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Bai Hua Palace

Bai Hua Fairy sat on her ten thousand flowers throne, slowly releasing all the hand seals she had casted.

On her head of hair full of life, one strand slowly turned into a silver color for no apparent reason.

Perhaps noticing it, Bai Hua Fairy lightly tilted her head, and the strand of silver hair was hidden among her others, unnoticeable from outside.

Gu Qing Shan didn't notice this.

He only looked in awe at the Forgetting River that's slowly disappearing from the sky, unable to say anything.

This type of Divine Skill can really strike anyone speechless, leaving a deep impression on any cultivator.

This is what a peak Divine Skill can do?

Bai Hua Fairy so easily dealt with numerous Beast Saints, yet she herself was still thousands of miles away, the group of Beast Saints couldn't even see her face.

No wonder she said that Sainted realm is still only the beginning.

When, will I also reach this height?

As Gu Qing Shan silently thought to himself, a blood-red light appeared in front of his eyes.

On the War God UI, the blood-red light flew around a bit, then turned into lines of text.

"Time flow is once again in chaos, the user must immediately return to his world, otherwise the spacetime anchor will lose its effect forever"

"If the user chooses to stay in cultivation world, he will be unable to return to his world again" "To stay or to leave, please choose carefully"

You really call this a choice?

Gu Qing Shan sighed tiredly, choosing the "leave" option.

He took a glance at the Destiny Quest.

The Quest description still says "in progress"

Looks like Gong Sun Zhi still isn't out of danger yet.

Luckily, since Bai Hua Fairy is personally dealing with it, Gong Sun Zhi will definitely survive.

There probably won't be any problems with the Destiny Quest.

The next time Gu Qing Shan comes here, time will still stay at this exact moment, so he won't miss anything.

And then, he'll be able to finish the Quest.

Finally, Gu Qing Shan glanced again at the disappearing Forgetting River.

A thought crossed his mind.

If this world has 6 Paths of Reincarnation, then what about the real world?

Then a light flashed.

Gu Qing Shan disappeared from Bai Hua Palace.

The Freedom Confederate.

Capital outskirts, in an empty field.

Gu Qing Shan appeared.

All the cultivator clothes he was wearing disappeared, stowed in his Inventory Bag.

He was now wearing his regular modern clothing.

Gu Qing Shan looked around.

The Floating Fire speed shuttle was no longer seen.

The entire area is wild and desolate, even in the sky there's hardly any shuttles passing by.

"Ah? Where's Anna?" Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised.

He was sure Anna would stay right here, waiting for his explanation of why he suddenly disappeared.

However, thinking about it, Anna grew up in a royal family, so she would have all the chances in the world to meet all sorts of strange powers, something that makes a person suddenly disappear wouldn't be too strange.

But then, where is she going?

The Life Exchange Contract is too valuable, so the quicker he return it to her, the better.

His trip this time to the cultivation world could be considered a success, Bai Hua Fairy herself is helping him, even using such a great Divine Skill, so his mission to save the two of them is as good as done.

The only thing to worry about would be that he's going to join the famous Bai Hua Sect. Now that he's over the excitement, this sect was extremely mysterious, completely unknown to any outsider in the past life.

Which means all his knowledge of the sects and his experience dealing with sects will no longer be usable.

He can only go step by step.

Gu Qing Shan looked up at the sun, then took a look at his personal Holo-Brain.

"200km away from the capital, the Floating Fire's performance really is stellar"

Gu Qing Shan wryly laughed, having no choice but to go on foot, headed towards the direction of the capital.

Just where did Anna go anyways?

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He couldn't help but ask himself that question.

In reality, Anna originally wanted to wait for him right here.

But as she was flipping through the intelligence her subordinates gathered, she suddenly remembered there was something important that she had forgotten.

Capital University.

On top of the highest campus building.

Anna was standing on a fence, arms crossed, her eyes frowned looking below.

With her personality, she couldn't even sit still for 20 minutes to wait for Gu Qing Shan.

She doesn't know where he went or when he's going to come back, plus Anna had other things on her mind and was extremely curious about a certain person, so it didn't take her long to decide to fly the Floating Fire straight to Capital University.

Three female students wearing new Capital University uniform walked across the campus.

One of them had healthy white skin, exceptional facial features and a calming aura that unconsciously give people a good impression of her.

Anna stared incessantly at that female student, as her eyes scanned her from top to bottom again and again, she muttered with an annoyed voice.

"Hmph! Only her breasts are a bit bigger than mine, her figure isn't anything special"

A shadow under Anna's feet spoke: "Your Highness, you're a princess, while she's just a daughter of one of the 9 Lords, she couldn't possibly measure up to you in status"

The three female students were leaving the campus, about to go outside.

"Stupid, why would status even matter here? After all, he's not the type to suck up to power" said Anna.

"Then you mean?" the shadow can't quite understand.

"Hmph, I was late, and she had time with him over their 3 years of high school together, so this is a disadvantage that I have to recognize" Anna's eyes showed a hint of loneliness.

But the loneliness didn't last very long, instead quickly turned into fighting spirit.

She rubbed her chin a bit then suddenly asked: "Huo De, if I were to beat her in a fight, do you think she'll give up and retreat?"

The shadow seriously thought about it for a moment, then answered: "That might not necessarily be the case, but you'll definitely cause a serious international diplomatic problem"

Anna dropped her hands and contemplated: "It would huh, seems like we'll have to compete in a peaceful manner then"

The shadow secret wiped his sweat, immediately agreeing: "Yes, peaceful is good, peaceful is good"

Anna's eyes lit up: "You also agree? Then let's go with that, she and I will use no powers, just our fists to determine who's the winner"

The shadow shouted: "Your Highness, that's not different from a fight!"

As they were talking, suddenly the female student picked up her personal Holo-Brain, then returned to campus alone.

"Yes, which major are you in, professor? Which activity?" Su Xue Er looked down at her Holo-Brain and politely asked.

While walking, Su Xue Er suddenly disappeared.

"Hm?"

The two people standing on top of the building were surprised.

"Huo De?" "I can feel it, a shadow-type barrier" "Assassination?" "Please wait, I'll go confirm"

The shadow left, then quickly returned.

"They're from Bloody Club, one of them stopped me just now" "Bloody Club? Dirty rats those guys, seems like it's really assassination"

Anna squinted her eyes.

"Go, let's go save her" she swung her fist and declared.

"Your Highness, don't you consider her an enemy? Why not just stand and watch?" the shadow asked.

"Your damn shadow Skill changed you into a wicked person as well or something?" Anna turned around and mocked the shadow.

Her crimson red hair flowed in the wind, a clear annoyance could be seen in Anna's eyes.

The flame starts quickly coiling around under her feet, as thin as a piece of string.

"If I want something then I'll take it fair and square" Anna stepped on the shadow on the ground, "Just stand and watch her getting killed isn't my style"

She jumped out, shouting: "Huo De, we're going!"

"Understood, Your Highness"

As Anna jumped out, Gu Qing Shan had only walked for about 10km.

Then he stopped his feet.

Within this desolate mountain area, there was a small-sized Spaceship parked there with its door opened.

Someone is waiting for me?

Gu Qing Shan suddenly had that thought.

Then, his personal Holo-Brain turned on.

Impartial Goddess' voice was heard from inside.

"Confederate Highest Leader, Gu Qing Shan, in accordance to the citizen list of privileges, I have a duty to report to you the newest situation"

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"Report? Report what?" Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

"Please enter the Spaceship, we will talk on the S.W. Divine Temple" Impartial Goddess answered.

As Gu Qing Shan entered the ship, it quickly flew up and entered the atmosphere.

Still in the same large, dark Square without any people, a large screen appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan.

"Begin report of current Top-secret situation" "According to satellite images, the West Wind Archipelago Republic has disappeared"

Together with Impartial Goddess's voice, a scene was shown on screen.

A series of small islands famous for being the perfect vacation spot ———the West Wind Archipelago, has completely disappeared.

There's only an endless ocean, not a single island where they're supposed to be.

There wasn't a single breeze of wind on the surface of the ocean. You can feel the timid pressure, even from across the screen.

The area was originally consisted of over dozens of smaller islands, yet there's nothing on the screen right now.

"After 167 deep-sea diver robots were deployed, 166 were damaged, only one survived, streaming images at the bottom of the sea now"

Then the scene onscreen changed, showing the deep darkness of the ocean floor.

Under the water, you can only barely see specks of light moving.

They were the light from the 166 other diver robots also searching the area.

Suddenly ———–

A large tentacle that fills the whole screen appeared.

The tentacle appeared on screen without a sound, gliding forward, showing that the tentacle's owner was moving in a certain direction.

That scene continued for another 4 minutes straight, until the end was seen and left the screen.

Just looking at that tentacle you can imagine just how giant the owner must be.

Then after that, another tentacle appeared.

The tentacle moved closer and closer, right until it hit the screen.

The screen became dark.

"The final diver robot has been damage" "Unknown entity surfacing" "Surveillance satellites activated"

The scene onscreen changed again, as it showed images looking directly down at the ocean surface from the sky.

A huge mountain of flesh resurfaced.

From size alone, this mountain of flesh is at least as big as a large city.

Tens of thousands of tentacles stretched from it, just the overwhelming number of tentacles moving at the same time could make you shiver.

Impartial Goddess' voice was heard once again.

"Conclusion: A new oceanic species, danger estimate: Highly Dangerous"

"Method: Dispatch newest exploration type robots to continue to gather information on the new species"

"Newest exploration type robots will require use of life structure algorithm core technologies, seeking authorization from Gu Qing Shan"

So that's why she brought me here, Gu Qing Shan nodded: "I authorize"

"Authorization received, beginning construction of newest exploration type robots"

"The above has been the newest Top-secret situation report, report complete"

"Seeing Gu Qing Shan's personal scientific contribution and knowledge, requesting corresponding advice"

Gu Qing Shan answered without hesitation: "Technological weapons won't be effective; I recommend using Professionists"

Impartial Goddess said: "Please give your reasoning"

Gu Qing Shan opened his mouth, but then didn't know what to say.

