split second, the [War God Skills] icon was triggered.

[You've touched a card]

[The card had used the following God's Chosen Skill: Gift of a witch's kiss]

[Gift of a witch's kiss: A person kissed by this card will fall into a wonderful slumber for 3 days straight, only those who possess the same kissing techniques as the witch will be able to escape the dream]

[10,000 Soul Points is required to learn the technique]

[Would you like to learn the technique?]

[Special note: If you learn the witch's kiss, the level of your kissing skills will automatically max out]

In the same split second, Gu Qing Shan managed to react.

He immediately decided to spend 10,000 Soul Points to learn the witch's kiss.

That was why he was unaffected by this God's Chosen Skill.

At this point, Gu Qing Shan was still sitting on the bed, complaining to the War God System: "Did you calculate it wrong or something? Even the Taiyi Sword Array I just learnt only cost 2000 Soul Points, why did a kissing technique cost 10,000 Soul Points?"

[Ting]!

The System responded: [Excellent kissing techniques allows you to conquer women over 10,000 times stronger than yourself, while the Taiyi Sword Array cannot]

Gu Qing Shan fell silent.

*...That almost sounded like it made sense.*

"But I don't need to conquer any woman 10,000 times stronger than myself do I?" Gu Qing Shan didn't get swept into the topic and retorted.

[If you regret it, you may use 100,000 for the System to unlearn the technique and once again fall asleep] the War God UI replied.

Gu Qing Shan shrugged.

*Can't even hold a damn conversation.*

He looked towards Shannu.

Shannu's eyes were a bit reddened.

"Are you feeling moved for that silly girl?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"She's not silly, she's only doing what's good for you" Shannu couldn't help but try and defend Su Xue Er.

Gu Qing Shan got a bit annoyed: "If two people recognize one another, then no matter the hardship or trial, they should be facing it together"

"Furthermore, she didn't understand one thing"

"Which is?"

"There is no hardship that can stop her man!"

Saying so, Gu Qing Shan stood up, he quickly went out.

*Bonk!!!*

A loud sound of impact.

He ran straight into an invisible wall and crouched down to hold his forehead.

“Her man was just stopped” Shannu told him sincerely.

While still holding his head, Gu Qing Shan checked the invisible barrier.

“What the heck is this!”

He asked, clicking his tongue.

“I forgot to tell you, when you hid your presence and pretended to sleep, Su Xue Er erected a few barriers to protect you” Shannu explained.

Gu Qing Shan tried putting his palm on the invisible barrier.

A few lines of glowing text showed up on the War God UI.

[The Binding Oath]

[The target of this card can only move around within an area of 5 meters, unable to leave]

[This is a soul-binding spell, effective range: 500 million km]

[Within its effective range, it'll always be able to lock-on to your soul and maintain effectiveness]

[Note: You are already under the effects of this card, so it's impossible to get out]

[Special Note: This is a spell card specially made by Lord Bloodcloak, with your current powers you are unable to destroy it]

Reading the skill description, Gu Qing Shan smirked: “So she did learn a few new tricks, unfortunately, she doesn't know that I have a sword that can break all spells”

Shannu understood.

She flew back into Gu Qing Shan's hand, turning into the Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

A sword slash gleamed.

The sword passed through the invisible barrier like it passed through water.

Wherever the sword passed through, the barrier really was cut open.

But as soon as the sword passed, the barrier instantly repaired itself.

“...” Gu Qing Shan.

“...” Shannu.

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword can cut through the barrier, but only enough for the Six Paths Great Mountain sword to pass through.

Gu Qing Shan himself couldn't pass.

Gu Qing Shan let go of the Six Paths Great Mountain sword and drew the Earth sword.

“Break open!”

Gu Qing Shan shouted as he swung the Earth sword at the barrier.



The Earth sword's 86,370,000 tons of force hit the barrier and easily passed through.

The barrier itself didn't block any attack.

It just didn't allow Gu Qing Shan to go through.

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Gu Qing Shan tried again with the Chao Yin sword, then with warp formations.

But the results were the same.

He couldn't leave no matter what he tried.

Gu Qing Shan angrily grunted.

*Su Xue Er already left.*

*If I don't get out now, I'll miss the call of the Bramble Birds.*

*There's no way I can let Su Xue Er take on everything for me!*

Gu Qing Shan was now a bit worried.

The three swords hovered in the air, silently watching as he paced back and forth inside the barrier.

The Chao Yin sword vibrated a bit in confusion.

"He's troubled" Shannu explained.

"That's right, he's also annoyed" the Earth sword commented: "Having to pretend to sleep for his first kiss, he must be really regretting it right now"

The Chao Yin sword vibrated a bit more, seemingly chuckling.

Gu Qing Shan sighed and explained to the three swords: "I had no other choice, that girl is too stubborn, if I didn't pretend to sleep, she wouldn't have said what was on her mind"

"But you're trapped here despite knowing the truth" the Earth sword spoke.

"Only for now" Gu Qing Shan said.

He thought for a bit, then looked at the skill description on the War God UI.

"The range of [The Binding Oath] is 500 million km?"

Gu Qing Shan realized something.

"If that's the case, if I can traverse over 500 million km all at once, this spell might lose its effect"

"...500 million km..."

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

After a while, he suddenly asked: "System, when can I return to my original world?"

[Ting]!

The System responded: [You've completed Destiny Quest: Remain at the Justice Iron Fist Club]  
[You may return to your original world at any time]

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

*Oh yeah, every time I complete a Destiny Quest, I can already return to my original world.  
This time, after having permission to stay at the Justice Iron Fist Club, I still haven't returned only  
because I wanted to unlock the new function of the System.*

Gu Qing Shan thought a bit more.

*The distance from here to my original world is definitely over 500 million km.  
Just like that, I'll get out of [The Binding Oath].  
The only problem is how to quickly return.  
If I return too late, I won't make it in time for the call of the Bramble Birds.  
So I have to go back to Aboul Hotel...*

Gu Qing Shan then remembered, every time he returned to his original world, he would be able to warp to the other world again after a certain period of time.

"System, how long do I have to stay in my original world to return here again?" he asked.

[One day]

*It'll take an entire day?  
I won't make it in time for the Bramble Bird's call then.*

Gu Qing Shan asked further without giving up: "Is there some way to reduce the amount of time I have to stay?"

[There are two methods]

"The first is?"

[The first method is to spend all your remaining Soul Points]

"The second?"

[The second, the closer you are to Aboul, the less time it takes to warp— because the System won't need to make the necessary preparations for long-distance warp]

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit.

*My original world is outside the 900 million World Layers.  
That is too far away  
Too far!!!  
Wait.  
I have the Justice Iron Fist Club's beacon, I can directly warp back to the Justice Iron Fist Club!  
Since the Justice Iron Fist Club is closer to Aboul, the time it'll take will decrease significantly.  
Unless—*

*Kitty said she was able to transport anyone anywhere within the range of 300 million World Layers. The only downside of that is that she won't be able to pinpoint the exact location for the warp. Then I'll just have her randomly transport me, as long as she's sending me in the direction of Aboul, I'll be able to close the distance even more. This should save a lot of time.*

"The first method requires that I use up all my Soul Points?" Gu Qing Shan asked again.

The System responded: [Correct, this is the rule]

Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

Soul Points were the most powerful force he knew, the Tianma called it Divine power.

The Soul Points he had right now could be used for a lot of other things.

And Gu Qing Shan had a feeling.

If he was insufficiently prepared when answering the call of the Bramble Birds, he might be facing insurmountable despair.

"Alright, I choose the second method, bring me back" Gu Qing Shan decided.

He cracked his knuckles, preparing to return here as fast as possible.

A few lines of glowing text showed up on the War God UI.

[Order confirmed]

[Preparing to return]

[3]

[2]

[1]

[Return]

Light enveloped Gu Qing Shan.

He disappeared from the room.

## **Chapter 510**

The original world.

Freedom Confederate, the capital's outskirts.

The mountaintop mansion.

A screen of light appeared, followed by Gu Qing Shan.

As soon as his feet touched the ground, he chanted: "Justice Iron Fist Club".

Following his chant, a thin string appeared from the void of space.

This was a void string, connecting him and the faraway Super Dimensional world—— Justice Iron Fist Club.

Gu Qing Shan pulled the string.

It immediately reacted.

The string began to expand at an incredibly slow rate.

—due to how long the distance was.

Even after the Super Dimensional beacon had been activated, it would take a while for the void string to prepare.

Sensing the change of the void string, Gu Qing Shan silently nodded.

From this moment onwards, the beacon would be getting ready to warp him.

This was an irreversible and unstoppable process.

Kitty told him that it would take about half an hour until Gu Qing Shan is transported.

*What can I do in half an hour?*

Gu Qing Shan stretched his back.

*I think... there isn't anything to do?*

The Holo-Brain in his breast pocket lit up out of nowhere.

[Sir, it is good to see you, you've returned just in time] Impartial Goddess' voice came.

"Hm? What's the matter?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

[We ran into some serious trouble] Impartial Goddess told him.

A lot of data and records were then displayed on his Holo-Brain.

Everything that happened since the day the Wraiths and Demis began their invasion was presented to Gu Qing Shan.

"The Wraiths and Demis are invading?" Gu Qing Shan scowled.

"How many of them are there in total? I don't have much time. Prepare the warp points, I'll take care of this"

As Gu Qing Shan asked, he had already grabbed the Earth sword from the void of space.

He wanted to go out and deal with this in one fell swoop.

[No, sir, this isn't that simple] Impartial Goddess replied.

More data appeared on the screen.

From the details shown, the current situation was one where tens of thousands of Wraiths and over a hundred Demi had scattered all over the world.

From their conversations, it was believed that the Asura and Beast Kings were also hiding in the shadow, waiting for a moment to strike.

“So that’s what happened, this really is troublesome” Gu Qing Shan felt a bit of a headache as he finished reading the records.

The Super Dimensional warp had already been activated.

He only had half an hour.

A single person wanting to go all around the world and deal with these threats in half an hour was nothing but impossible.

And both the Asura and Beast Kings were still hiding in their respective worlds rather than coming here.

They were standing by to observe and wait.

Gu Qing Shan would need to spend a lot of time and effort to thoroughly deal with this problem.

—-and he didn’t have the time.

Gu Qing Shan inhaled deeply.

He carefully looked over all the data, forcing himself to think as rationally as possible.

It took almost 10 minutes for him to read all the records and understand the basic situation.

There was only 20 minutes left until he was warped away.

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes and rubbed his forehead.

He was silently going through the records he just read in his mind.

Every Wraith, every Demi, their every action, every word, everything quickly scanned through in Gu Qing Shan’s mind.

“Demi... every Demi has their own Divine Skill, and our cultivators are no match for them, how do I overturn this situation...” Gu Qing Shan muttered.

This same problem had also been plaguing Zhang Ying Hao’s mind.

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Impartial Goddess asked: [Sir, do you need me to tell everyone that you’ve returned?]

“Don’t, I need a bit of time to think”

Gu Qing Shan stood up, pacing back and forth in the room.

Remaining absolutely rational, he was thinking at unprecedented speeds.

Regardless of what was happening to this world, he must save Su Xue Er first.

However—

Wouldn’t everything be fine in the end if he could just come up with a possible solution for this world within the short 30 minutes he had?

Thinking that, Gu Qing Shan said: “Bring records numbers 7, 93, 136, 385 and 614 back out, I need to look through them again”

[Understood, sir]

Video records and data quickly appeared on the Holo-Brain.

They flashed through the screen at such a speed where normal people wouldn't even be able to realize what was happening.

But Gu Qing Shan stared straight at the screen of the Holo-Brain, completely focused.

Anyone would look at this with disbelief.

“Too slow, increase the scroll speed” he ordered.

[Very well, sir] Impartial Goddess replied.

The data on screen started flowing at the speed of a waterfall, appearing and disappearing within a split second.

This had already surpassed the limit of human cognition.

But Gu Qing Shan read it all just fine, occasionally even nodding, seemingly to confirm the situation.

At a certain point, Gu Qing Shan noticed something.

He muttered: “Whether it's the Demi or the Wraiths, even the Asura and Beast Kings, what they want is to obtain this world, not destroy it”

Impartial Goddess continued: [Yes, sir. Mr. Zhang Ying Hao also arrived at the same conclusion]

“So he already noticed?” Gu Qing Shan laughed, “then why did he not deal with these guys yet?”

[Mr. Zhang Ying Hao had used many plans and schemes, producing extraordinary results. But the Demis are too powerful, his schemes weren't able to produce decisive results]

“The Demis are too strong...”

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit and asked: “What about Ye Fei Li? He's a Man Killer Fiend, aren't you supporting him to become stronger?”

Impartial Goddess replied: [According to my calculations, his growth is fast, but given the growth curve observed so far, he won't make it in time to save this world]

“Why not?”

[The most powerful Demis are powerful beyond human imagination. According to my calculations, at most, 2 days later this world will have been taken over by the Demis, Ye Fei Li would not grow up in time]

“So that's the reason” Gu Qing Shan nodded.

23 minutes had passed.

Gu Qing Shan was able to sense the void string clearer and clearer as time went by.

It was already tugging at Gu Qing Shan lightly, attempting to take him away from this world.

*There's not enough time left!*

Gu Qing Shan inhaled deeply and closed his eyes to think.

“They don't want to destroy this world, they want this world”

He began to mutter in a low voice.

Seemingly to emphasize this to himself.

He was forcing himself to remember this crucial piece of intel.

“...humans are no match for the Demi”

“Ye Fei Li needs more time to grow...”

Gu Qing Shan abruptly opened his eyes.

He felt it.

The void string had gathered enough power and was about to pull him away.

1 second later, the void string will take him back to the Justice Iron Fist Club!

In that brief second, Gu Qing Shan placed his hands on the keyboard.

*There was no time for an explanation!*

*There wasn't even time for a full sentence.*

*In one second, I can only---*

“Authorize all authority to Ye Fei Li!”

Gu Qing Shan shouted.

He managed to type a few words at lightning speed.

*Whoosh!*

Right as he finished, Gu Qing Shan disappeared from this world.

## **Chapter 512**

The world alliance army command center.

The Murder Clown had finished preparing and got ready for take off.

“What do you plan to do, and how can we help?” Zhang Ying Hao asked.

The Murder Clown put up one finger on its lips.

[Sshhhh~]

It then extended its other hand, gesturing everyone to be quiet.

Everyone said nothing else and silently stared at it.

The Murder Clown stood still and listened.

No one said a single word.

Everything went quiet.

Only now was the Murder Clown satisfied.

[All of you listen] it whispered.

Everyone tried to do as it said, but then just exchanged looks.

There was no sound within the silence.

*What are we supposed to be listening to?*

Zhang Ying Hao shrugged, gesturing with his hand to the Murder Clown for it to continue.

The Murder Clown lowered its voice: [Before the storm, there is always silence]

Within the stifled silence, the Clown said such a thing as if it was chanting some sort of incantation.

As if he was the messenger of the storm.

“The storm? What do we do next?” Liao Xing asked.

Everyone kept staring at the Clown.

*Humans can't win against the Demi.*

*Gu Qing Shan hinted at a solution, so would it kill you to at least tell us about it!?*

The Murder Clown inhaled deeply before declaring in a shout: [Watch as the plot unfolds, my dear friends, all you need to do is watch, because—-]

[A completely new game is about to begin!]

*Boom!*

The Clown directly broke through the ceiling as it took off far into the sky.

In mere seconds, it had already gone out of sight.

“A mad Clown” Martial Saint Zhang Zong Yang muttered.

“Are you going to let him leave just like that? He's no match for the Demi with his current strength” Zhang Ying Hao questioned.

Impartial Goddess spoke: [Sir Gu Qing Shan had given Mr. Ye Fei Li full battle authorization]

“Fine, let's hope Gu Qing Shan is right” Zhang Ying Hao sighed.

“Impartial Goddess turn on the world-wide surveillance system, let us see what he's going to do” the President said.



[Understood, please observe] Impartial Goddess replied.

A large screen of light was deployed in front of them.

The Murder Clown was moving at high-speed on the screen.

It was heading towards a city where the Wraiths had gathered.

With its current strength, doing that was no different from a fly going straight into the spider web.

“Impartial Goddess, is Ye Fei Li seeking death?” Zhang Ying Hao asked with a heavy tone of voice.

Impartial Goddess replied: [Unclear, but sir Gu Qing Shan had given authorization for him to do something, so I will not stop him]

“He didn’t seem to be in his right mind, if he happens to be trying something dangerous, are you not going to stop him?” Monarch Varona couldn’t help but question.

[I will not]

“Even if he wants to destroy the world, you’re going to ignore him?” Liao Xing asked.

[I will follow sir Gu Qing Shan’s order and help Mr. Ye Fei Li destroy the world] Impartial Goddess calmly replied.

...

One hour later.

Everywhere around the world.

All Wraiths and Demis stopped their hands.

Because around them, every screen that was still operational suddenly turned on.

They already knew about the fact that a lot of items in this world could project pictures.

But this was the first time they saw the majestic sight of every screen in the world showing the same picture and scene.

This was already out of their range of comprehension.

A strange man appeared on the screen.

Or rather than a man, it was more accurate to call it a metallic monster.

“The Murder Clown!”

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Some voices screamed from fear.

They were all normal humans, but they had already surrendered to the Demis, becoming their hound dogs.

There were also humans who were converted into Wraiths.

These Wraiths quickly explained the Murder Clown's background to the other Wraiths.

—of course, no one knew the Murder Clown's actual background, but the things it had done were still fresh in the minds of humanity and still brought them fear.

Following the explanations, both Wraiths and Demis got to know the Murder Clown's glorious wrap-sheet.

"What kind of creature is it exactly?" one of the Demis was confused.

"Don't be alarmed, let's see what it wants to do" another Demi spoke.

At this time, every Demi, Wraith, and even human were focused on the screens.

And the Murder Clown seems to have noticed this.

It raised three fingers to the air and began counting down.

[3]

[2]

[1]

[Begin!]

A rock-and-roll style 8-bit music track began to play on the screen.

Together with this music track, various figures began to appear on screen one by one.

At first it showed the heroic figures of various Demis as they fought, then changed to the scenes of the Wraiths' fighting.

Neither Wraith nor Demi understood what the battle scenes being shown were supposed to mean.

"What the hell?"

"I don't know, look, that's me, that move right then made me look quite handsome didn't it?"

"That's nothing! Look, that's me, I just dealt with 5 of those mechanical armors"

The Demis and Wraiths whispered discussions among themselves.

After the cinematic battle scenes finished rolling, the music also faded.

The Murder Clown cleared its throat and began to talk.

[And so, the game has officially begun, please sign up in groups of 7 to participate in this year's King of Fighters Grand Tournament, the final winner will be receiving this world]

Complete silence.

The Wraiths and Demis were stunned.

"The King of Fighters Grand Tournament?"

"What the heck is that?"

"Not sure, maybe it's some sort of ritual in this world?"

"Sounds like it has something to do with fighting?"

They whispered among each other.

The human traitors and newly-turned Wraiths explained to them what 'The King of Fighters' was about.

They finally understood what it was after hearing it.

*So it's just a game...*

The Heavenly God remained silent.

It was now that he finally sighed: "Is this guy out of his mind, who's free enough to be playing a game with him?"

On the other side, the Frost Flame Wraith King told his minions: 『 What a ridiculous creature, we don't need to pay attention to it 』

Frost Flame Wraith King continued to give out orders to prepare for an attack on another city.

At this point, the Murder Clown continued to speak.

[Perhaps you think I'm crazy, or you're lazy and don't want to join this tournament]

[But I have to say—]

[That is not an option]

The Murder Clown raised its hands up and lightly clapped.

Following the clap of its hands, every Wraith and Demi in the world stopped again.

They all felt something.

The earth itself shook.

The air flow in the sky was changed very subtly, but violently.

A type of chemical radiation had appeared, something incredibly harmful to the world.

Sensing that, the Heavenly God felt a bit heavy.

"Go, check out what happened" the Heavenly God ordered.

"Yes sir!"

The Heavenly God went together with several Demi, quickly flying towards where the tremble was.

They were very fast, reaching the place of the occurrence in a few moments.

As the Demis arrived, so did the Wraiths.

The one leading them was the Frost Flame Wraith King.

Both Wraiths and Demis only glanced at each other briefly before looking down at the scene.

This was the middle of the desert, intense heat radiated from the ground, signs of destruction were everywhere as fine sand was scattered in the air.

“Can you feel it?” the Heavenly god asked in a low voice.

『 I can. This thing is extremely harmful to the world, it is giving off a type of radiation that can destroy and erode the world for a long period of time 』 the Frost Flame Wraith King solemnly replied.

### **Chapter 513**

“This clown is an insane creature unlike anything I’ve seen before” the Heavenly God muttered in a heavy tone.

The Frost Flame Wraith King said nothing and only stared intently at the burnt desert ground.

Even after a while, the intense heat still remained in the desert, warping the vision of those looking through it.

The shockwaves from the blast only lasted for a short time, and it didn’t spread too far before dissipating, but the high temperature left behind was enough to turn this place into hell on earth.

As powerful as Demis and Wraiths were, they weren’t afraid of this level of damage, but they paid attention to how it affected the world.

A few drones suddenly flew over from the sky.

The drones went in front of them and projected the screens again.

The Murder Clown showed up on those screen.

Following the 8-bit theme from before, it was playing an air-guitar.

[Jan-jajaangg~! 7 per group, sign up, people!]

[The final winner gets to fight me, and you get this world if you beat me]

[Otherwise, I’m gonna——]

The Murder Clown clapped its hands again.

The feeling of another intense impact appeared.

The ground shook again.

“Damn it, it unleashed that skill again” the Heavenly God was clearly annoyed.

The Frost Flame Wraith King said nothing and quickly headed to where the impact came from.

The Heavenly God also swung his hand, ordering the Demis to follow.

A city.

A destroyed city.

This place had already been cleaned out by the Demis and Wraiths, so there weren’t any remaining signs of life, all that was left were empty metallic structures and buildings.

When the Demis and Wraiths got here, the deed had already been done.

But they were shown clearly what the deed was by the drones.

A large mushroom cloud erupted to the sky.

The entire city was levelled in mere seconds.

The Heavenly God stood at the barrier of the city, carefully sensing it.

After a while, he spoke: “This level of power is useless against us, but it can do a lot of harm to this world”

『 In order words, this ‘Murder Clown’ is a creature that likes to destroy worlds? 』 the Frost Flame Wraith King muses.

“I asked my human servants, they said that this thing is insane, it had done a lot of strange things, and killed a lot of people, sometimes doing them without any reason”

『 It wanted us to join some sort of fighting tournament 』 the Frost Flame Wraith King said.

All of a sudden, the Murder Clown once again appeared on the screen.

[Correct! Student Wraith King listened to my lecture very well, you get my praise— unfortunately you don’t accept money as a reward, otherwise I would’ve given you 300 Empire coins for your correct answer]

The Heavenly God looked at the Clown on the screen, asking in a low voice: “What exactly do you want?”

He turned back and peeked a glance.