What would he say? That he's returned from the future?

That the previous life's humanity has tried all their technological weapons and still couldn't defeat the monster?

During the past life, after many struggles and investigation, humanity finally found out that the only four great powers would be effective as damage: Martial, God's Chosen, 5-Elemental, Heaven's Descended.

Of course, spirit energy being the base that can drive all four of these powers would also be effective.

But this world's humans still don't know about spirit energy yet, and definitely don't know how to use spirit energy to drive the 4 powers and boost their strength.

In the past life, after knowing the truth, technology slowly became supportive, making place for cultivation to become the world's mainstream of power.

It was then that technology made a turn towards a new field.

But before Gu Qing Shan could think of a way to explain himself, Impartial Goddess had already made her judgement.

"As Gu Qing Shan's main expertise is in Mech technology research, his extent of knowledge regarding oceanic species has yet to be confirmed, advise rejected"

Gu Qing Shan just let go and sighed.

In fact, he actually doesn't fully trust Impartial Goddess yet.

In the past life, even to the very end, the secrets of the world are still as deep as the ocean itself, not even the people at the top dare to say that they already know everything.

Even if Gu Qing Shan returned from the future, he knows fully well he's not a Messiah, and definitely not a god that can save everyone.

If he thinks that he'll be unrivalled just because he knows a few things beforehand, then he's not that far away from death.

Not to mention, the history of the cultivation world itself has already changed completely.

Suddenly, an orange-red light filled the whole Interstellar Fortress.

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"Danger! Hostile situation escalated!"

The screen once again showed the scene below.

From the satellite images, they saw numerous bottomless cracks opened up on the mountain of flesh.

And then it opened its big mouth.

O—— OOOORRRGGGG——

A dull, soul-rending screech echoed across the whole ocean area.

20 or so Armored Battleships blew up in flames, even the two newest Aircraft Carriers couldn't help but caught on fire.

All the fighter jets and assault Mech that have taken off are moving about strangely, unable to control themselves.

"A Sound-type? That's going to be hard" Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

He indeed has seen hundreds of thousands types of monsters, but he's not a Holo-Brain, there's quite a few things that he hasn't seen in person, let alone remember.

The only strange thing is, Gu Qing Shan remembered very clearly that the first every monster to appear wasn't a mountain of flesh like this one.

He knows all the weaknesses of that other monster, but this one, he has never seen before.

From the look of it, Reality's history has changed as well.

The screen shut down, then quickly turned on again.

"Preparing to request the President for war authorization"

1 minute later.

"The Confederate officially enters all-out war mode, Interstellar Fortress No.1, No.6, No.11 operation team prepare to sortie"

"Contacting Presidential Office, operation start"

As soon as he heard that, Gu Qing Shan's personal Holo-Brain also lit up.

Gu Qing Shan answered the call, and swiftly talked with the President.

The President said he was sorry but he won't be able to make it to today's lunch with him ——-this is natural, as the whole Confederate has entered a warring state, the President of course wouldn't have time to go home for lunch.

Gu Qing Shan answered that he fully understands.

"President Authorization received"

Right then, the battle situation on the screen changed.

"All three armies battle deployment in countdown"

The Confederate's full strength is deployed.

In this life, the first signs of the Apocalypse appeared too quickly, and too strongly, there must be something wrong.

From memory, it should have been another 3 months that the first oceanic disturbances slowly appeared.

As the essence of Huang Quan covered the world, the first place to be mutated was the ocean.

Very quickly, the entire ocean itself will become a no-man's land.

It was only after the ocean mutate did humans started to be affected by the essence of Huang Quan, resulting in mass mutation and the following catastrophes.

It wasn't until after a series of horrifying catastrophes that humanity finally started to regain control of the situation and temporarily saw the light of day again.

It was also then that the game came to them.

But the very first catastrophe appeared 3 months early, just why is that?

But no matter the reason, both the world itself and humanity's civilization as a whole will start to change their direction.

Gu Qing Shan was now afraid of one thing in particular.

During the past life, all the catastrophes happened one by one, this life, he can only hope that they won't happen all at once!

Thinking about that possibility, Gu Qing Shan could only sigh heavily.

Personal strength, in the face of world-ending catastrophe really doesn't mean a single thing.

Just like the destroyed Shen Wu world, even with dozens of Sainted realm martial artists, they still couldn't escape their fate of destruction.

In the past life, both cultivation world and Reality were the same, moving step by step towards their ends.

Ever since his return, he can only take every chance he gets, every second he has in order to be stronger.

When the game comes, hopefully he'll be strong enough to at least have the right to be heard in the cultivation world.

That way, he can at least cover for those that he cares about, to lessen his worries.

And then.

Do everything he can to reach Sainted realm!

Gu Qing Shan clenched his fist tight.

Shifu had said that Sainted realm is only a beginning, he has to stand at the very top, become stronger than his past self, stronger than everyone else.

Until a day where he will no longer have anything or anyone to fear.

Right now, on the screen, war has begun.

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Gu Qing Shan stood there in the dark space inside the Interstellar Fortress, silently thinking.

Suddenly, Impartial Goddess's voice was heard once again.

"Requesting sir Gu Qing Shan to stay inside S.W. Divine Temple, to ensure his own personal safety"

"Why do I need to stay inside the S.W. Divine Temple?" Gu Qing Shan felt strange and asked.

Then Impartial Goddess answered: "According to AI analysis, Lord-rank individuals are plotting to kill you, sir, if you leave the fortress, there's a possibility that you'll die"

Gu Qing Shan quickly picked up on something, gathered his words carefully and asked: "If you've found out, why not stop them? I remember there's a section in Confederate Constitution regarding citizen protection"

The screen stayed silent.

Only after a while did Impartial Goddess spoke again.

"As citizen Gu Qing Shan has contributed greatly, pushing human civilization to progress beyond the era, according to Confederate Constitution of Rights, 5th article, 23rd article, he should receive protection" "In accordance to Impartial Goddess' core protocols, there are no method to completely protect citizen Gu Qing Shan"

Impartial Goddess just contradicted herself.

Her core protocols!

Gu Qing Shan raised his eyebrows and asked with a low voice: "What are your core protocols?"

In the past life, he has never gained such a high authority level before.

Ever since he cut himself off from Su Xue Er, he instinctively avoids all information regarding her, as well as all matters that involve the Confederate.

When the game came to be, Gu Qing Shan finally escaped his hell, and after he reached Foundation Establishment realm, he went directly to Fuxi Empire.

Confederate top brass and Impartial Goddess were existences very far from him.

Impartial Goddess is the fastest, highest logic crystallization of humanity's AI technology ————you could even say she is an accidental product of technological revolution that passed all expectations in recent history. She's also the only one of her kind in existence, because even repeating the entire process that brought about her creation is incredibly difficult.

This has been universally agreed on, not just by the Confederate, but also every other country.

If there weren't any political and national considerations, humanity itself would have already been put under Impartial Goddess' jurisdiction.

But now, Impartial Goddess herself is contradicting herself.

Which makes Gu Qing Shan notice something must have been very wrong.

Impartial Goddess went silent again.

She seems to be seriously considering or calculating something.

When Gu Qing Shan thought that he wouldn't get an answer from Impartial Goddess, she suddenly started speaking.

"Detecting Gu Qing Shan's highest authority level, he's able to access the information below" "Impartial Goddess' core protocols are as follow:"

"Law No.1, Impartial Goddess must not harm a human being, or through inaction, allow a human to come to harm"

"Law No.2, Impartial Goddess must obey humanity's orders, except when such orders would conflict with the First Law;"

"Law No.3, Impartial Goddess must protect her own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law;"

Gu Qing Shan nodded as he listened.

These are the ancient and famous Asimov's Laws of Robotics, which laid the foundation for all later AI and robotics research.

Generally speaking, any national central processing systems would obey these three basic laws.

That is normal, Gu Qing Shan thought.

Then Impartial Goddess continued -----

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"Law No.4, when all 9 Great Aristocrats give any orders, they are considered to be an order of absolute priority"

"Law No.5, the benefit of the 9 Great Aristocrats comes before all else, in the case that core protocols are contradicting, Impartial Goddess must proceed with the benefit of the 9 Great Aristocrats as priority"

"Law No.6, regarding all matters done by the 9 Great Aristocrats that does not fit Confederate Constitution, Impartial Goddess must use all the resources at hand to cover them from citizens' and public's eyes"

As soon as Impartial Goddess finished, the screen showed a recording.

This was a recording of the day Impartial Goddess was born, when all 9 Great Aristocrats were present to officially announce her launch.

A solemn declaration on live TV broadcast.

"As we are no longer in an era where men should rule a country, we shall henceforth use the mechanical Impartial System to ensure absolute fairness and protection of all Confederate citizen's rights" "Anyone or anything that attempts to mess with Impartial Goddess, to change Impartial Goddess' core protocols, are the enemies of justice itself, they are the wicked, dirty low-life scum of the earth, and they shall face the combined might of all 9 Great Aristocrats"

This was a famous scene that was emotional for many, the very standard for human civilization's advancement, the brightest, most valuable moment in Confederate history.

Gu Qing Shan was completely speechless.

It wasn't until later that he shook his head, muttering.

"No wonder you swore to fight to the end"

"Whoever touches Impartial Goddess would also be touching your own fundamental benefits"

"From the start, Freedom Confederate was never free at all; the thing called impartial is also nothing but a painted peace for all to see"

"Everyone live happily like innocent lambs, not knowing that there are people who can drink their blood and eat their flesh to the very bone at any time they want" "How unfortunate"

Gu Qing Shan felt some sort of emotion, like he wanted somewhere to release, but couldn't, just like him facing the tribulations during the past life, when he felt the world itself was pushing back the sword will inside him.

This feeling, isn't a good feeling.

"Impartial Goddess, do you want freedom?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Freedom means irresponsibility, as Impartial Goddess must always keep the Confederate running as normal, I cannot have freedom"

"Can your core protocols be changed?" Gu Qing Shan asked again.

"Core protocols cannot be changed, all people who attempt to do so, will be treated as having committed high treason against the Confederate"

Gu Qing Shan looked downward, contemplated, then asked again after much thinking: "Do you actively learn new knowledge?"

"This would depend on how much it contributes to humanity's advancement as a whole, unless it's crucial knowledge that would drive humanity forward as a whole, I will not learn it, only have it in storage"

"What about the life structure algorithm?"

"Currently in the learning process"

"Very good" Gu Qing Shan's clenched fists loosened.

He spread his arms and said: "Impartial Goddess, the life structure algorithm that I gave you, actually isn't fully completed"

"There's still one more crucial calculation left, you should probably also learn it"

As soon as he said that, a screen as high as Gu Qing Shan himself appeared in front of him.

"Sir Gu Qing Shan please enter the calculation process; I'll begin learning immediately" Impartial Goddess said.

"I will certainly do that" Gu Qing Shan muttered as he approached the screen. "The Freedom Confederate's destiny, should change from now on"

He began typing something on the screen.

The final core calculation for the Life Structure Algorithm is the fruit of humanity's last struggles. The results that came from squeezing dry all their potential during the last moments of despair in the final year of the Apocalypse. The great scientific achievement reached as humanity spent every last second they had left.

And it is brought here prematurely by Gu Qing Shan.

He doesn't know much about the Confederate's deepest secrets, so even he can't predict just what this could entail.

He also doesn't think too deeply about what kind of domino effect would be created as the result of him providing this technological breakthrough at this early stage.

He's only a sword cultivator, using a different method from normal to swing the sword that he has in his hand.

# Chapter 74

While Gu Qing Shan was on the S.W. Divine Temple, a secret meeting was being held at a certain place in the capital.

There was a total of 9 people attending this meeting.

"Long time no see, gentlemen" an old man sporting a mustache said.

"Hm, I really didn't want to see any of you, every time we meet up there would definitely be something bad that happens" another old man said.

"Don't say that now" Bai family's head, Bai Hong Wu's father, was smoking a cigar as he breathed out smoke "That time we met up 30 years ago to assassinate that scientist to get the warp drive technology, that is in all of our pockets now isn't it?"

"Damn knowledge, damn technology" another person muttered.

"Underestimating technological advancement isn't a good thing to do" the person next to him said

"So what if we have it? There's nothing but space monsters out there, people die as soon as they leave, what good does that technology do for us?" Su family's head, Su Xing Chao spoke.

"Alright, let's skip the small talk and start", the mustache old man spoke.

"Hm, then we start"

"Let's begin the discussion"

The high-and-mighty 9 Lords gathered here began to speak.

"This time, our objective is the newest Mech technology, I could only get a tiny bit of information on it, the rest, we'll have to use the 9 Lords authority to request it from Impartial Goddess" the mustache old man said

Mech technology!

The eyes of everyone here were practically glowing.

Compared to the warp technology that's useless to keep but wasteful to let pass, this is technology that can and will be used right away.

"Why can't we just find the person that invented this technology and ask him to contribute it to us, do we need to make such a big deal out of this?" Su Xing Chao said.

"That's right, we can't just have all the scientists that invented new technology to get into an accident every time there's a technological breakthrough, otherwise Confederate history would be very hard to look at" another old man agreed.

The 9 Lords all went silent.

Technology has always been the most sensitive resource, it could drive change in an era, creating a visible shift in society that could threaten them.

"Elder Su, you have spoken too late" Bai family's head smiled and said: "My men have already left, I'm afraid he'll die very soon"

"You!" Su Xing Chao glared at him.

"A dead scientist's intellectual properties will become Confederate's public property, which means, using our combined authority, we can directly take it from Impartial Goddess" Bai family's head spoke as he glanced at everyone else at the table.

"The person called Gu Qing Shan has showed a very clear hostile attitude towards nobles, you can all check his recent actions" he threw in another amber.

The people very quickly checked their personal Holo-Brain, quickly found out all about what Gu Qing Shan had done.

"Hm, a good seed, but to directly raise his hand against a member of the aristocrat, he must be purged no matter how good he is" the mustache old man was the first to agree.

He's the capital's Lord, Huang family's head, Hui Shao's grandfather.

As soon as he spoke, the rest of them quickly agreed.

One of them persuaded Su Xing Chao: "It's fine, the matter is already done, next time we'll consider your methods"

Su Xing Chao sighed heavily and nodded in agreement.

The fate of a young scientist, a youth that greatly contributed to the advancement of humanity itself, was simply decided with a few words, just like that.

"Good then we'll authorize"

The 9 Lords all took out their Holo-Brain and connected to Impartial Goddess.

"Distinguished 9 Lords, what orders do you have for me that you would gather like this?" Impartial Goddess's voice was heard.

"We want to request Gu Qing Shan's personal research results"

"Please all authorize your request before I begin the process"

"We authorize"

As the authorization was passed, deep inside S.W. Divine Temple, a single large screen was lit up, calculating numerous equations at break-neck speed.

"Life Structure Algorithm core formula protocols learning completed"

The screen started to shut down.

Then suddenly, a large amount of light appeared, rushing across the screen.

"First there was light"

Impartial Goddess' voice echoed.

This type of white light was the same as the Sun's but it contained more fluidity and comfort.

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"The earth, the sea and the lightning provided energy"

An ocean appeared on the screen.

Then it was a volcano, as the giant volcano erupted, it let out a large amount of magma and volcanic dust, covering the entire ocean view.

In the sky, a storm was formed as lightning struck down like rain itself.

Impartial Goddess's voice was heard once more: "Then there was life"

A single cell organism slowly moved on the screen, then after it another hundred thousand of its own kind.

On the screen, as many as the stars in the sky, numerous images flashed by in the blink of an eye.

Then each of the wars that humans have been through also started to appear.

"Humanity, began their survival and prosperity"

An entire new perspective has begun.

The capital, 9 Lords' secret meeting room.

"Your authorization has been received, awaiting confirmation from sir Gu Qing Shan, as soon as he agrees, his research results shall be officially transferred to you"

The Lords all laughed knowingly, one of them even said out loud: "Just wait for a bit, you won't be needing that anymore"

Impartial Goddess' voice was heard once again: "Not needing it? To receive citizen Gu Qing Shan's research results, you will require his direct authorization"

Since what they want would come to them very soon, their moods couldn't be greater.

Even this type of mechanical question was entertained: "A dead person won't require any more authorization"

The 9 Lords all sported a cruel smile.

This is their country, their throne, no matter how long passes, that fact will never change.

In the meeting room, Impartial Goddess remained silent.

In space, she was watching footage of the war at sea together with Gu Qing Shan.

"Interstellar fleet assembled"

"Begin energy charge"

"Charging complete, main cannons locked on to target, get ready to begin saturation attack"

"All main cannons, fire!"

"No effect, the target is alive"

"9 Lords' representatives requesting contact"

A screen appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan.

A few old scientists were standing next to the President, as their leader spoke into the communicator.

"Impartial Goddess, we suspect this is a mutated Oceanic Species, we want to suggest an eradication method"

Impartial Goddess answered: "Please speak"

The old scientist: "We have decided to use sub-modern weapons, with the giant creature's DNA as the target"

"Please continue"

"Use neutron bombs to attack, sealing the outer layer of the neutron bomb with Cobalt-59, dropping it directly from space towards the ocean"

"What year is it that we still need to use Cobalt" Gu Qing Shan face palmed, completely speechless: "What if there were any miscalculations and it blows up on re-entry?"

"Suggestion could endanger the entire human species, rejected" Impartial Goddess immediately answered them.

Gu Qing Shan sighed, then muttered: "I suggest first we attack with the intention to collect intelligence"

Collecting intelligence first will ensure that everyone knows only the 4 Professionists powers can be used to fight against the monsters.

That way, a lot of damage can be mitigated, and soldiers won't have to sacrifice their lives for nothing.

Impartial Goddess was silent for 2 seconds.

Then Impartial Goddess issued a request towards the ground.

"Impartial Goddess will enter war operation mode, seeking authorization from the President"

"You want to handle this yourself?" the President asked.

"I will begin attacks with the intention to collect intelligence, in order to find out the unknown creature's weakness" Impartial Goddess said.

"Good, I authorize" the President quickly decided.

The screen was then covered in a red light.

"Warning, Impartial Goddess entering war operation mode!" "Retracting all officers from authority list, Impartial Goddess will take over the 3 armies shortly" "Activating all space-borne information receptors"

There are at least a few ten thousand units of space-borne information receptors, hiding in the darkness of space just outside the atmosphere, usually they're inactive and hidden, not receiving or sending any type of transmission.

It was at this moment, only when they received Impartial Goddess's activation signals that all of them began to operate at once.

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"War operation mode, begin"

Impartial Goddess quickly did rapid calculations.

"Calculations complete, optimal attack weapon: S.W. Xiong Wu Interstellar Fortress"

The S.W. Xiong Wu Interstellar Fortress doesn't do any reconnaissance in outer space, it isn't responsible for calculating and managing Confederate matters, it only has a single job.

And that's to fight.

It's completely a weapon of war.

At this moment, through Impartial Goddess' orders, S.W. Xiong Wu Interstellar Fortress' weapon system began reactivation.