This Demi had been preparing for a while, finally smirked and spoke: “Ready”

Right at that moment, the Demi disappeared.

He had an instantaneous movement skill, capable of moving right to where the Murder Clown was immediately!

Unfortunately, Impartial Goddess had been monitoring the entire planet.

As soon as the Demi disappeared.

The Murder Clown had also warped away.

Everyone saw that Demi appeared on the screen.

But the Murder Clown was already gone.

After a long-distance warp, the Murder Clown reappeared at another city.

The scene quickly changed to focus on the Murder Clown again.

He whistled and applauded.

[Your actions are truly heroic for going against a damned villain like myself]  
[To commend your bravery, I shall make this world suffer once again]

*Boom—*

Another explosion.

Another nuclear explosion happened where the Wraiths and Demis gathered.

A hemispherical flame shrouded the ground as a huge cloud of smoke mixed with dust imploded before erupting to the sky.

Large amounts of rocks and sand were blasted by the shockwaves, sending them flying outwards to structures that were yet to be destroyed, forming large craters of impact all over.

After a while.

Everything settled down.

The Wraiths and Demis could be seen once more.

The majority of them looked a bit charred, but none of them actually got hurt.

Only the weakest of the Wraiths were killed in the blast.

Such an attack wasn't even worth paying attention to for the majority of Wraiths and Demis.

But the Heavenly God and Frost Flame Wraith King both looked very irritated.

『 Did you notice? 』 the Frost Flame Wraith King asked.

“I did. Faint radiation was scattered throughout the air, with this kind of radiation, common creatures would die in a few hours to a few weeks” the Heavenly God spoke.

『 Not only that, if that Clown keeps unleashing this kind of attack, the entire world will be contaminated and every common creature would die 』

Following his explanation, a large screen was projected in the air.

The Murder Clown showed up again.

[Student Wraith King, you really are a bright boy]

The Clown clapped its hand while speaking with utter seriousness: [But I won't be unleashing nuclear attacks one after another, you have to trust me on this]

The Murder Clown glanced around a little bit before putting a finger in front of its mouth, whispering: [I'll tell you a little secret. I actually prefer to unleash a few ten thousand times of these at once, destroying the world in one go]

『 No! You mad man, what exactly are you thinking!? 』 the Frost Flame Wraith King furiously shouted.

The Heavenly God also spoke to the screen: “You damn villain, if you dare to continue destroying this world, I swear I will tear you to pieces!”

—if the human realm really does get destroyed, then all their efforts up to now would have been for nothing.

A world filled with this harmful and useless energy wasn't worth fusing with their worlds.

Instead, after fusing it would actually cause the environment of the Heaven realm or Wraith realm to become irreversibly worse!

On the screen, the Clown pulled out two puffs of cotton from the ears of its helmet and threw it behind itself.

It shrugged: [I can't hear what you said]

『 Bullshit!!! 』 the Frost Flame Wraith King roared.

The chilling flames around it suddenly erupted.

Within a mere 0.01 seconds, Impartial Goddess noticed this change.

She quickly made the decision.

In a flash, the Murder Clown disappeared from the screen.

Three seconds later, the Frost Flame Wraith King reappeared where the Clown originally was.

Overwhelming burning flames of frost gathered around him.

He had concentrated its power, wanting to strike the Clown with an explosive attack.

Unfortunately, he missed.

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The Murder Clown disappeared in the blink of an eye.

The Wraith King was the most powerful Wraith, capable of facing off against the Heavenly God without losing.

But even the Wraith King couldn't catch the Clown!

Where the Wraith King stood, a new drone hovered, projecting another screen.

Seeing that, the Heavenly God felt heavy.

*The Clown can destroy the world at any time.*

*But no one could catch it.*

*How do we break this situation?*

The Murder Clown once again showed up on-screen, applauding the Frost Flame Wraith King: [What a brave challenger, to your warm welcome, I've decided to turn your half-built Wraith fortress into rubble]

『 Nooo! 』 the Frost Flame Wraith King roared desperately.

As if unable to hear that, the Murder Clown was just performing a graceful ballet on the other side before it turned to face the camera and clapped its hands.

[I'm sorry, student Wraith King, a fired arrow can't turn back]

*Boom—*

The earth shook again.

Intense shockwaves resounded through the air.

The screen turned completely blank, but panicked and scared screams could be heard nonstop.

This explosion was much more intense than the previous ones.

With the tiny changes in the air flow, any of the powerful Combatants here could tell where the explosion happened.

The Wraith fortress.

The Wraith King's new base which was only just halfway in its construction.

After a while.

The screen quickly showed the aftermath.

The Wraith fortress that was just starting to be built had disappeared completely from the horizon.

The ground was in shambles.

The Wraith King stared blankly at the screen, standing completely still.

The Wraith fortress was the new base it took so long to establish, having only just finished the foundations.

But it was gone.

The Wraith King clenched his fists tight.

"Don't be triggered, or you'll be doing exactly what it wants" the Heavenly God's voice came from the side.

He stood next to the Wraith King with a cautious expression.

*In a single day, it managed to unleash such a large-ranged attack several times in a row, and the attack even carried a characteristic of doing long-term damage to the world.*

*Is this the Clown's ability?*

The Heavenly God calmly asked: "Murder Clown, what exactly do you want?"

[Hah, that's a good question]

The Murder Clown threw the cup of ice cream in its hand away, wiping the metal mouth decoration of its helmet with a handkerchief.



[I want to play a game]

Following the Clown's voice, the 8-bit theme song began playing again.

The time of the first round;

The time of the quarter-final;

The time of the grand final;

The 18 stages;

The 21 rules of the tournament;

Tournament dress code;

—-and an electronic invitation.

These things showed up on-screen one by one.

[Winning against me is the only way you're going to get this world intact]

[And I'm the game's final boss, if you want to fight me, you'll have to become the King of Fighters champion]

[Otherwise, I'm going to destroy the world]

[Ahahahaha, what fun~]

The Clown disappeared with a frenzied laugh.

The entire world fell into long silence.

The Heavenly God was staring at the final rule.

[You must defeat all other competitors to obtain this world]

He clenched his fists, muttering: "This world..."

The humans of this world didn't have the power to defeat Demis.

The only worry were the Wraiths, Asura and Beast Kings.

They also wanted to obtain this world.

The Heavenly God's thoughts slowly became clear.

*Very well, I'll use this chance to eliminate all the threats*

*Then I just need to beat the Murder Clown and I'll obtain this world.*

He didn't say these words out loud, because the Frost Flame Wraith King was still standing next to him.

『 Seems like there isn't any other way. To obtain this world, I can only follow the Clown's rules for now 』 the Frost Flame Wraith King sighed.

—*actually, this is a good thing, this world's humanity had already been seen through.*  
*If I can use this chance to thoroughly make this world mine, it'll be much better than the alternatives,* the Frost Flame Wraith King also silently said to himself.

He brought his Wraith subordinate and left without turning back.

The Heavenly God didn't bother to notice the Wraiths' movements.

He was already thinking.

—-thinking about the combinations and coordination for his Demis.

The tournament rules dictate that 7 members form a group, two groups will fight each other with the winner being able to proceed.

Appropriate coordination and member composition will allow them to put less effort for better results.

Making the most out of every Demi's abilities was something the Heavenly God must worry about.

From this moment onwards, the Demis and Wraiths both entered a state of preparation for the King of Fighters tournament.

The news spread like wildfire.

Even the Asura and Beast Kings that have been lying in wait couldn't afford to do so anymore.

They also began to construct their respective teams.

This little fighting game that the Murder Clown came up with, from a certain point of view, actually fit perfectly with every faction's intentions.

—-the strongest wins it all.

Deciding the ownership of the world through a contest of strength, this law of the jungle was accepted by every single world.

At the same time, this prevented the need for a large-scale war, which could result in total extinction of the losing species.

And there was no going back on the results.

If any side angered the Clown, it might just unleash that kind of attack again, making this world completely undesirable.

Besides that, the Combatants who take part in the tournament will definitely not let the other side leave the ring alive.

Everyone was cautious of the enemy's possible counter attacks.

This was going to be a tough battle.

This was a grand tournament between the six realms to decide the fate of the world.

## **Chapter 514**

On another side.

The world alliance army command center.

The Murder Clown just finished taking off his Mech armor.

Ye Fei Li once again showed up in front of them.

As well as the armor was taken off, the eerie sense of madness that came with it also disappeared.

It was almost miraculous.

“How did I do just now?” Ye Fei Li asked.

Besides Liao Xing, everyone gave him their thumbs up.

Ye Fei Li looked at Liao Xing questioningly.

Liao Xing was a bit confused: “Why do I see like we’re the real villains every time you portray the Murder Clown?”

Ye Fei Li snickered and received a cup of wine from Zhang Ying Hao, sipping it.

“What do we do now?” Zhang Zong Yang couldn’t help but ask.

“We kill Wraiths”

Ye Fei Li randomly threw the cup to one side and explained: “Impartial Goddess scheduled the tournament to take a long time, giving me enough time to become stronger”

“And when the finals are over, I will show up as the final boss, dealing with the champion team”

“I can faintly tell how long I’ll need to get stronger than they are”

Ye Fei Li’s tone turned cold: “This world was hurt, and I’ll make them pay for it with their lives”

“How confident are you?” the President asked.

Impartial Goddess’ voice came: [Please be assured, I will specifically choose Wraiths that are singled out or act alone, allowing him to grow as fast as possible]

She then told Ye Fei Li: [A bit further in the Southeast direction, two low-levelled Wraiths that weren’t gathered by the Wraith King has been identified, please quickly eliminate them]

“Got it”

Ye Fei Li lightly waved his hand.

The Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook appeared from the void of space, attaching to the back of his left palm.

“I heard anything cut by you will temporarily forget everything”

Ye Fei Li looked at the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook and commented.

“That is correct, as long as you can get me to touch their body, I’ll be able to stun them” the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook replied.

“How interesting, what would a Wraith who lost its memories be like?”

“Try it to find out”

“Then let’s go”

*Pfew—*

Ye Fei Li took the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook to the sky and flew away.

Everyone just silently stared at his back until he went out of sight. And even then, no one said a thing.

Finally, Zhang Ying Hao sighed deeply: “Why did Gu Qing Shan think of such a solution, and what exactly is he doing?”

“That’s right, all of this is really crazy” Liao Xing also commented, “I guess that he must’ve had something really crucial to do, otherwise he wouldn’t ignore this world like that”

High in the sky where they couldn’t see.

Ye Fei Li stepped into a circular metal ring.

The planet became much larger after its fusion, at least 10 times bigger than it used to be, so the distance between cities also grew bigger.

And so, traversing these large distances required the use of large-scaled warp devices.

Fortunately, thanks to Liao Xing’s constant improvements, warp technology had already advanced a lot compared to before.

As Ye Fei Li stepped into the metal ring.

The ring started to howl with high-pitched sounds of alert.

And a moment later, Ye Fei Li disappeared with a trace.

He reappeared on a large open road.

Ye Fei Li looked around.

At the end of the road, two Wraiths were wrestling with a Mobile Mech.

With the khopesh in his hand, Ye Fei Li stepped towards them.

The two Wraiths noticed him.

One of them knocked the Mech away, asking in a strange tone: 『 Who are you? 』

This Wraith was one converted from a human, so it remembered what happened and can speak human language.

Because they had just been converted and were still weak, the Wraith King was preparing them to enter the tournament.

Ye Fei Li whistled as he looked at the Wraith.

“If I wanted to scare you, I would say that I’m the person who will kill you”  
“But, this is a real world, and no one is going to know that I’ll kill you, so—”  
“I’m the one who killed you”

The two Wraiths looked at each other.

Since they used to be humans, their logic is more and less still human-like.