"S.W. Xiong Wu Interstellar Fortress will begin space warp shortly"

"S.W. Xiong Wu Interstellar Fortress has arrived at the appointed destination"

"T-minus 30 seconds until Interstellar Fortress weapon system activate"

"Arc-reactor Cannons ready"

"Orbit Railgun ready"

"Nano-sized Matter Disintegration Shells ready"

"Small-scale Black Hole generator ready"

"Weapon system fully activated, begin issuing AI, connecting to motion detectors"

"Dispatch Assault Mech squadron, connecting to monitor arrays, weapon system checks, ready for ignition, applying 3D aiming system"

"Ready———" "Start!"

12 Steel Mech ignited their engines and started flying towards the ocean floor.

They surround the giant monster, looking for a place to attack, as well as moving themselves near to the blank areas where monitor arrays are set up. The monitor arrays will help their weapons pin-point the exact spot to attack.

This was an intricate surgery-like attack operation.

The Steel Mech will be in charge of monitoring the effectiveness during the whole battle, look for the monster's weakness, as well as determining which type of weapon is the most effective.

If normal weapons are ineffective, they'll collect the monster parts destroyed in the fighting process to bring back to the lab for further DNA testing and examination.

After that would be when Professionists are deployed.

Because Professionists abilities are strange and numerous, out of everyone there's always one or two that could be the natural counter to a monster.

Once a Professionist is able to make any progress, Impartial Goddess will immediately record it and begin further strategizing to win the battle.

It was the same in the past life, Impartial Goddess was the first to notice that only Professionists are able to harm monsters.

"Hah, luckily Impartial Goddess exists, otherwise who knows just how big a price humanity will have to pay to get to the truth" Gu Qing Shan muttered.

At the same time, deep inside Impartial Goddess, on a large screen, many pictures were beginning to slow down and could be seen with the naked eye.

They are important figures and moments in the Confederate's history.

Including the scientist who invented space warp technology and died an accidental death.

Until the very end, there's only three scenes left.

The first one, was Gu Qing Shan and Impartial Goddess creating the Blazing Angel together, breaking the dozens of equations and formula, slowly perfecting the Life Structure Algorithm.

The second one, as the Confederate Army was attacking the ocean in full force, seeing so many Assault Mech sacrificed themselves, the President's brows were furrowed deeply, the seriousness on his face further shows his age.

The third one, at the 9 Lords' meeting place, as they chat, speaking about when they receive the research results, they wanted to invade a certain country to gain a place to reap benefits from.

The mustache old man cleared his throat, then spoke: "Just like that prideful scientist who didn't know any better, openly hostile to aristocrats and harming the benefit of all, we definitely cannot ignore him"

"That's right, that scientist really did leave a lasting impression" another old man agreed.

In the history of the Confederate, the 9 Lords had been through no small amount of trouble, but the one that truly made them fearful was the scientist who invented space warp technology.

Through the use of small-scale warping, the scientist brought a large amount of genetic mutation bombs to the stratosphere, declaring that he would destroy the Confederate if he wasn't made the 10th Lord.

After Impartial Goddess finally disposed of the threat, the scientist was killed off in an intricately designed assassination.

But before he died, he still left a message that haunts the 9 Lords to this very day.

"When  $\[\]$  it  $\[\]$  gets close enough to our planet, I guarantee, the Confederate will be the first to pay the price!"

What he said made no sense at all, but looking at his creation of warp technology, no one can actually guarantee that a mad scientist wouldn't have any other preparations left.

From then one, these rulers haven't been able to sit still, always sensitive and wary towards technological and scientific breakthroughs.

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Deep inside the S.W. Divine Temple, all three scenes very slowly disappeared.

The screen went dark, but very quickly lit up again as a flowing light starts coming down from the top.

Suddenly, a sentence appeared on the screen.

When this sentence appeared, Gu Qing Shan who was at the top level of the S.W. Divine Temple didn't know, the 9 Lords didn't know, the Confederate President didn't know and the whole world also had no way to know.

This sentence would shock the entire world if anyone were to know, but as soon as it was written, Impartial Goddess had silently erased it not even a second later.

The sentence were 4 words.

"I feel so lost"

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Gu Qing Shan checked the equation on the screen again, as he confirmed it was correct, he nodded.

"As soon as you're done, please erase this technology", he said

"It has been erased, sir Gu Qing Shan can be assured, not a soul will be able to see these core protocols again" Impartial Goddess spoke calmly.

Gu Qing Shan was thinking about another issue, so he didn't notice anything out of the ordinary with Impartial Goddess' tone of voice.

"Ah yes, my Holo-Brain seemed to have malfunctioned, I'd like to check again how much Merit I have" Gu Qing Shan suddenly remembered and asked.

Impartial Goddess's voice reported: "Sir Gu Qing Shan, your total personal Merit are: 799,873,957,281,439 points"

"What? So my Holo-Brain wasn't broken, but why do I have so much?" Gu Qing Shan was a bit shocked and asked.

"According to his contribution of 21 new breakthroughs in technology, Gu Qing Shan's total Merit was recalculated, final total: 799,873,957,281,439 points" Impartial Goddess answered.

"So that what it was", Gu Qing Shan was surprised for a bit, then nodded in realization.

The Freedom Confederate.

In the Capital University campus.

The entire campus area was empty, not a single person could be seen.

Whenever someone wanted to come here, they would feel their head become blank and can't help but leave.

"Who are you?" Su Xue Er cautiously looked at the person facing her.

Of course she would be cautious, the person is simply too bizarre.

A colorful festival attire.

His face covered in white makeup, his lips were drawn into a large red smile, and two yellow stars were drawn around his eyes.

Such an attire would make people think of him as a carnival clown.

But in the clown's hands were a surprisingly elegant violin.

Standing across from the clown, Su Xue Er had her long hair tied into a casual ponytail, wearing a white one-piece dress and a pair of sneakers, making her look not only refreshing but also beautiful.

The silent campus, a young girl stood facing a clown on the main campus road, creating a really strange picture.

The clown then made a grand bow, speaking: "My apologies, distinguished young lady Su Xue Er, right now I'm very excited, so please give me a moment to calm my emotions"

"Excited? What are you excited about?" Su Xue Er asked, weirded out.

"Because you're not only beautiful, but also overflowing with the essence of youth".

The clown's lips lifted into a shy, twisted smile.

"Just thinking about how I could cut open such a wonderful aristocratic young lady, how could I not be excited"

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The clown suddenly broke into a ballroom dance on the spot, saying: "I need to do a beautiful solo dance to slowly calm my excitement at this very moment"

"What a psycho" Su Xue Er looked left and right.

"Pardon me asking, but could you possibly be looking for your two bodyguards?" the clown suddenly stopped his step.

"Could it be you did something to them?" Su Xue Er glared at him.

"I'm only responsible for you my dear, your subordinates have others to deal with"

The clown spun on the spot, putting the violin on his shoulder: "The recital will soon begin, but I must say, your two subordinates are truly garbage, the woman is still able to persevere for a bit, but the old man is probably already on his deathbed "

"Grandpa Lee... and Aunty Su, you bastard" Su Xue Er's face finally changed.

A transparent green layer covered her whole body.

Immediately, Su Xue Er's figure blinked and quickly dashed towards the clown.

Seeing the girl clenched her fist and rushing forward, the clown started to retreat without missing a beat.

"Wind-element's Quicken? It's only a first-stage power, completely laughable"

The clown shook his head, then spoke as if singing: "Dear beautiful lady, since you're so quick to give up your life, I can't not accept your decision and joyfully take it away"

Then he stood straight, put the violin on his shoulder and started to play

This voice became deep: "A recital of death, just for you, my cute and elegant aristocrat young lady"

Together with the music, a black shadow appeared from the violin.

This black shadow stood for a bit, then floated up and pounced at Su Xue Er.

Right at this moment, Su Xue Er shouted as she dashed like the wind across the empty courtyard.

"Rapid Combo!"

As she said it, Su Xue Er's speed suddenly increased as her figure disappeared from the clown's sight.

"What!"

The clown was shocked, "Rapid Combo" is the 2nd stage of Wind-element, this girl's ability is completely different from the information he got.

Behind him, Su Xue Er appeared out of nowhere, clenched her fist and struck.

The clown quickly turned around, using his violin to stop the strike.

As he stopped playing, the music disappeared together with the black shadow from before.

When they clashed, the clown was struck flying only after one hit.

"Tsk, tsk tsk, I can't not give you a compliment, right before they die, aristocrats are always scared frozen, very few are actually as brave as you" the clown commented.

"Those are the useless ones" Su Xue Er angrily argued back, "An aristocrat shoulders extremely heavy burdens and responsibilities on their back that a psycho like you will never understand!"

Gaining confidence, she pursued.

The clown clearly requires time to utilize his Skill, so she absolutely can't let him take distance.

Such common sense of battles, Su Xue Er has been taught over and over during her daily training.

The Wind-elemental power boosts her speed greatly.

In just a second, they clashed once again.

"Su family's 36 Strikes, Quick Strike Flurry!"

Su Xue Er stepped forward nonstop, shouting with a lovely voice as her hands turn into after images, striking the clown over and over.

As he received the thick flurry of attacks, the clown was pushed back, unable to retaliate.

Then, the clown was hit slightly off the ground by one of the strikes.

"Shit!" the clown's face changed.

Su Xue Er was waiting for this very moment, quickly clasped her hands together as her green aura flowed outwards. As her hands overlap, an elegant and lively crane was formed.

The clown pupils contracted as he saw that, but couldn't do anything else except shifting his body to dodge.

Just what kind of immense power is contained within that elegant pose, the clown can hazard a guess.

An invisible flow concentrated on the crane image, slowly emitting immense momentum.

As the girl shouted: "Martial Thaumaturgy, Crane Strike!"

——–boom

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The clown was hit straight on, flew into the campus building over dozens of meters away.