The other Wraith asked: “Are they different things?”

“Of course they are”

Ye Fei Li very solemnly answered: “‘Will kill’ means I haven’t done it, but ‘killed’, means it’s already done”

From moments unknown, he was already standing on the shoulder of the large Wraith.

He took out a clean white cloth to wipe the blood from the hook.

The two Wraith just stood still.

All of a sudden, a thin line of blood appeared on their necks as their heads rolled.

The two headless corpses collapsed with a huge ‘thud’.

Ye Fei Li landed, swinging the shining snow-white khopesh a few times.

He seemed satisfied.

“You really don’t have to clean me that thoroughly” the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook said.

“Sorry about that, I’m just a little bit of a clean freak, especially when I kill” Ye Fei Li threw the cloth away and apologized.

“Alright, do as you like”

Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook expressed its indifference to the matter.

Ye Fei Li rested the khopesh on his shoulder and silently waited.

A few moments later, Impartial Goddess’ came again.

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[Please return to space and prepare for long distance warp, the target this time is a particularly powerful Wraith]

Hearing that, Ye Fei Li stretched a bit, subconsciously cracking his neck and shoulder briefly.

“What’s with you?” the khopesh asked.

“It’s nothing, after gaming and sitting in one place for too long, my shoulder and neck are just a bit stiff— I’m guessing it’ll take a lot more killing to fully unclog my circulation system”

Ye Fei Li lightly hummed: “Lalala lala~ a fun levelling experience, forget all your worries, satisfy your heart’s desires, oh I love all this”

He rocketed upwards, heading into space.

On another side.

When Impartial Goddess transmitted Gu Qing Shan's words to the other group, Gu Qing Shan had already returned to the Super Dimensional world Justice Iron Fist Club.

Kitty was squatting on her chair like always with a notebook in hand, thinking about what to write.

"Let's not, right now it's easy for them to deduct royalty if I write smut..."

"...I need to change the plot a bit"

Kitty muttered.

She was currently storyboarding.

Suddenly, she stopped her pen and looked up at the sky.

A black shadow fell from the sky, leaving a deep hole right next to Kitty.

"Ah? Why did you come back?" Kitty was surprised.

Gu Qing Shan climbed out of the hole and quickly said: "Quick, I don't have time to explain, please transport me in the direction of Aboul, I'm in a hurry"

"Aboul? So this time's call of the Bramble Birds is hosted there huh? Unfortunately I can't pinpoint the exact location" Kitty replied.

"It's fine, I just need to go in that general direction, I have a way to go the rest of the way myself"

"That is..."

"Wait a minute" Barry came out from the club, "your void string is already used up so we need to refill its energy again"

Then he scowled as he looked closely at Gu Qing Shan: "Why do you have residue of card Laws on you? Did you run into some trouble?"

Barry quickly reached out and grabbed something from the void of space right next to Gu Qing Shan's shoulder.

He held a bloody glow in his hand.

"Right, this feeling is a Blood Sea card— so it's him, Lord Bloodcloak" Barry squinted his eyes.

Kitty scoffed and spoke: "That guys dares to touch our people?"

Barry clenched his fists: "Seems like we need to have a good bout"

"Wait a minute, it's not as you think" Gu Qing Shan hurriedly stopped Barry.

He had no other way but to summarize everything.

"Ah, so you mean your friend is Bloodcloak's disciple?" Barry asked.

“Yes” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Alright, Kitty, refill power for the void string and send him off”

“Got it”

“About that— Qing Shan, we’ll probably need about 10 minutes to refill the energy, you think you can...”

“You guys haven’t eaten yet?”

Barry and Kitty exchanged looks and smiled awkwardly.

Gu Qing Shan face-palmed.

*Barry hasn’t fully healed yet, so for the sake of safety, he hasn’t left the club.  
With these two being dirt-poor and holed up in this place, what would they have to eat?*

“10 minutes is enough, I’ll make you a spicy hotpot”

Right as he said that, Gu Qing Shan saw both Barry’s and Kitty’s throats gulping.

*How long has it been since they ate before I came here?  
Don’t tell me they would just starve again if I happen to leave for too long...  
That’s actually very possible.*

“Then let’s do it this way” Gu Qing Shan said.

He took out the ingredients, spices, pots and pans and began to make the hotpot.

10 minutes later.

The void string finished recharging.

The spicy hotpot was also done.

Gu Qing Shan took out a few of the fresher ingredients he had and placed them on the table.

“These ingredients are the best I have, you only need to lightly prepare them before cooking. That should be enough to last a few days”

“Great, got it” Barry and Kitty both nodded.

“Now, please send me on my way, I’m in a hurry”

“My turn”

Kitty placed her hand on Gu Qing Shan’s back.

“About should be this way” she looked at the sky, confirming the general transport direction.

“Alright, I’m going to do it—”

“Wait a second, that’s the wrong direction” Barry called out.

He fished up a piece of meat from the pot, speaking while eating: “I recall About being this way”

He pointed in another direction of space.

“That’s not right, bro, you remembered it wrong, it should be this way”

“Sis, I disagree. I used to go to Aboul a lot back in the days, I’m sure I remember it better than you do”

“Is that right? Back when we still had money, you always drink yourself to sleep in Aboul, I’m the one that has to bring you back every time, so I’m sure it’s this way”

“But when I go there I’m always sober, so I’m sure it’s this way over here”

“No, you’re remembering it wrong, that direction is the space monster pit, we just caught a monster from there to eat a while ago”

Neither of the two relented.

...

Gu Qing Shan looked at where Kitty was pointing, then to where Barry was pointing and suddenly felt cold sweat running down.

They were pointing in completely opposite directions.

If he gets transported in the wrong direction, he would be playing no part in the call of the Bramble Birds.

If he was unlucky, he might even arrive just in time for lunch, becoming space monster food.

## **Chapter 515**

The Justice Iron Fist Club.

A cold breeze blew past.

The pair of brother and sister insisted on complete opposite directions being the correct one without being able to convince the other.

“Bro, trust me, the direction I picked for Gu Qing Shan is the correct direction” Kitty seriously spoke.

“No, sis, this time you have to listen to me”

Barry scowled a bit as he stared straight at Kitty.

“Why? Give me a reason” Kitty was unconvinced.

Barry shook his head, saying: “Because I’m the owner of the club, every big matter thus far has been made with my decisions”

“But you can’t arbitrarily decide a person’s direction!” Kitty refuted.

The two of them kept glaring at each other and said nothing else.

“Gu Qing Shan” Barry suddenly turned to him, “Lord Bloodcloak’s disciple, how close of a friend is she to you?”

Gu Qing Shan trembled a bit.



He looked at the pair of brother and sister.

Both Barry and Kitty were staring at him.

They both had an expression of anticipation, as if waiting for an answer.

“Girlfriend” Gu Qing Shan said.

Barry looked at Kitty and said nothing.

Kitty sighed, lowering her head: “Then there’s no other choice”

She lightly tapped Gu Qing Shan.

*Pfew!*

Instantly, Gu Qing Shan shot to the air.

He was sent flying.

The direction he was flying in was Barry’s direction.

“How exactly did you decide which was the right direction!?”

From afar, Gu Qing Shan’s voice could be heard shouting back at them.

Barry and Kitty both didn’t answer him.

They just stood there and waited for a bit.

“He’s gone far enough now” Barry muttered.

“Yeah, there was no other way. If his girlfriend was there, I had to let him go to Aboul” Kitty dejectedly said.

Barry then spoke: “Now, let’s talk about why you wanted to send him in the direction of Angel Port and the Gourmet soup kitchen”

Kitty pursed her lips and still refused to say anything.

“What? Is there something you can’t tell your big brother?”

Barry smiled and lightly asked.

“Bro, I originally wanted to send him between those absolutely safe locations, then just apologize later on to gloss it over, but I didn’t think his girlfriend would also be at Aboul”

Saying so, Kitty lowered her head again, closed her eyes and went silent for a bit.

“Bro, do you still remember the emergency call of the Spire 1800 years ago?”

She suddenly said that out of nowhere.

*...The Spire’s emergency call.*

Barry’s smile slowly went away.

His eyes became cold, his entire body looked ruthless unlike never before.

Barry replied: "That was the first time the demons appeared at the Outer Plane's 900 million World Layers, later leading to the entire Prosperous Zone being taken over by the demons. Despite the efforts of countless Combatants of the worlds, they still couldn't manage to defeat them. 100 years later, the collective 900 million World Layers couldn't help but rename the Prosperous Zone to the Fallen Zones" "Later on, everyone in the 900 million World Layers confirmed that the day the Spire sent out its emergency call was the day that the demons officially appeared"

Barry softly stroke his sister's head, continuing: "But besides myself, no one else knows that you actually discovered the signs of overlapping space 3 days before they did, and you even managed to see quite a few True Demons through the space cracks"

"That's right, at the time, I noticed that the Prosperous Zone was overlapping with another strange space, but I didn't know that such a thing as the demons would appear" Kitty softly replied.

She stared at the void of space far away, as if discovering something there.

1800 years ago, the Outer Plane consisted of four large zones: Prosperous Zone, Super Dimensional Zones, Strife Zones and Mystic Zones.

But when the inter-dimensional space appeared, so did the demons, which took over the Prosperous Zone.

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The Prosperous Zone would then later be renamed to the Fallen Zones.

And now, the 200 million World Layers of the Fallen Zones became the demon's backyard.

"This was something from long ago, what does it have to do with where Gu Qing Shan is heading?" Barry asked.

Kitty answered: "Because he went through such a long journey just to bring you the Pixie Crystal Flower, helping your fully recovery, and also because he himself isn't a bad person, that's why I didn't want him to go to Aboul"

"You mean..."

"After 1800 years, just now, I sensed that strange frequency again"

Barry stared straight at his sister, asking after a long silence: "Are you sure?"

This was a big deal, something that could affect the entire 900 million World Layers, so they definitely could not afford any wrong guesses.

"I'm very sure, that strange frequency had just showed up again"

"I even doubled-checked and triple-checked it, the frequency was exactly the same as that time, and it's appeared at Aboul"

"Appeared at Aboul..."

Barry sighed, finally accepting this fact.

He muttered: "If that's true, an all-out war between the demons and the 900 million World Layers is just right around the corner..."

Kitty continued: "For now, it's still only at the initial phase, that space is still trying to overlap with the 900 million World Layers, but it's hidden itself really well, only I could feel it"

"That's why you didn't want Gu Qing Shan to go?"

"He's one of us now, so I need to take his safety into consideration"

"But because his girlfriend is going to be involved, you can't stop him and instead helped him get there faster"

"That's right, this isn't something anyone can or should stop him"

Kitty sighed, looked back at her brother and felt fortunate: "But we're still in luck, since the calamity won't erupt for at least a few days, your leg will have time to fully heal itself"

"But we couldn't tell Gu Qing Shan the truth" Barry felt a bit dejected.

"No, I did tell him. I placed a letter for him in his Inventory Bag, as soon as he opens the bag, he'll see it"

"Then we need to quickly tell the entire 900 million World Layers about this"

"No"

Barry was stunned, asking: "Why not?"

Kitty hesitated: "Bro, I have a feeling— after so many years of thinking, I've always thought that you being surrounded by the army of True Demons back then was a trap"

Kitty clenched her fists tight: "Why did I happen to be in a daze back then? Why did you go there alone and just happen to run into an army of 600 million demons? All of that can't be a coincidence!"

"You don't mean—"

"Yes I do. Some of the people on our side have already betrayed us"

Barry went silent, his expression cold and heavy.

Kitty continued: "Bro, just look. The call of the Bramble Birds is hosted in Aboul, but we weren't told anything about it at all. I refuse to believe that all of our old friends would choose not to tell us anything"

"Interrupted communications..." Barry muttered.