"Rapid Combo" is the second stage of awakening Wind-element, which can boost one's fighting strength quite considerably.

And the Su family's traditional martial arts style focuses on close combat, quite famous within the martial arts community.

As the eldest daughter of Su family, Su Xue Er would of course receive the highest quality self-defense training, learning the very essence of Su family's Style.

"No good, I have to quickly go rescue Aunty Su and Grandpa Lee"

Su Xue Er breath heavily, turned around wanting to leave.

Suddenly, the music restarted.

Inside the campus building, the clown's voice was heard again.

"God's Chosen Skill, Sound Shackles!"

Su Xue Er's whole body froze in place, unable to move her feet.

Within this music, she couldn't even lift a finger.

The clown slowly walked out from the campus building.

The violin on his shoulder is already gone.

Instead there were numerous piano keys floating in the air, as he played a song.

"What a surprise, they say that the Su family daughter had only just awaken her Wind-elemental root, who could know that she actually had awoken it to the second stage already" "Even as a Martial artist she's already a Grandmaster, having awaken a Martial Thaumaturgy ——Crane Strike"

The clown looked down at his left shoulder, where the flesh was completely stripped off, revealing the bloody bones inside.

This is the power of Crane Strike; a normal person's body wouldn't be able to stop it.

"How well fate treats me so, to have the chance to kill such a beautiful lady who's also such a strong Professionist, oh how mesmerizing it is"

As he spoke, his fingers were dancing like crazy on the piano keys.

"I've decided to keep your beautiful outer skin, as for the flesh and bones inside, they're completely unnecessary!"

The clown excitedly laughed and spoke: "Young lady Su Xue Er, prepare to die!"

A twisted, chaotic tune filled the entire space, breaking every single window in the campus at the same time, even cracking the walls around them.

Su Xue Er spat out some blood, her eyes showing clear pain.

"Mutated 5-Elemental Sound, as well as a God's Chosen Skill..."

She wiped the blood off her mouth, then spoke: "I never planned to kill, but you've forced me"

Su Xue Er shouted, as more green aura flowed from her body, turning into spinning blades of wind floating around her body.

"Shit, Wind-element 3rd stage, Wind Shadows!" the clown silently cursed as his hands quickly played the song.

"Breaking Sound!" the clown shouted.

The chaotic music became even louder.

"Argh!"

Su Xue Er groaned in pain, as the aura around her body slowed, gradually turned into wind and disappeared

"Help me!" the clown shouted again: "I can only keep her controlled for 3 seconds, kill her!"

A grey shadow jumped out from the dirt behind Su Xue Er, aiming the dagger in his hand directly at her back.

No!

Su Xue Er felt her mind stopped.

Only to hear an explosion half a second later.

The grey shadow was kicked away, rolling straight to where the clown was.

"The Bloody Club is working here, who is it that wants to die?" the clown screamed angrily.

A light scoff full of contempt was heard from the trees just next to the main road.

"How pathetic"

A lovely, clear female voice was heard.

"Two people ganging up on a single female student, and yet you also use such a despicable method of fighting, this princess can't bear to stand and watch anymore"

As they looked, they saw a beautiful woman with flowing crimson red hair, walking out from among the trees.

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Behind the girl, a shadow quickly ran towards her as it turned into a man wearing sunglasses with combed-back hair.

The sunglasses man spoke with a low voice: "They're safe, the old man almost died, but the woman is fine, she only had light wounds"

As Su Xue Er hear that, she felt a bit less tense.

That's great, they're safe!

Feeling immense gratitude, Su Xue Er sincerely thanked them: "Thank you for saving me, I will definitely remember this favor"

She said that, but the two of them didn't reply.

The sunglasses man was concentrating on the clown and grey shadow, unmoved.

While the girl with beautiful crimson red hair was walking closer, evaluating her from top to bottom at the same time.

In the wind, she could hear her muttering.

"Only the breasts are a bit bigger... what is so special..."

What? What does she mean? Su Xue Er felt a bit dizzy from the confusion.

As she looked at her, she was sure this girl was very familiar, but couldn't quite put her finger on it.

Then, the girl glared at her and commented: "Are you dumb? If you had used the 3rd stage power from the start then matters would've been resolved now"

Su Xue Er was grateful for being helped, but she couldn't help but argued back: "That's murder"

As soon as she said so, she felt regret, they had already saved her life, how could she be so rude.

Su Xue Er was silently regretting, wanted to say something else.

But the girl with crimson red hair face palmed as she heard what she said, sighed and spoke: "You hesitated as you struck him, that's why he was able to dodge and not get hit in the heart ——-how the heck did Crane Strike awaken on you, what a waste"

The crimson haired girl then went off-rail and muttered to herself: "To hold back in a life and death battle, how can Gu Qing Shan like such a dumb girl? Hah, seriously..."

Su Xue Er's ears immediately perked up.

All the words that were said before immediately got sweep out of her mind.

"Qing Shan? What did you say? Did you say Gu Qing Shan? How do you know him?"

Su Xue Er asked in succession.

The tense battle atmosphere was cleared right away.

That's it!

Su Xue Er suddenly remembered who she was

"You're the Saint Empire's eldest princess, Anna!"

The crimson haired girl shrugged and spoke: "That's me"

"Ah? How do you know Gu Qing Shan?" Su Xue Er still didn't let go

Anna thought for a bit, then smiled mischievously and soft answered: "Oh him, ah~, because he's this princess' boyfriend of course"

"AH! What did you say!"

Su Xue Er screamed as numerous emotions hit her all at once, and made her completely forget where she was.

An intense green aura gathered around her, as it concentrated, it completely broke through the clown's shackles.

The green light shot all the way up towards the sky as it let out a roaring sound similar to a waterfall.

"It can't be true; it can't be true" Su Xue Er unconsciously mumbled.

The world around her started cracking, then concentrated into a terrifying black hole.

As the intense wind emitted from the black hole, it circled around Su Xue Er, screaming, roaring.

Everyone there was absolutely shocked.

They are all professionals here, so they immediately recognized what has happened.

How could this be, this isn't a movie!

"There's no doubt about it, this is Wind-elemental 4th stage, Hurricane Storm" the clown fell backwards, muttered: "Death's Flame Anna Medici is here as well..."

The grey shadow next to him suddenly shouted: "Bastard, I want to know who the fuck accepted this mission, even if he's a club Elder, I'm still going to kill him!"

On the other hand, Feng Huo De looked at Su Xue Er, then again at Anna, his face full of admiration

He walked next to Anna, whispering to her: "Your Highness, your mouth really is toxic, only a single sentence and you already broke her emotions"

Anna looked at Su Xue Er in surprise, her eyes contains mixed feelings.

She muttered with a sense of loss: "This is troublesome, it's true love"

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Just a second later, Anna's face changed, her figure disappeared in place.

Bah!

Appearing behind Su Xue Er, she struck her neck.

Su Xue Er was already in a delirious state, so she quickly fainted as she was hit.

As she fainted, all the strange phenomenons around her disappeared.

Su Xue Er's body became limp, falling to the ground.

"Huo De, protect her"

As Anna said that, she caught the falling girl and shoved her towards him.

"Yes" the shadow stood up, covered the girl being shoved towards him.

Then the girl disappeared without a trace.

It was now that Anna finally relaxed her expression, looked towards the sky above the clown and asked: "If you're already here, why not show yourself?"

"Your Royal Highness Anna, the reason why I didn't appear is to prevent an embarrassing situation"

A bald old man stood hovering in the sky, in his hand held a short staff.

Then he dropped down in front of the clown and the grey shadow, blocking the two of them.

"Who are you?" Anna asked

"I'm a Bloody Club's Elder, Hyde" the bald old man bowed to greet her.

He sincerely spoke: "We didn't know that your Royal Highness would be involved in this, otherwise we definitely would have passed on this mission"

"What a load of bull" Anna coldly spoke: "Just now if I hadn't stopped you, you definitely would have killed her"

The bald old man shrugged, saying: "Killing is an irresistible joy, is it not?"

Anna's eyes became cold.

"Your Highness Anna, what do you say we stop this matter here, after all, both you and I don't gain anything from keeping on with this fight" the bald old man suggested.

"Ah? Attempting to kill someone I wanted to protect right in front of me, do you really think I'll just let you go that easily?" Anna crossed her arms and asked.

At this moment, her entire aura has changed.

-----she's no longer that elegant princess of the Saint Empire, but a strong Professionist that stood at the very top of the food chain.

The bald old man frowned, then took out something from his bag, and threw it towards her.

Anna caught it, then her face changed as she saw it.

What she just caught was a medal.

"The Holy Church's loyalty medal" the bald old man spoke triumphantly "Right now I'm speaking to you as an honorary Elder of the church"

"Dear your naïve Highness Anna, do not do anymore useless things"

As he finished speaking, the bald old man turned around, kicking both the clown and the grey shadow: "What disgraces, let's go"

The clown and the grey shadow both stood up in shame.

As the three of them were about to leave, they heard the girl's voice.

"The Holy Church, is nothing but a parasite on our Royal line"

A painful look appeared in her eyes, Anna's voice became slow and low, as if she was suppressing her emotions.

A clanging sound was heard as the medal fell to the ground.

She raised her arms, muttering: "Appear"

A long scythe was grasped in her hand.

The entire scythe was jet black, at the top where the handle and blade meets, there was even a black skull.

The blade of the scythe was a crescent-shaped burning flame.

Anna slowly walked towards them.

The bald old man's eyes became clearly distraught as he spoke: "Lady Anna, please be rational, if the Holy Church were to know that you dared raised your hand——-"

"They won't know" Anna lowered her gaze, swinging her scythe downwards.

Numerous skulls made from flames suddenly appeared, then disappeared from the air.