"Yes, Gu Qing Shan is still weak, so those bastards hiding in the dark don't pay any attention to him, but the two of us must be under heavy surveillance. If this Super Dimensional world of ours weren't maintained to be so closed-off, and my abilities happened to perfectly fit the Super Dimensional beacon, rendering all our enemies unable to even reach us, we might have already become piles of bones a long time ago"

Barry silently nodded.

“If that’s the case, then before my leg wounds are completely healed, no information we send out will reach anywhere”

“Yeah, and even if we tell them, no one would believe us. Because the other side will have already prepared measures to justify any anomalies, and they don’t know how strong I really am, so not many will actually believe me” Kitty spoke in a low voice.

Barry deeply sighed, mumbling: “Gu Qing Shan...”

His eyes showed hesitation unlike never before.

Kitty became a bit panicked.

She grabbed Barry’s arm, softly begging him: “Bro, you have to listen to me and wait until your leg is fully healed before going out. Otherwise, not only will we be unable to save him, but you might get killed as well”

“But my leg needs at least 2 more days until it fully heals” Barry gritted his teeth.

“We can’t be impatient, 2 days later, I’ll go with you to help Gu Qing Shan”

“You’re going as well”

“Of course, this time, I won’t let you fight alone” Kitty declared.

Barry silently nodded.

*I need to let my leg heal completely before I can use my full power. Leaving right now won’t do any good, it might even put my life at risk.*

“Then, I can only hope that Gu Qing Shan will be able to hold out for 2 more days”

Barry couldn’t help but sigh.

## **Chapter 516**

Gu Qing Shan crossed his arms, letting himself fly through the endless void of space.

He sighed deeply, a bit unsure and hesitant.

*Why did they come up with two completely opposite directions?  
And how did they finally decide on which was the correct one to send me?*

Gu Qing Shan was half-panicking at this point.

*Barry and Kitty, the brother and sister duo must’ve been hiding something from me.  
But regardless, it is now too late to change the direction of my flight right now.*

As time passed, Gu Qing Shan noticed that he was gradually going faster.

But at the same time, the acceleration wasn’t just in speed alone.

At some moments, he could see the bright starry sky.

Among the large clusters of nebulae, stars were changing, declining, some even went supernova, emitting gorgeous and psychedelic light and shadows.

The light from space revealed the figures of countless space monsters hiding in the darkness, forming colorful silhouettes in distant directions.

Those faint space monster silhouettes overlapped, mixing in with the light and shadows around.

——as if space itself was overlapping.

As time went by, more and more overlapped sceneries showed up, becoming more and more crowded.

At a certain point, Gu Qing Shan managed to see several space monsters in the exact same direction and place, with their faint bodies overlapping.

He even noticed a few peculiar creatures within the space vortex, going in and out of his vision.

“Overlapping... space?” Gu Qing Shan muttered.

*If that's the case, I must be travelling through countless World Layers at once right now.*

*This couldn't be something just anyone can do, Kitty sure is impressive.*

——the only worry Gu Qing Shan had now was that he didn't know which direction he was heading to, and whether or not he would make it closer to Aboul.

At some point, the War God UI suddenly reacted.

Gu Qing Shan quickly glanced over.

Lines of glowing text quickly scrolled across the screen.

[Calculating spatial warp orbit]

[Parabola warp orbit has been confirmed]

[Closest point to Aboul will approach in 31 seconds, exactly 671 World Layers from Aboul]

[Conclusion: 31 seconds later, the System will execute return warp]

[You will reappear at your original location]

Quickly reading through that, Gu Qing Shan was relieved.

*That's great, seems like Barry's direction was correct.*

Gu Qing Shan quickly prepared himself.

*I have to return as soon as possible.*

*I have to answer the call of the Bramble Birds.*

*I need to find that girl Su Xue Er!*

Gu Qing Shan silently told himself.

31 seconds went by quickly.

A screen of light enveloped Gu Qing Shan.

He disappeared from the space vortex.

Aboul.

Infini-worlds Town.

The inn.

As the screen of light reappeared so did Gu Qing Shan.

He tried taking a few steps forward.

The invisible barrier was gone.

[The Binding Oath] really did disappear.

Since it couldn't see any signs of Gu Qing Shan's soul within the 500 million km effective range, it automatically dispelled itself.

Good.

Gu Qing Shan quickly walked out.

*Now I can—*

***Bonk!!!***

He crashed into another barrier, blood-colored this time.

"Damn it! Why is there another one!"

Gu Qing Shan fell down, rubbing his head from the pain, expressing his annoyance.

Shannu flew out, saw Gu Qing Shan's appearance and didn't know what to say: "Gongzi, Su Xue Er set up a total of three barriers, the first was her kiss, the second was the other barrier, this was the last barrier"

"That girl—"

Gu Qing Shan gritted his teeth as he touched the bloody barrier.

As he touched it, a few lines of text showed up on the War God UI.

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[Blood Sea deck: The Lord's Protection]

[After this card is activated, it will form a protective barrier around the selected area. No person or attack will be able to break through it]

[Note: This is the Lord Bloodcloak's considerate protection towards his disciple]

Reading this, Gu Qing Shan fell completely silent.

*According to the skill description, this card was even more powerful than [The Binding Oath].*

*What do I do now?*

Seeing him blank out, Shannu was a bit worried: "Gongzi, what should we do now? Young lady Su could already be fighting"

Gu Qing Shan went silent for a short while before chuckling.

“Xue Er, hah Xue Er, you’re so much more capable now, at least I can be assured about that” he muttered.

“Ah? What do you mean, gongzi?” Shannu was surprised and asked.

“Hm, we’re not going to keep playing her game, we’re directly leaving” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Directly leaving?” Shannu didn’t understand.

“That’s right, we’re calling for help and then we’re leaving”

Shannu still didn’t understand.

*There’s currently nobody in Infini-worlds Town, even the inn is self-serve without any guards or security.*

*Unlike this barrier, gongzi couldn’t even leave, how would they call for help?*

*And who would he call for help from?*

*Who can break through the Blood Sea’s most powerful protection?*

“Gongzi, what exactly do we do?”

“Just do as I say, like this...”

Gu Qing Shan quickly explained to her what needs to be done.

Shannu twirled and turned back into the Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

The chilling sword easily went through the bloody barrier.

That’s right, since the Six Paths Great Mountain sword was capable of breaking any spells, Shannu could leave.

The sword hovered in the air for a bit before flying to the highest point of the inn.

Shannu stood on top of the inn, looking at the shroud of night that draped over Infini-worlds Town, taking a deep breath.

Then she yelled with all her might: “Is there anybody here? We’re treating everyone to some chicken!”

Within the silent darkness of night, her voice travelled far, enough for an echo to be heard from the mountain further away.

Everything went silent again.

Shannu waited for a bit.

Nothing seemed to happen.

All of a sudden.

An overwhelming force formed a maelstrom that focused at a certain part of Infini-worlds Town.

An furious roar erupted to the sky, echoing across the entire Infini-worlds Town.

“Fucker! Let me see who dares to eat chicken!!!”

Following this roar, a shadowy figure quickly flew here from the other side of Infini-worlds Town.

The figure was speedy and fierce, clearly angry.

As the figure got closer, Shannu recognized who it was.

—sure enough, it was the prideful big rooster.

Shannu was relieved.

She turned back into a sword and returned into the inn.

The rooster arrived shortly after.

He broke through the outer wall of the inn, landing right in front of Gu Qing Shan’s room.

“Whoever it is inside, let this great one tell y—” the big rooster shouted.

But then it was surprised for a bit before carefully sensing presence around.

“Strange, this presence is the Blood Sea deck”

The big rooster’s anger subsided as he went into thought: “I recall Gu boy’s female friend was apparently Bloodcloak’s disciple”

“Could it be...”

Thinking that, he reached his wing out to knock on the door.

*Bam!*

A bloody glow appeared.

The big rooster’s wing was pushed back.

*Blood Sea deck— it’s the two of them alright.*

*That’s strange, what did they lure me here for?*

The big rooster was confused.

At this time, Shannu flew out from the room, landing in front of the big rooster.

“How are you, esteemed sir? Gu Qing Shan hoped that you would be able to do him a small favor”

Shannu smiled and said.

## **Chapter 517**

With Shannu’s explanations, the big rooster gradually understood what had happened.

“Tsk tsk tsk, that guy Bloodcloak normally looks so unimpressive, but it turns out he got quite a good disciple huh” the big rooster laughed.

“Please help Gu Qing Shan” Shannu asked.



“Alright, it’s a small issue, and I still owe Iron Fist Barry a favor”

“However, I probably won’t be able to help boy Gu too much later on— he’ll definitely be kept tightly in his wife’s grasp”

The big rooster laughed at Gu Qing Shan a bit and used his sharp beak to peck at the barrier.

*Bonk—*

His attack triggered the barrier as a bloody-glow erupted from it, flowing all the way to the sky.

The big rooster screamed in pain before being knocked backwards over 10 meters.

The barrier was intact.

“...” Shannu.

“...” the big rooster.

“Peh, I don’t believe it!” the big rooster stood up, both embarrassed and angry.

He calmed down then used his full power to run straight at the barrier and peck it.

While pecking, he was also loudly cawing and beating the barrier with his wings.

Intense sounds of impact echoed throughout the entire town.

“Bah-gawk!”

*Bonk!*

“Bah-gawk!”

*Bonk!*

“Bah-gawk! Bah-gawk!”

*Bonk!*

Shannu covered her ears as she went back inside the barrier.

“Gongzi, what is he saying?” Shannu whispered, asking him.

“You don’t want to know” Gu Qing Shan replied.

After a few more minutes, the big rooster finally succeeded!

The blood-colored barrier was now broken to pieces of crimson crystals, clattering on the ground.

These beautiful fragments quickly turned back into runes as they disappeared in the air.

Gu Qing Shan stood up from his bed, quickly leaving the room

“I’m very thankful” he sincerely said, “if I had any other choice, I wouldn’t have bothered you this way, sir”

“This is nothing, just a small issue—— I’ll have you know, against a bookworm like Bloodcloak, it’s really easy for me to do this much” the big rooster said.

He was hiding half of its charred wing behind his back, making sure that Shannu and Gu Qing Shan didn’t notice it.

Gu Qing Shan still smelled the cooked meat, felt a bit hungry without knowing why and told the rooster: “When I return, I’ll treat you to dinner, but now I’m in a hurry, I need to answer the call of the Bramble Birds now”

Saying so, he took out the golden room card, about to leave this place and go to Aboul Hotel.

“What? The call of the Bramble Birds?”

The big rooster pulled him back.

“Yes, is there a problem?” Gu Qing Shan asked confusedly.

“You’re too late, the Light of Dawn Triste had just finished the call, everyone who came to answer it already entered her wings to help with her issues”

Gu Qing Shan was stunned.

*What?*

*I’m already too late?”*

“How unfortunate, you’ve already missed this time’s call” the big rooster commented.

Gu Qing Shan calmly asked: “That can’t be right, I remember that the call was supposed to go on for 7 days, why did it stop now?”

“Because there are simply too many who answered the call, Triste feels that there are enough people already. Any more would be more likely to cause her more problems than to resolve them, so she stopped”

“...” Gu Qing Shan.

*That’s an issue.*

*If I can’t answer the call of the Bramble Birds, the new War God function won’t unlock.*

*And without answering the call, I won’t be able to meet up with Su Xue Er.*

*Su Xue Er will be going through all sorts of danger right now, how could I just sit by and watch?*

*I absolutely need to go.*

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and asked: “Brother chicken——”

“Call me Mr. Chicken”

“Mr. Chicken, is there anyway to contact the Light of Dawn Triste? I want to personally request her to let me enter her world”

The big rooster seemed a bit troubled.

“I’m not really that close to her”

“Why not?”

“The Bramble Birds’ etiquettes are too annoying, and I’ve always been impatient with the way they act”

“Aren’t there any other ways?”

“...You’re a member of the Club, my relations with Barry are also quite good, and you are quite a brilliant one. Right, let me think about it for a bit”

The big rooster fell into thought.

He paced back and forth around the hallway.

Gu Qing Shan stood on the side, not disturbing him.

A while later, the big rooster suddenly stopped.

He quickly turned around and looked at Gu Qing Shan: “I know one person who can help introduce you to Triste, but whether or not you’ll be able to convince them to help you will have to depend on your own abilities”

“Who is it?”

“You’ve met them”

“I did?”

“Right, we actually just had dinner together last night— I suggest you bring a decent gift to meet her, because in the end, she’s a very distinguished personage”

...

A minute later.

Outside of Infini-worlds Town, within a forest.

Gu Qing Shan and the big rooster were standing in front of a towering large tree.

The big rooster hesitated for a bit and spoke: “Gu boy, you should know, knocking on the door of any female so late at night is considered rude, not to mention a person of her stature, unless you have a really good reason to”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Please be assured, I’ve prepared very carefully”

“Really? Then it’s good”

The big rooster sighed of relief and went up to knock on the tree.

An impatient female voice came: “What is it? I’m busy”

“That is— Gu boy said he had a gift for you” the big rooster replied as he instinctively hid behind Gu Qing Shan.

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He then tapped Gu Qing Shan’s back, signaling for him to speak.

“A gift?” the female voice was raised slightly.

Gu Qing Shan cleared his throat and spoke: “That’s right, esteemed lady, after meeting you today, a thought had been plaguing me to no end”

“What thought?”

“I had a feeling. That a few precious items that I’ve kept for a very long time would only be suited for someone of your peerless looks. After several hours of consideration, I’ve decided to present them to you as a gift”

“A gift...”

The female voice mused briefly, no longer impatient, instead a bit curious.

“Come in”

Following that, a door appeared in the middle of the large tree.

The door opened by itself as a spiral wooden stairway appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan.

“Let’s go, your gift had better satisfy her, otherwise I’m going to run first” the big rooster lowered his voice and whispered.

“Hm, don’t worry”

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes and said.

*There was no other way right now, so taking a bit of a risk was only natural.*

He followed the spiral stairs up to the very top of the tree.

The wooden woman was lying on a swing chair, enjoying the starry night sky.

“How strange, some eternal shining stars are getting a bit dimmed, that is very rare”

The wooden woman muttered.

Her eyes showed loss and annoyance.

Only when Gu Qing Shan and the big rooster finally came close did she shifted her attention to them.

“Boy from the Club, coming at such late hours for a gift, surely you have something to ask of me?” the wooden woman asked straight-forwardly.

“Esteemed lady, let’s not talk about business first. I just want to say—— if my gift isn’t able to satisfy you, please excuse my rude behavior of bothering you during these hours” Gu Qing Shan said.

Hearing him, the wooden woman lightly nodded: “Very good, seems like you are a polite young one who knows his etiquette”

Gu Qing Shan tapped his Inventory Bag to take out a box made completely out of Immortal Jade.

A letter flapped its wings, wanting to get out of the Inventory Bag together with the Immortal Jade box.

*Huh, where did this letter come from?*

Gu Qing Shan was silently surprised.

But since the occasion wasn't right, Gu Qing Shan didn't have time to pay attention to the letter. So he shoved it back in.

He placed the Immortal Jade box onto the table.

This was a treasure box carved from top-grade Immortal Jade, decorated with life-like animated patterns.

As soon as he took it out, the box started to give off its excess spirit energy, quickly filling the interior of the three.

In the cultivation world, this type of Immortal Jade was a treasure so rare that you couldn't even obtain it if you had the money.

But Gu Qing Shan was using it as a gift box.

The wooden woman squinted a bit unexpectedly.

*This elegant packaging seems quite tasteful.*

Looking at the box, the wooden woman was finally a bit intrigued.

"What is inside?"

She wasn't in a hurry to look at it, instead smiled and asked.

It seems she enjoyed the process of guessing what a present was.

But Gu Qing Shan didn't have such time to waste, so he directly told her: "A pair of Pink Phantom Wings from the Pixie Kingdom collection Limited Edition from 1000 years ago, as well as a limited Pink Diamond Bikini from that same year, of which only 10 was ever sold"

The wooden woman's smile quickly froze.

She opened the box.

The two pink items were neatly arranged inside the box.

The pink wings exuded a soft mesmerizing glow, as thin as a veil.

The pink bikini flew out by itself, hanging in the air.

It immediately saw the wooden woman.

"Esteemed, elegant, alluring and beautiful lady, I am a La Montreux limited edition collector's Pink Diamond bikini, pleased to meet you" the pink bikini spoke politely.

The wooden woman stared intently at the bikini.

*This really was the style from 1000 years ago.*

*But the recent trend was retro style.*

*After 1000 years, within the current 900 million World Layers, it must be very rare for someone with both of these limited items, and so well-preserved.*

*No!*

*There should be no such person at all!*

The wooden woman lightly clutched her chest, asking a bit hesitantly: "I'm sure that both of you should have an identification number"

"Indeed, a small symbol of status"

The bikini showed her a series of unique characters.

The pink wings also flew out by itself, showing another series of unique characters.

The wooden woman quickly checked the characters and smiled brightly.

"No one can imitate a Pixie's unique marking, it seems the two of you really are their garments"

The wooden woman then remembered something and asked: "Pixie garments are exceptionally delicate, if it goes through any sort of probing it might be ruined, so I have a question I must ask you both"

"Please do, milady" the pink wings replied.

The wooden woman asked: "I have a habit of paying attention to whether or not others had worn the garments I do, even if they are precious fashion collector's items—— so have you only been collected and kept, or were you already worn?"

"That is——"

The pink wings wanted to say something, but the pink bikini already lightly nudged it.

The bikini spoke up first: "Excuse my rudeness for asking, but what would you do to those dirty, lowly garments that were already worn by others?"

"You are precious collector's items, so of course I wouldn't do anything to you. At most I would only keep you stashed away without wearing, but I will kill the one who wore you before"

Time froze at that moment.

Gu Qing Shan almost wanted to wipe the cold sweat off his head.

Didn't I already use both of them?

"Now, please tell me your answers" the wooden woman spoke.

"Please don't worry, no one has ever used us before"

"In fact, we deeply crave the touch of skin because we've never experience what kind of feeling it is before"

The bikini and wings both lied.

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As the wooden woman heard that, she was glad: "Since you have yet to be worn, you will have the honor of being added to my wardrobe, and not my collection"

"We are honored to serve you, milady" the bikini and wings both said.

Gu Qing Shan's expression remained unmoved while he silently sighed from relief.

"Boy, how was it, were we convincing enough?" the bikini silently sent its voice asking.

"Very convincing" Gu Qing Shan sent his voice to reply.

The pink wings also sent its voice: "Perhaps you do not know this esteemed lady, but being able to become her clothing is an honor many of us would die for. That's why we're grateful to you and don't want anything bad to happen to you"

"Then we are even, thank you very much" Gu Qing Shan spoke.

It was now that the wooden woman smiled at Gu Qing Shan, saying: "Normally, I wouldn't accept gifts from others like this, but your gifts really do fit me very well..."

"Please accept them" Gu Qing Shan spoke.

The wooden woman nodded, waved her hands and stored the two fashion collector's items away.

——she received Gu Qing Shan's gifts without hesitation.

"Boy of the Iron Fist Club, you really are considerate, even your gifts are so precious that my mood has greatly improved"

"It is my honor"

"Tell me what you want, if it's within my abilities, I will consider it"

"I was too late for the call of the Bramble Birds, but I have to go"

"So it's about that... the relation between the Light of Dawn Triste and I are quite decent, right now, she must be at the Bramble Bird little princess' coming of age banquet—— the banquet should last for 3 days and nights"

The wooden woman stood up.

"Let's go" she said, "come with me to the banquet, I'll ask her to let you in"

Gu Qing Shan was ecstatic, clasping his fist: "I'm very grateful"

"What about me?" the big rooster hesitantly asked.

"Do you want to stay here in my room or something? Come with me to the banquet as well" the wooden woman glanced at him.

"It will be my honor!" the big rooster was also excited.

He silently gave Gu Qing Shan a thumbs up.

He didn't think he would be able to close their distance through helping someone else, what an unimaginable harvest.

About Hotel.

The entire hotel was immersed in an elegant and graceful tune.

The guests were all dressed formally, either bowing or curtsying to greet one another, speaking with a low tone of voice and walking with light steps.

The Bramble Birds are aristocrats of the Mystic Zones who were very keen on their etiquette and required strict manners for everything.

A variety of exquisite cuisines were presented in delicate trays, kept frozen in a mass of colorful mist.

This was the Temporal Fog from the Mystic Zones, an exceptional item for preserving food.

Only when you put the food in your mouth will the fog disperse, releasing their original taste on your tongue.

This ensured that every food would always be kept at their most ideal conditions throughout the entire long banquet.

While walking, the big rooster tilted his head, whispering to Gu Qing Shan: "I really can't stand this kind of acting from the Bramble Birds"

"What kind of acting?" Gu Qing Shan asked, confused.

"Look over there, a 12-layer cake, and over there, that gray bag is called the Infinite sweets bag, every table of every banquet, all sorts of exquisite cuisines are present—— but the Bramble Birds have never taken a single bite"

"They're the hosts after all, maybe they've already eaten?"

"They haven't, they consider eating anything during a solemn occasion to be a rude behavior"

"Then these foods here are..."

"For the guests"

"What's wrong with that?"

The big rooster bulged his eyes out: "Nothing. But whenever they see a guest eating, they would always show a prideful smile, as if the other party was committing some sort of grave mistake in public, while they were gracious enough to forgive that rude behavior—— isn't that kind of acting nauseating?"

"Lower your voice" the wooden woman turned around to glare at him.

The big rooster went quiet.

The wooden woman brought Gu Qing Shan and the big rooster through the large banquet hall, the small banquet hall, the ballroom and finally reached the innermost green room.

Two Bramble Bird royal guards stood at the door with cold expressions.



Seeing the three of them, the two guards greeted: “Our apologies, this is the royal resting room, please—”

The wooden woman showed an invitation held between her fingers.

Seeing this invitation, the two guards quickly took a step back and turned sideways to greet her: “Heart of Thousand Woods, Spirit of the Holy Tree, welcome”

“Who’s inside now?”

“Triste”

“Only her?”

“There are also some other esteemed guests”

The wooden woman was surprised: “Hm? The other members of the Bramble royalty aren’t here? Where are they?”

The two guards seem troubled.

They exchanged glances.

“Alright, I can’t be bothered to ask about your internal matters, I’m looking for Triste” the wooden woman waved her hand dismissively and spoke.

The guards sighed of relief and stood back to make way for her.

The wooden woman brought Gu Qing Shan and the big rooster inside.

While they were walking down the long hallway, they could already hear intermittent chatter coming from the room ahead.

Since this was such a closely guarded place, those who could enter all knew each other very well, so they didn’t worry too much about others listening in.

“What? You still haven’t found it?”

“How, with so many people dispatched, why haven’t you found it?”

“I don’t think anything will happen?”

“Really now? Then where did it go?”

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Gu Qing Shan could hear the stifled chatter.

The air was filled with a sense of dread.