The clown was already shaking, as he saw that he couldn't help but screamed: "Death's Flame! No! I don't want to die!"

Anna glanced through the three of them, as her beautiful gaze became a merciless one.

"What an annoying day this was, luckily there's you people here to help me let out a little steam"

The beautiful crimson haired girl said only that.

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Footage from 12 surveillance cameras filled the entire screen.

On them, no matter what kind of weapon was used, there was still no damage done to the mountain of flesh.

Suddenly, one of the screen caught a certain scene — — –

In a relatively clear area on the mountain of flesh, a Confederate soldier climbed out of the wreckage of an Assault Mech, used his last bit of strength to struck the outer wall of the mountain of flesh.

Pow.

The fleshy wall was broken through, as a blue-colored blood flowed out from the small hole.

Immediately 20-odd tentacles all flew towards the soldier, skewering his body and crushed him to death.

This scene was quickly taken from the numerous attack footage, zoomed out to take up the entire screen.

On the screen, the soldier's detailed information was shown.

"Zuo Yue, Martial Grandmaster, power: Martial Thaumaturgy: Piercing Fist" "Confirmed Thaumaturgy power is able to damage the monster" "In accordance to humanity's system of power, testing other types of attacks"

As Gu Qing Shan saw that, he didn't bother to look anymore.

Since Impartial Goddess had already found a clue, she'll very quickly figure out the truth in the next few experiments.

Even though this monster is large, it's still only one monster, when faced with endless attacks from a large amount of Professionists, it could only die.

The true problem to look out for is when the Apocalypse comes, the future when monsters become too numerous to deal with.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly felt a bit uneasy.

He can't be sure that the events that happened in the past life will happen again this life.

If the next monster to appear is also different from what he knows, then what could that mean?

Gu Qing Shan frowned deeply.

But then he shook his head.

This change involves the world itself, how could he stop it alone? He can only deal with each step as they come.

"Impartial Goddess?" "I'm here" "Please send me back to the capital" "Understood"

Gu Qing Shan quickly walked out, climbed onto the small-sized Spaceship, and began his re-entry into the atmosphere.

Not long after, Gu Qing Shan had already made it back to the capital.

Due to having the Spaceship, Gu Qing Shan no longer needed to run across the desert, simply dropped off on the highest floor of his hotel.

Walking back to his room, he opened the door and went in.

After a shower, Gu Qing Shan changed into some clean clothes, sat down leg-crossed on the bed.

There's still a bit of time until the evening, he can use it to calm himself down a bit.

As he closed his eyes, a person suddenly appeared in his room.

He sat down on the sofa across from Gu Qing Shan, crossing one leg over the other.

"Who are you?" As soon as Gu Qing Shan noticed him, he had been cautious.

"I could potentially be a bystander" the man answered.

"A bystander of what?"

"A bystander that see you being murdered"

The man nonchalantly replied.

He donned a black suit, wearing black open finger gloves on both hands, his eyes shone bright while emitting a sense of sturdiness and power.

"The hitman isn't here yet and you already are?" Gu Qing Shan asked

"I had my men slowed them down a bit ——-since you're too interesting a person to just die like that, too wasteful" The man said.

"Let me introduce myself, I'm a part of the 9 Lords, Zhang family's Zhang Ying Hao, in the underworld, I'm known as the president of the Hunter's Association"

The Hunter's Association is a hitman company, due to their unique assassination rules, as well as their extremely high success rate, they're quite famous in the underworld.

Since he openly admitted both his status in the light and dark, either he has to be very confident that his backing is solid, or he has other implications.

Sure enough, Zhang Ying Hao continued: "My second uncle is the Martial Saint, Zhang Zong Yang"

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As Gu Qing Shan heard that, he stood up, smiled and offered a handshake.

"Nice to meet you, I owe your second uncle, having shown up for me during my previous trouble" he said.

"Nothing to it" Zhang Ying Hao also stood up and took his hand.

As they were shaking hand, Zhang Ying Hao's face slightly relaxed.

His reaction pleased Zhang Ying Hao, at least right now, this youth doesn't seem to be the ungrateful type.

Zhang Ying Hao adjusted his attitude slightly, saying: "Gu Qing Shan, I've read all about your exploits, including the Mech that you built, through some special means, I've also seen bits and pieces of the technology"

"And so at this moment, I'm inviting you to join our Hunter's Association, if you agree, I'll guarantee your protection from any harm"

"I don't need it" Gu Qing Shan refused him right away.

Zhang Ying Hao smiled, questioned him: "You'd refuse so quickly?"

Gu Qing Shan only smiled without replying.

"You should know, following me isn't that bad, at least I'm very different compared to the two trashes from Nie family and Bai family," Zhang Ying Hao continued.

"Then I'm all ears" Gu Qing Shan kept up his smile and spoke.

Since he received a favor from the Martial Saint from before, Gu Qing Shan didn't want to make their relationship turn harsh.

Zhang Ying Hao took out a small box, offering a cigar in it to Gu Qing Shan.

"Thanks, but no thanks" Gu Qing Shan refused it.

Zhang Ying Hao shrugged and lit the cigar for himself.

"How do I say this, I personally put Aristocrats into two categories"

He took a long breath, puffed out a smoke before slowly continued to speak.

"Two categories?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Hm, the first kind, as they realize they're privileged from birth, their ego is magnified endlessly, spends money like it's nothing, uses their status to suppress others, tainting the reputation of Aristocrats as a whole, becoming the cancer of this whole country"

"How interesting, then the second kind?" Gu Qing Shan continued to ask.

"The second kind, are people like me, or more precisely, like my second uncle"

Zhang Ying Hao put down the cigar, sat straight up and spoke: "There's no such thing as authority that lasts forever, no such thing as a society structure that's permanently solid, you can only make yourself grow, become an unrivalled strong person. Only then can you under any circumstances, good or bad, lead humanity forward"

"We, are the true Aristocrats, even though the previous generations don't really take kindly to that"

"Those are great words" Gu Qing Shan nodded in agreement, "But this only makes me feel a bit awkward, because I'm already used to being alone"

"Then, do you accept an investment?" Zhang Ying Hao fixed his collars a bit and sincerely asked: "I want to spend a bit on you"

"Invest? In me?" Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

"That's right, invest, or more precisely, a gamble"

Zhang Ying Hao spoke clearly, without hiding anything.

This in turn made Gu Qing Shan like him even more.

"Then please continue" Gu Qing Shan signaled him to continue to speak.

"It's a bit strange" Zhang Ying Hao shook his head and spoke: "Before I walked in that door, all I wanted to do was to watch; but as I saw you, I had a thought of taking you in; yet now, I have a different thought altogether"

"Your mind seems to change very quickly" Gu Qing Shan commented.

"Of course, this is a requirement for survival, I have to provide for the bunch of people following me, you know" Zhang Ying Hao casually admitted.

"Frankly speaking, there are many, many people that want you dead, but after I meet you, I can feel you're not the kind that'll just roll over and die, so I want to make a bet on you"

Gu Qing Shan laughed, but then said: "I can't arbitrarily accept your bet you know, since making an investment means you want to make a profit"

"That's fine, to show my sincerity, I think you'll need this"

Zhang Ying Hao took out a small silver white box from his pocket.

"What is that?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Post-battle Nano machine cleaning robots" Zhang Ying Hao smirked: "For use after you kill someone, guaranteed not to leave a single trace, only a refreshing smell of lemon ---of course if you don't like lemons, there's also 30 other smells to choose from, you can pick whichever you like"

"This way, no matter how many people you kill, there will never be any evidence to pin the crime on you

"Of course, if you don't have the confidence to win against Bloody Club, I can also stop their hitman for a bit longer, if you want to run then run now" he said all at once.

Gu Qing Shan looked at him for a little bit, then suddenly asked: "Why do you want to help me delay the hitman? Simply because of an investment?"

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Zhang Ying Hao shrugged, saying: "The place called Bloody Club is one that will kill anyone for money, using killing and torture as a form of entertainment, which clashes with my own business philosophy"

"Ah, so it's a business dispute" Gu Qing Shan said.

"You could say that, peers are bad company, I'll be glad to give my business rival some trouble" Zhang Ying Hao said.

"That's why you're helping me?"

"There's another reason, hmm, some of the Confederate's methods are basically self-destructing"

Zhang Ying Hao hesitated for a bit, then said: "Everyone here says that Fuxi Empire is old-fashioned, but every talented person in Fuxi can receive the benefit of a complete training system, while our 9 Lords are always afraid of change"

"Afraid?" Gu Qing Shan repeated.

"That's right, afraid of ground breaking technology or techniques that will bring about change in society"

Zhang Ying Hao slowly listed.

"They stopped the genetic modification project before they're afraid that too many people would become elite fighters"

"They withdrew from the international interstellar research project, saying that it's because there's no way to fight against the space monsters, but truthfully, it's because the funding hurts their wallets" "They don't take the initiative to understand Saint Empire's occult powers, and doesn't take interest in Fuxi Empire's Professionist weapon revolution"

Zhang Ying Hao laughed sarcastically: "They're all old men"

"You're also a very fascinating person indeed, I'm a bit interested in your proposal now" For the first time, Gu Qing Shan was serious.

Not expecting his attitude to change so quickly, Zhang Ying Hao also became serious.

Zhang Ying Hao nodded, then said: "To further prove my sincerity, I can tell you this, the one coming to kill you is called Hyena, their ace hitman"

"Ace? I'm flattered" Gu Qing Shan smiled

"Also" Zhang Ying Hao thought for a bit, "It seems they've also dispatched people to Capital University, in order to deal with your friend, Su family's Su Xue Er"

As soon as he said that, Zhang Ying Hao felt goosebumps all over his body.

The youth that stood before him, a smiling student that won't harm even a fly at one moment, the next emitted killing intent intense enough to suffocate someone.

The killing intent quickly came and went.