But when they went through the door and officially stood in front of Triste, all the chatter had gone away.

Everyone was adhering closely to the most basic etiquette.

The Light of Dawn Triste was an amiable woman.

Her figure was tall and slender, she had emerald green eyes and brown flowing long hair.

She was currently discussing something with a few aristocratic young ladies.

“Triste, I’m here” the wooden woman said.

“Ah? I remember you’ve always hated banquets, what gave me this honor today?”

Triste smiled, greeting the wooden woman as well as Gu Qing Shan and the big rooster.

“There’s a small favor I need to ask of you”

“How rare for there to be something you need to ask of others”

“It’s related to you”

After some small talk, they sat down.

The wooden woman explained everything.

Triste looked at Gu Qing Shan, asking: “Is that true? You were locked up? That’s why you didn’t answer my call?”

“Indeed, this was an accident. In truth, I would be more than honored to serve you” Gu Qing Shan sincerely said.

“Since she had asked this of me, it would be rude for me not to give you this honor”

Saying so, Triste took out a round token, throwing it to Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan received the token.

It was a silver medal with Triste depicted in the middle, smiling at Gu Qing Shan.

“Having this medal means that you’ve answered my call” Triste gently told him, “furthermore, inside the medal there is already a prize almost equal to first place”

Gu Qing Shan held the medal with both hands, saying: “Thank you for your generosity, but truthfully, I’d rather be granted entry to your world”

“Why is that?” Triste asked.

“Because a friend of mine had entered and I’m worried for her safety”

“There is no need to worry about that” Triste softly smiled again: “I have already set up a Law that disallows death, anyone who received even a small wound instantly be warped out”

She was looking straight at Gu Qing Shan, her emerald green eyes were clear, giving off an impression of staring deep into an abyss as she looked at him.

Hearing Triste, Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but nod.

The wooden woman also commented: “Boy, with such a strict protection Law, you can be assured”

Gu Qing Shan arranged his words briefly, wanting to say something else.

Triste continued: "My collection world had already entered a sealed state, so even I would have to spend a great amount of effort to open it again. I believe it would be more preferable for you to wait here. I believe everything will have ended perfectly in half a day, and your friend would also leave" "At that time, tell me her name and I will directly transport her to you"

After Triste said so much, Gu Qing Shan had nothing left to say.

She gave him the medal, the rewards almost equivalent to that of first place, guarantees that Su Xue Er will be safe and even offered to help transport her directly here.

Even a shameless person wouldn't be able to ask for more than this.

Furthermore, if even a flesh wound was not allowed in Triste's collection world, then Su Xue Er would definitely return safely.

And then, a few words were scrolling past the War God UI.

Even without checking, Gu Qing Shan knows that his Quest had been completed.

The System considers the medal to be the requirements for completing the Quest.

In other words, he had already answered the call of the Bramble Birds and was about to receive a new War God function.

Gu Qing Shan only thought about in a breath's time.

*Everything seems to be going swimmingly.*

He then stood up, clasping his hand to Triste: "Thank you very much"

"There is no need. Since this lady herself had shown up for you, I could not afford to be any less serious" Triste smiled and told him.

She then grabbed the wooden woman's hand and said: "Come with me for a bit, there's something I need your help with"

"What happened?" the wooden woman asked.

"A very headache-inducing matter"

The wooden woman then stood up, following Triste outside.

She then remembered something and turned to the big rooster: "You come as well, if something happens, you might be able to help"

"Very well"

The big rooster followed suit.

The wooden woman looked at Gu Qing Shan: "You stay here, once everything is over, we'll return together"

"Yes"

Gu Qing Shan replied.

The wooden woman and Triste left side by side.

The big rooster followed behind them, but turned back to blink at Gu Qing Shan, gesturing his congratulations for Gu Qing Shan's matter being dealt with nicely.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but smile, raising a thumbs up to the big rooster.

"Thank you, Mr. Chicken, you've really helped me a lot this time. I will definitely treat you to a meal next time we get a chance" he sent his voice over.

Hearing that, the big rooster looked up with satisfaction.

"Don't you forget it, see you later" he also sent his voice.

The big rooster came with the two ladies and left the room.

At this point, the only people left in the room were Gu Qing Shan and the aristocratic young ladies.

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Inside the room, the only people left were Gu Qing Shan and the aristocratic ladies.

These ladies were silently judging Gu Qing Shan.

*What a handsome young man.*

They silently thought.

Indeed, Gu Qing Shan himself had quite a decent appearance, after going through so much hardship and bloodshed, he was also giving off a faint sense of maturity and sorrow. This greatly clashed with his youthful appearance, yet at the same time it fits him like a glove.

He carried a unique charm.

*More importantly, he was brought here personally by that esteemed lady.  
It's known that the lady very rarely stands up for others.*

The aristocratic ladies exchanged glances.

One of these noble young ladies with delicate makeup quietly turned a wrist, shaking the emerald ring on her slender fingers at Gu Qing Shan.

The emerald ring vibrated subtly.

Some information quickly appeared from the ring and was sent to the girl.

[Lifeform confirmed to have existed for less than 20 years. Crude estimation of strength: level 35.  
Profession: Swordsman]

The girl almost opened her mouth wide in shock.

'Levels' were the power scale used by the girl's world.

And 'Level 35' was a very clear dividing line.

At this level, Swordsmen were able to summon Elemental Sprites and cultivate with high-levelled Elemental Swordsmanship.

Looking at Gu Qing Shan, the girl started to have various thoughts.

*Already level 35 at such a young age!?*

*Such a person could be considered a top-level genius even in my world!*

This girl came from a world within the Strife Zones.

An exceptionally powerful world.

And from another perspective, if you consider him using the standard of cultivation-type worlds, it was very rare for such a young person to reach Sainted realm.

Even though Gu Qing Shan came from a Scattered world, he hadn't slacked with his cultivation for even a second.

And his talents were top-notch.

In the past life, he only managed to enter the cultivation world after wasting half a year, so his beginning was lower than the majority of people.

His road was also filled with much more hardship and suffering.

And during this life, since he had the chance to redo everything, his power level wasn't lacking compared to anybody of his age in any world.

Even though the young girl didn't know any of this, she knew that a level 35 Swordsman who wasn't even 20 years old was more than worth her making friends with.

This alone qualified him for her to consider getting into a close relationship with.

*And then, he's also quite handsome.*

Thinking that, the aristocratic young lady smiled and stepped closer to Gu Qing Shan: "Greetings, may I ask which world you came from?"

"Ah, hello, I'm from a Scattered world" Gu Qing Shan replied amiably.

The aristocratic girl's smile froze up.

She couldn't find the words to follow up.

Scattered worlds.

They were the symbol of being primitive and barbaric.

Places like that face the inevitable fate of swift destruction so often that it was hard for them to accumulate enough to any sort of worthwhile civilization.

The aristocratic lady sighed, incredibly disappointed.

*Truthfully, the forbidden love between a noble girl and a poor boy could still be considered an acceptable romantic story.*

*But this man came from a Scattered world, he can't even be considered a poor boy.*

*People who came from such back-water places are very hard to communicate with, because they won't understand anything you say at all.*

*Even their thoughts aren't on the same level.*

*If I think about it a bit more...*

*This man must've paid a very heavy price to be able to convince that esteemed lady.*

*He himself probably doesn't have any close relations to her.*

*Because he came from a mere Scattered world.*

*That is why, even if he's level 35, he's still just a barbarian.*

*His lack of vision and barren knowledge will greatly hinder his future.*

Thinking that, the aristocratic lady backed down.

The other ladies also exchanged glances as they heard the two's conversation.

They quickly reached a consensus.

"Excuse us, we have something we must do" they all said.

"Please go ahead" Gu Qing Shan spoke.

The aristocratic ladies stood up, lightly curtsied to Gu Qing Shan before leaving the green room.

Their laugh could be heard from the hallway.

"What are you laughing about" the girl who approached Gu Qing Shan angrily reproached them.

"Ahahaha, a Scattered world, so you also..."

The ladies' laugh became louder.

Their laughter seemed to be directed to that lady, but at the same time it wasn't.

The door closed.

Their laughter slowly went away.

Complete silence.

There was no one else but Gu Qing Shan in the room.

Gu Qing Shan already noticed their goal and reaction from the start.

But he didn't mind it, instead he felt relieved.

Everything that needed to be done has been done.

Now was a rare moment to rest.

He wasn't in a hurry to read the War God Quest, instead he glanced at the 12-layer cake on the table.

This cake was decorated with various types of strange fruits, not only did it look delectable, it was also giving off a faint fragrance, not at all like the cakes that give an impression of being too sweet at a single glance.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at a corner of the table.

Inside the large ice box, liquor and other types of drinks were kept cold.

Gu Qing Shan arbitrarily chose a black bottle of liquor, cut himself a piece of cake and sat down.

*I wonder what other people feel after going through a long journey?*

Gu Qing Shan had been travelling through a few hundred million World Layers for the past few days doing various things, for the first time, he was feeling a real sense of exhaustion.

*Since Su Xue Er is going to be safe and System Quest has been completed...  
Let's just rest for a bit.*

With a small 'pop', the black bottle was opened.

A wonderful scent of wine drifted out.

Gu Qing Shan inhaled deeply.

This type of alcohol wasn't too far from the level of his best masterpieces.

Gu Qing Shan didn't bother to find a glass and just drank from the bottle.

"Not even using a glass, your manners are quite impolite, sir"

A female voice came out of nowhere.

Gu Qing Shan was shocked and spat out his mouthful of wine.

"Pff! Hak, hack, hack!"

He was coughing due to the shock before looking forward.

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A little girl wearing a maid outfit stood in front of him, soaked by the wine he just spat out.

Gu Qing Shan was very surprised.

*The hell, I already used my inner sight to check around here and sensed nothing.  
Where did this little girl come from?*

Gu Qing Shan hurriedly apologized.

The little girl seemed to have never been through such a situation before as she showed a completely mortified expression on her face.

But she was trying her best, stopping herself from screaming out loud.

From how much she was trembling, it wasn't strange if she had fainted right then and there.

But she gritted her teeth and forced herself to not faint.

The little girl used a monotone, enduring tone of voice to ask: “Your saliva, scraps of food and drunken liquor is all over my face. I have never been through such a thing before, so please excuse me when I ask. How should I get out of this humiliating situation without being impolite, sir?”

Gu Qing Shan finally recovered from his shock, forming a cleansing hand seal and activated it with his hand.

Very quickly, all the gunk on her face went away.

Gu Qing Shan then extracted a bit of spirit water from his bag to help the little girl wash again.

“It should be fine now, I’m very sorry about just now”

Gu Qing Shan spoke full of guilt.

The little girl touched her face, carefully rubbing it bit by bit.

After a while, she finally stopped trembling.

She then inhaled deeply and lightly curtsied to Gu Qing Shan: “I hold your previous behaviors in deep contempt, so please do not think that I will talk to you again, sir”

She angrily took distance from him, took a set of knife and fork together with a piece from the 12-layer cake by herself and gracefully started to eat.

It seemed she was very hungry, as it only took 2-3 bites for her to finish it.

As she finished, the little girl hesitated for a bit before cutting another piece from the cake to eat again.

Seeing the little girl really did ignore him, Gu Qing Shan didn’t really know what to think.

He had never been in such a situation before.

*With how many strange things are there in the 900 million World Layers, who’s to say that my inner sight would be able to discover them all?*

*Not to mention since this was the Bramble Birds royalty green room, this little girl must be something deeply connected with the Bramble Bird to be allowed in here.*

*I still need to depend on the Bramble Birds, so it’s not my place to do anything unnecessary on their turf. If I’ve already apologized and they still decided not to pay any attention to me, I’d better not bother them anymore.*

Thinking that, Gu Qing Shan silently nodded.