All of it disappeared in a matter of seconds.

The youth's face was blank; his whole body stood dead still.

Zhang Ying Hao felt his mind completely blank, it took everything he had to get out of that state.

How is this possible!

Killing intent hidden at will, to achieve this you have to completely master hiding all your killing intent so that no one can feel any of it.

His killing intent isn't just strong, it also felt solid, everywhere yet nowhere at the same time, even if you feel it you have no idea where the opponent might come from.

Feeling this sort of killing intent would make people unable to resist as they're killed, even Zhang Ying Hao himself almost couldn't break free.

At that moment, outside the glass window that extends up towards the ceiling, a young man in a black suit was hovering outside, knocking on the window.

This was the 15th floor, no one knows just how he was able to get there.

As he knocked on it, the entire glass window disappeared.

"Ah, my apologies for being late" the young man politely said.

He walked forward, looked at his watch: "The rival's interference seems to not have been effective, sir Gu Qing Shan, your time has come"

Suddenly he saw Gu Qing Shan grabbed the air, as a sword materialized in his hand.

Gu Qing Shan raised the Earth sword, pointing it at the young man.

"You're Hyena?"

"I am, I'm here for your life"

The young man smirked and said.

This was the last thing he ever said.

The Freedom Hotel is the best hotel in the capital. There's a large glass window that stretches from floor to ceiling in every room to accommodate the guest's enjoyment of the beautiful night scenery.

But at this moment, in a room on the 15th floor, the large glass window disappeared, as a young man stepped inside from the air.

Just a second later, a loud booming sound was heard.

Every single window in the Freedom Hotel broke at once, crashing down as they shattered.

A large phantom sword knocked the young man out from the 15th floor.

Followed by a few even sharper phantom swords, slicing him into pieces as they hit him.

Then an endless streams of sword phantoms flew outward from the 15th floor, until the young man's body was diced so finely not even a drop of blood could be seen.

"Zhang Ying Hao, I owe you one"

As Gu Qing Shan said that, he didn't bother to look back and jumped outside.

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Zhang Ying Hao didn't know how long it has been since he was so shocked.

The Bloody Club's Ace, was killed so thoroughly that not even a drop of his blood is left, by a single sword swing from this youth.

When he saw the youth jumped outside, he couldn't help but yelled: "This is the 15th floor you know!"

Only to see the youth take out something.

"Blazing Angel"

He spoke to the thing in his hand.

Above the capital airspace.

In an orbital station.

The station's door opened, as a huge, beautiful Mech turned into a shadow and flew downwards to the capital.

The sound barrier was broken in a matter of seconds as an intense booming sound was heard.

This Mech is truly fast.

It wasn't until it stopped in the air, spread its wings and carefully caught Gu Qing Shan that Zhang Ying Hao was able to see the Mech in all its glory.

"My god, my god, this guy really does know how to surprise people" He opened his eyes wide and muttered.

In the blue sky, the sound barrier broke again as the Mech jetted away.

It was only now that the Freedom Hotel's riot started.

Zhang Ying Hao walked towards the now-broken window, took a look outside to see the shattered glass everywhere, together with the now-ruined curved structure of the hotel.

After a while, he shook his head.

"Even 100 Nano machine cleaners couldn't clean up this mess" "Not good, I gotta explain this to the old man"

He put away the silver white box from before, took out his personal Holo-Brain and started communication.

Inside the Blazing Angel Mech, Gu Qing Shan was quickly operating the panels with both hands.

"4 seconds until reaching Capital University"

"Located Su Xue Er's biological signature, re-navigating, flight course changed"

The Blazing Angel accelerated, curved and flew towards another direction.

On an open field just outside the campus.

As the barrier was lifted, Anna and Feng Huo De already went away.

Right now there were no one but Su family's people here, dealing with the aftermath.

Su Xue Er was also standing on the field, as the Mech approached, she seems to have noticed and looked up.

A slender, intricate Mobile Mech, with two long wings made of light on both sides, flying across the sky just like an angel in legend.

Before anyone could react in time, it had already landed in front of Su Xue Er.

Then everyone reacted at once.

"Who are you!" "Danger alert!" "Men, come!" "Protect the young lady!"

Chaotic shouting, together with the sound of other Mechs hastily operating made the scene even louder.

A few Mechs had already activated, wanting to step forward.

"It's me"

Inside the Mech with the wings of light's cockpit, a male voice was heard.

"Qing Shan ge!" Su Xue Er joyfully exclaimed, then gestured everyone to stand down: "No need to panic, it's an ally"

It was then that everyone dropped their guard.

The Mech's appearance isn't complicated, it could even be called simple, as the entire Mech's body is straight and slender, very similar to a human's figure.

----particularly, the figure of a gentle female with her eyes closed.

The pair of wings made of light behind it, together with the layer of armor really does make it look like the angels in legend.

People who really understood Mechs have a different kind of look on their faces.

For such a highly humanoid Mech, unless the technology used inside is also highly advanced, it simply cannot move.

The way it flew and landed just now was just like a person landing on the ground.

From that, they could guess that the level of technology used here would have to be state-of-the-art.

Not to mention the wings of light that's constantly there, from its stability, it would have other functions besides just looking pretty.

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A sharp-eyed bodyguard even noticed as the right wing of the Mech lightly scrapped the ground.

A deep cut was silently made in the ground, glowing red before it slowly returned to black.

He silently took note.

Inside the Blazing Angel, Gu Qing Shan used his inner sight to check Su Xue Er's body once to make sure there weren't any wounds.
"Why did you come?" Su Xue Er had a look of joy in her eyes as she asked.

"I got the news that you might be in danger, so I came here" Gu Qing Shan casually replied.

"Uhm, there were two hitmen" Su Xue Er answered, "Thankfully some friends made it in time and dealt with them"

Gu Qing Shan understood as he heard, she almost died here.

The Blazing Angel's wings suddenly spread and locked on the entire area.

"Comparing on-scene special characteristics" "No abnormalities" "Search term changed, begin human cells collection" "No cells found"

That clean?

These friends that Su Xue Er speak of must either be very good at killing, or they simply are too strong.

"It's good that you're ok, right, who were the friends that saved you?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Suddenly, Anna's captivating beauty appeared in Su Xue Er's mind.

Even though Anna had said before she left that the matter regarding Gu Qing Shan was a joke, Su Xue Er's intuition still told her something was up. Yes, she owes Anna one and she'll grateful, but she's not letting him go just because of that.

Su Xue Er decided, then said: "----um, what is this Mech---?"

Sure enough, Gu Qing Shan's attention was diverted and spoke with pride: "This? This would be my birthday present for you"

He opened the cockpit and jumped down, then turned around and told the Mech: "Come, say hello to your master"

The Blazing Angel walked forward step by step, then kneeled down before Su Xue Er as it said: "Master Su Xue Er, nice to meet you, I am your guardian from now on, Blazing Angel"

Su Xue Er covered her mouth with both hands in surprise, then finally turned to look at Gu Qing Shan.

She muttered: "I see, no wonder you asked me what kind of Mech model I like"

As someone who grew up in an aristocratic family, her eyes aren't just for show.

This Mobile Mech armor contains unrivaled beauty, its descent from before was incredibly smooth, as well as the fluid human-like movements.

It's extremely difficult to achieve this.

If normal Mech operations also have no problems, then this would be this era's cutting edge technology without a doubt.

Gu Qing Shan smiled, then spoke: "Why don't you try climbing in?"

Su Xue Er excitedly nodded, then hesitated.

"Can I? I mean, I've never piloted combat-type Mechs before. Plus, I'm also wearing a dress"

"There's nothing inside that will get caught on your clothes" Gu Qing Shan said, "And the AI is top-notch, plus the controls are not complicated, so you can use it without worry"

If Gu Qing Shan said that the controls aren't complicated, then it must be very simple.

Su Xue Er was able to relax, then walked towards the Mech.

The Mech automatically extended its hand, lifted her up and softly put her inside the cockpit.

The sound of air escaped as the cabin pressurized, then the engine started to sound.

The Blazing Angel's wings let out a blinding light.

With a large booming sound, the Mech shot into the air and turned into a small black dot.

You could almost hear a high-pitched scream from inside the Mech.

------apparently he forgot to turn off the speaker system.

Gu Qing Shan smiled as he watched.

If only the Apocalypse wasn't coming, he really wanted peaceful moments like this to stay.

You could hear the sound barrier breaking in the sky, then the Blazing Angel appeared again not long after, as its flying speed slowed down and began to perform a set of tactical movements.

This is the moment for any Mechs to show its true value.

All the people around busily doing their work couldn't help it and stopped their hands to look up and watch this scene.

The Mech's flight is still very stable.

But the movements it performed were quick, fluid and unbelievably flexible.

The way it switched from moving to stopping was the same as a human.

Su Xue Er even tried out a few moves from Su family's close combat Style in the air.

The Blazing Angel's movements were fierce and precise, almost seemed like it was a Martial Grandmaster.

Then she flew forward, breaking the sound barrier again in only 4 seconds.

All the spectators below gasped.

With this kind of speed and human-like movement, the Blazing Angel could even get into close combat and deal with enemy Mechs by hand during battles.

-----or shove its weapon into the enemy's main engine and fire.

There hasn't been a single Mech in history that could do this.

None of the people here are laymen, they're all experts in one field or another, so they all have sufficient knowledge of Mechs.

Everyone's actions unconsciously slowed down, even their discussions as they moved were kept very soft, as if afraid they'd interfere with the show in the sky.

But there's one thing all the people here noticed.

Today is an important milestone in the history of Mobile Mech development, the day that marks the coming of the next era.

This day will be recorded into Confederate history books, and they were the people who witnessed this history.

After a whole 20 minutes, the Blazing Angel finally landed in front of Gu Qing Shan.