But having been through that, he didn’t really have the mind to eat anything else.

He glanced at the War God UI.

On the War God UI, a few lines of glowing text were still there.

[Your Quest is complete]

[Please hold Triste’s medal in your hand and stay put]



Gu Qing Shan then took out the silver medal, holding it in his hand.

On the medal, Triste suddenly let out a silent scream out of nowhere.

Then she disappeared.

Following that, new lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI.

[Information channel connected, currently attempting to activate new War God function]

[The corresponding activation sequence will require a few minutes, please don't let the medal out of your hand]

Gu Qing Shan kept holding the medal and silently waited.

*Clank!*

The green room's door suddenly opened.

"Our apologies, we are currently looking for a royal treasure"

A few fully-armed guards stepped in and apologized to him.

They first looked at Gu Qing Shan, then at the medal in his hand and spoke very politely.

"Please go ahead" Gu Qing Shan said.

The guards then proceeded to search the room.

Gu Qing Shan stared intently at their actions and started to feel a bit anxious.

*These guards said that they were looking for a treasure, but they aren't digging through everything, instead they each held a scepter in their hands, walking back and forth in the room.*

*As if they were trying to probe something.*

*Wait a minute!*

*Why are there only me and the guards in this room?*

Gu Qing Shan was silently shocked again.

He glanced around the room and even used his inner sight to scan it once again.

*Where is the little girl just now?*

*Why did she disappear without a sound?*

*As far as he knows, even ghosts can't escape from inner sight.*

*But the little girl was really gone, completely gone.*

*I didn't notice at all when she appeared earlier either.*

*And these armed guards don't seem to notice either.*

*How strange.*

Gu Qing Shan's thoughts moved quickly, but his expression remained unchanged.

Shortly after, the guards finished looking and walked to Gu Qing Shan.

"That was rude of us, we are only doing our jobs" the head guard apologized again.

Gu Qing Shan looked at him, then at the expressions of other guards.

They all seemed calm.

As if they themselves feel that searching like this wasn't going to get any results.

"It's fine, you didn't affect me much" Gu Qing Shan smiled and told them.

The guards all nodded at him politely before turning to leave and even helped close the door on their way out.

Once again, Gu Qing Shan was by himself in the room.

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes.

*That wasn't right.*

*If that little girl was also a guest, the Bramble Bird guards wouldn't have only apologized to me. With how strict they are with their etiquette, they would apologize to every guest they bothered. Which means, the Bramble Bird guards didn't notice that the little girl was here!*

Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes.

He saw the little girl again.

As soon as the guards went away, she reappeared.

The little girl sighed deeply, apparently very tired.

As if she just did something, something that put a lot of burden on her.

Their eyes met.

"My sincere apologies, I must hide for a bit. I beg of you not to let the guards know that I am here" the little girl spoke.

"Who exactly are you?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"I am a maid of her Highness the princess. Since the princess went missing, I could not help but run away as well"

"The princess went missing?" Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

*Today was supposed to be the Bramble Bird princess' 12th birthday party, her coming of age ceremony, why did she go missing?*

The little maid spoke sadly: "Yes, the royal family felt that this maid did not take care of the princess well enough, leading to her going missing, and so they decided to kill me"

"So that's the reason"

Gu Qing Shan showed a look of understanding, but he actually got more suspicious.

*What kind of maid would be able to hide from even the royal guards?*

Gu Qing Shan's thoughts moved quickly.

*Just now, I'm sure I saw powerful and strict security forces all around the green room as I came in.*

*But even they couldn't find this little maid.*

*If the little maid had been here from the very start, then even the Light of Dawn Triste couldn't discover her existence.*

*The esteemed wooden lady, the big rooster, the young ladies from various worlds, none of them noticed her at all.*

*In other words, she managed to fool everyone else.*

*...she only appeared in front of him.*

*And no one knows about this.*

Thinking that, Gu Qing Shan felt a chill welling up from inside.

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The little girl stood in front of Gu Qing Shan, a bit nervous and shy at the same time.

Seeing her like that, Gu Qing Shan asked directly.

“If you already hid yourself from everyone, why did you only appear in front of me?”

Hearing him ask that, the little girl showed him a newspaper.

The headline of the newspaper was accompanied with a large picture.

An old man was hugging Barry's leg while Gu Qing Shan stood on one side, blankly staring at him.

This was the same newspaper that Su Xue Er saw.

It was thanks to this that Su Xue Er waited for him in Aboul.

The little girl raised the newspaper, looking at Gu Qing Shan: “No matter what, a person Iron Fist Barry recognizes must be a one with respectable character”

She thought for a bit and added: “Although he was crippled for so long, and he owes a lot of money, at the very least, for the last 1000 years, he had never changed his standards and beliefs”

“So you trust him?”

“Mother once said, if someone has enjoyed the very best and can endure the very worst without changing their beliefs and behaviors, then that person must be a true hero”

“You have a very brilliant mother”

Hearing that, the little girl appeared a bit sorrowful.

However, she quickly hid her emotions from her face and spoke: “The Iron Fist Club had not taken in a new member for over 1000 years, but you were recognized by both Barry and Kitty, so I believe you would not do that despicable act”

“Despicable act? What do you mean?”

“Exposing a poor little maid, forcing her down a road of certain death”

“Thank you for your trust. And I in fact do not intend to meddle”

Gu Qing Shan calmed down.

He was probing this little girl without showing it.

Her appearance was quite normal, her little hands were full of blisters and her expression full of fatigue, even her maid uniform was already a bit dirty.

But from what he saw, she couldn't be too much older than 10 years old.

Gu Qing Shan squinted his eyes a bit, taking a closer look at her.

Although the little girl's hands were full of blisters, her skin was a bit blackened and even had a few nasty scars...

— occasionally flashing deep under her sleeves was pure white skin, akin to that of fresh milk.

Gu Qing Shan instantly understood.

*So this little girl even knows how to disguise her appearance to hide her true identity.*

“Why is such a young girl like yourself a maid?”

Gu Qing Shan solemnly asked.

“Her Highness the princess needed playmates around her age, as well as someone to constantly be by her side and ready to take her orders, that is why I was chosen to be her maid” the little maid pitifully told him.

Gu Qing Shan lightly nodded.

*This excuse seemed quite reasonable as well.*

*The Bramble Bird princess was only 12, so she really did need a few people of the same age by her side.*

*Maids of this age can both act as her playmates and her servant, so it was very appropriate.*

*It seems she was quite a brilliant girl, unfortunately, she didn't have that much experience handling social situations.*

The little girl looked at Gu Qing Shan and spoke in a high-and-mighty tone: “Since you did not expose me being here, I will graciously forgive your disrespectful manners earlier”

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent.

He wasn't going to argue over minor details with a little girl who ran away.

He already had a few guesses as to what must have happened.

As long as these guesses were confirmed, he would easily arrive at a conclusion.

But Gu Qing Shan really didn't want to poke his nose into another's business.

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Even without confirming them, he can guess the level of danger and severity of this situation.

The only thing he wanted was to meet up with Su Xue Er.

*—-as soon as Su Xue Er returns, I will take her and leave right away.*

*Although the Justice Iron Fist Club wasn't that big, both Barry and Kitty are good people, so they should get along with Su Xue Er fine.*

*The Justice Iron Fist Club itself was also a Super Dimensional world so it was completely safe.*

*Kitty's spatial powers were also quite impressive.*

*And since Barry's leg was quickly recovering, Iron Fist Barry will soon enter the ranks of top-level Combatants again.*

*Triste also gave a big enough prize to maybe pay back the Club's debt.*

*Which means he'll be able to live a relaxed life.*

*He'll have a lot of time to be with Su Xue Er.*

*While living in the Iron Fist Club, he can also ask Barry about matters regarding cultivation—- and occasionally treat Barry to some good meals.*

*Kitty also said that there was a stream behind the Club where they can go fishing if the weather is good.*

*The only thing is that those fishes are all very sly, warping away to other worlds as soon as they notice someone getting close.*

*Barry didn't like catching them because it was hard, and Kitty didn't really know how to cook them, so they rarely caught those fishes.*

*However, it's known that the fishes are high-quality, as there were a lot of Interstellar-grade restaurants frequently expressing their desires to buy them.*

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly, calming his eyes down as well.

*That's right, why would I get involved in somebody else's business for no reasons?*

*The only thing to do now is to wait for Su Xue Er to return.*

Since Gu Qing Shan had decided, he looked at the little girl and spoke: "From now on, I will act like I haven't seen you, and I won't tell anyone about you either, please go ahead and do as you like"

The little girl smiled of relief and curtsied to him: "Even though you are a rude man, you are not a bad man"

The little girl observed Gu Qing Shan a bit more, confirming that he really didn't care before relaxing herself.

It was now that she discovered that her stomach was growling, so she gracefully got herself another piece of cake and began to eat again.

Gu Qing Shan didn't pay anymore attention to the little girl.

Because the silver medal in his hand was already heating up a bit together with a change on the War God UI.

Gu Qing Shan focused his attention on the War God UI.

Below the UI, in the same row as [War God Skills], [War God Thaumaturgy], [War God Title], a new icon was now lit up.

This icon was quite simple, it looked like a thick book.

[Temporal node set]

[Relevant key has been obtained]

[The new System function has been activated]

[You obtained a new function: Doomsday Chronicles]

[Doomsday Chronicles: Using special items you hold, you may query famous historical events related to them]

[Because you only survived for 10 years in the previous life, you may only query events from any moment of the past up to 10 years in the future]

[Special note: The System only records the famous historical events themselves. The System doesn't know the entire truth behind the events or their corresponding hidden details]

Gu Qing Shan seriously looked through it and smiled, not expecting that.

*What an interesting function.*

Right now, he was holding Triste's medal in his hand, so a few lines of text were showing on the War God UI.

[Triste's medal]

[War God Skills: This item doesn't contain any skills, unable to learn or comprehend]

[Doomsday Chronicles: This is proof that you've participated in this call of the Bramble Birds]

[To see the corresponding historical event related to Triste's medal, please consume 100,000 Soul Points]

*— that much Soul Points?*

Gu Qing Shan was a bit shocked as he looked at the medal.

*Exactly what kind of secret was hidden in this medal?*

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly before waving his hand to take the Chao Yin sword from the void of space.

He wanted to test out a few more things about the new function.

More lines of text showed up on the War God UI.

[Ancient sword, named Chao Yin]

[In the Age of Old, the Shen Wu world was a world of endless oceans, as Divinities left, they forged this sword to act as a pillar of the seas]

[He who holds this sword is the King of all seas]

[Spirit Thaumaturgy: Even a sea of suffering shall pass]

[War God Skills: This sword does not have any skills, unable to learn or comprehend]

[Doomsday Chronicles: the System did not find any famous historical events related to this sword]

Gu Qing Shan lightly nodded.

*True enough, if I didn't go to Shen Wu world during this life, this sword wouldn't have showed itself to the world at all.*

*What an interesting new function indeed.*

*This function will allow me to open my eyes and know about more secrets.*

Thinking that, Gu Qing Shann tapped his Inventory Bag, wanting to take out a few other things out to test the War God UI's new function.

But as soon as it was opened, a letter flapped its wing and flew out, circling around him nonstop.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised, but quickly caught it.

This letter had already showed up once when he was asking for the wooden lady's help, so he didn't have time to look at it yet.

Now was actually a good time to check what this was.

Gu Qing Shan opened the letter.

A blank sheet of paper.

There was nothing written here.

But soon after, a hurried female voice came from the blank paper.

[Gu Qing Shan, it's Kitty]

[There is a horrifying matter that I must tell you about right away]