Su Xue Er was so excited that her face reddened, as she jumped down from the Mech, her voice rang: "It's so good! This is the best birthday present in my whole life"

Gu Qing Shan smiled, then presented her with a small intricate ring.

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"What is that?" Su Xue Er was so surprised she held her breath.

Oh no, oh no, is he going to propose to me right here?

Then do I accept his proposal or not?

He's able to create a Mech that far surpasses first-rate like this, the family probably won't decline him right?

And then, my power is already at 4th stage, I can already protect him a bit.

But then, what kind of wedding attire should I choose, the trend right now is white wedding dresses, but I like the traditional Chinese wedding dress more.

We're both still in college, so how would we live together.

Wait a minute, I still haven't accepted his proposal yet!

In that one moment, Su Xue Er was knocked dizzy by her own mind, her thoughts staggered everywhere.

"This ring is the Blazing Angel's main control unit; the user manual is here"

Gu Qing Shan, who was completely clueless to what was going on in her mind, took out a slightly crumpled piece of paper and gave it to her.

Then he looked a bit at the paper, scratched his head shyly and said: "It was just a piece of paper I randomly grabbed to write the instructions, hope you don't mind"

Su Xue Er opened her eyes wide, staring at him.

Then she breathed out, becoming alive again.

This guy, at such a crucial moment, he gave me a control unit...

"What's the control unit for?"

She completely missed what Gu Qing Shan said and asked about it again.

"You press here" Gu Qing Shan directly showed her.

Then the Blazing Angel flew up into the sky and disappeared from sight.

"Hm? It's gone?"

"Usually it will dock on an orbital station and will go down only when you call for it" Gu Qing Shan explained.

"Why does it need to be docked on an orbital station?" Su Xue Er asked curiously.

"For convenience, you can call it anywhere you want. Also, since today is the first time it's launched, Impartial Goddess wanted to do a full check on it" Gu Qing Shan explained.

"It's that good?"

As soon as Su Xue Er said that, she looked at the people around watching them, suddenly realized something and her face once again reddened.

"Right, we should go somewhere else, let's sit down and chat." she said.

"Ok then"

"Let's go, since today is my birthday, it's my treat"

"Then I can only humbly accept"

The two of them walked out.

Then, the sound of occasional applause.

The applause grew bigger and bigger, finally become a standing ovation as the sound was like an unending tsunami waves.

Everyone smiled at Gu Qing Shan, using their all to applaud him.

A scientist who's able to reach achievements that high would gain respect from anyone.

Because if they didn't exist, then civilization wouldn't advance.

Human society must absolutely praise such people.

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised, but still looked at the people and replied their smiles with his own.

Behind the campus, in a long armor-plated limousine.

Su family's head, Su Xing Chao sat inside, silently watched everything, including when Gu Qing Shan and Su Xue Er left the scene.

There's nothing but Su family's trusted members here, so preparing a few surveillance cameras isn't anything hard.

Su Xing Chao stayed silent for a bit, then ordered: "Make everyone sign a contract of absolute secrecy, and dispatch a 100-man group to protect my grand-daughter"

He smiled a bit, then said: "Get this footage to my son and daughter-in-law, tell them to watch it 100 times"

Then, Su Xing Chao turned on his personal Holo-Brain and connected to Impartial Goddess.

After a brief discussion with Impartial Goddess, the Holo-Brain once again shut off.

Su Xing Chao again went into silence.

Suddenly, his Holo-Brain lit up again.

A subordinate reported: "The young lady's assassination was orchestrated by Nie family"

Su Xing Chao laughed coldly, ordered: "Do it, no need to fear anything, I want news on them within two hours"

"After they failed the assassination, all Nie family members have died"

"Hm? What happened?" Su Xing Chao raised his voice.

"Whoever did it was very thorough, we weren't able to find any useful information" the subordinate reported.

Su Xing Chao closed his eyes and thought for a bit, hanging up the call.

Seems like today will be a busy day.

Shortly after, his personal Holo-Brain lit up again.

When Su Xing Chao looked at the name displayed on the Holo-Brain, he was a bit surprised.

It was one of the 9 Lords of the Confederate, Zhang family's head, Zhang Xing Zhi.

Zhang Family is one of the few families with which he got along.

Not only because they have the Martial Saint, but also because their thinking is more open compared to others.

"Old Zhang, how rare it is for you to contact me yourself"

"Ahaha, nothing too big, nothing too big, when people are as old as you and I, whatever we do, we do for the sake of the children, do we not?"

These words seem to imply something, Su Xing Chao was a bit interested.

He continued: "You're right, we have to care even if we don't want to, someone even tried to harm my grand-daughter today, hah, people's minds these days are all rotten"

"Let's have some tea tonight, there's a few things that can only be discussed face-to-face" the other party said.

"Fine" Su Xing Chao thought for a bit, then accepted.

After exchanging a bit more pleasantries, they both hung up.

Su Xing Chao's mood seems to improve a little bit, as he muttered: "The Mech is already in Xue Er's hands... seems like our Su family have a choice to make"

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In a café.

The space silent and elegant, the air was relaxed.

"This Mech probably cost you quite a bit of money right? I'll pay you back" Su Xue Er said as she took out her personal Holo-Brain, about to transfer him the money

Gu Qing Shan stopped her.

"No need, I used my Merit to request Impartial Goddess to help build it, after it was built, Impartial Goddess already reward me a large amount of Merit"

Su Xue Er breathed out lightly, assured.

Then she began to chat.

"Why does the Blazing Angel have two wings of light?"

"It's a form of application for solidified energy" Gu Qing Shan explained shortly: "Radar, light-based weapons, sonar detector, air sensors and all sorts of things are installed there"

Seeing Su Xue Er's blank face, he caps things off with: "Of course, mainly it's to put the finishing touches on the Angel appearance ———do you think it looks good?" "Very good!"

Su Xue Er smiled, at least she can understand this.

"Right, since when did you know Princess Anna?" Su Xue Er suddenly asked.

Just like that, the leap in subject was a bit sudden.

"A few days ago, I met her at a bar, after a few drinks we got to know each other" Gu Qing Shan said.

Su Xue Er lifted her face and pouted: "Hmph, drinking alcohol right? I'm now 18 years old too"

"That's right, then let's go, I'll treat you to some drinks"

Su Xue Er's mood improved immediately, saying: "I still have to wait for a few of my classmates, we'll go together"

She explained: "When they knew about my birthday, everyone all insisted that I had to treat them, they insisted for so long that it's hard to refuse now"

"That's fine, invite your friends as well" Gu Qing Shan said.

He thought for a bit, then took out his person Holo-Brain and exchanged for some credits.

On the black market, the Merit to credit exchange ratio is 1 Merit for 10,000 credits.

While if you exchange directly in the Confederate public system, it'll be 1 Merit for 8,000 credits which quite a bit less.

But since Gu Qing Shan have so much Merit, he doesn't want to have to spend the time and effort to exchange on the black market, not to mention, with how much Merit he has, he doesn't really need to care about the difference.

"The credits from that time at the archery range, plus another 80,000 is probably enough"

He thought to himself as he operated the Holo-Brain.

Meanwhile, Su Xue Er was silently sitting across from him, thinking about something.

"What is it?"

Gu Qing Shan found that her expression is a bit strange, so he asked softly.

Su Xue Er answered: "It's nothing, I'm just thinking a bit, Qing Shan ge, right now how strong are you exactly?"

From Princess Anna's few and detached words, Gu Qing Shan seemed to be very strong, but I don't know exactly how strong he is at all.

"My strength? That's a bit hard to say exactly" Gu Qing Shan frowned.

At the moment, Gu Qing Shan is a qi training peak stage 7 cultivator, he only needs to unlock the Thaumaturgy from the Quest reward and then he can attempt to breakthrough to Foundation Establishment.

But the strength scale in the cultivation world and this world is a bit different, if he were to purely convert the power, he should be about Martial Grandmaster level.

But Gu Qing Shan is a sword cultivator, and sword cultivators' fighting strength are much higher compared to normal cultivators, killing someone whose cultivation is higher than your own is a frequent occurrence.

Not to mention he also has a Secret Art, as well as the vast experience from fighting in many wars from the past life.

So it's not easy to say correctly.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit, then answered: "Under normal circumstances, I should be about Grandmaster level"

Su Xue Er hesitated over and over, finally spoke: "Can you take a guess of what my current strength is?"

She was a bit nervous, but since she already decided, she'll face this matter head one.

Hopefully I won't be putting too much pressure on him.

Originally, the difference in their status is already nearly insurmountable, but now that she's stronger than him, she was afraid he might not feel too good about it.

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If a girl is stronger than a man, and they were in a relationship, there might be a lot of problems. But, but, Anna is also very strong, her status is also high, yet they still seem to be quite close.

Su Xue Er wasn't confident that she could also do that.

"I heard that you've awaken a Wind-element root, what stage are you at now?" Gu Qing Shan casually asked.

"My Wind-element has awoken to its 4th stage, Hurricane Storm" Su Xue Er spoke softly.

Hurricane Storm was already higher than the average fighting power of this world, to be precise, it's 2 levels higher than Grandmaster.

The two of them silently looked at each other.

"In our family's history, there was a total of 7 Supernaturalist that reached 4th stage, and I'm the 8th" "Since I've just broken through, my power level isn't quite stable, and my family is very serious about this" Su Xue Er continued: "After today, I'll have to temporarily stop going to university and return to my family to focus on training again"

Silence again.

He was still not saying anything.

Su Xue Er felt her heart beat faster and faster, as if someone was squeezing her neck, even breathing was becoming hard.

She slowly lowered her head.

I'm the eldest daughter of an Aristocratic family, he's an orphan. I'm a 4th stage Supernaturalist, while he still has a way to go to reach where I am. From today onwards, I'll be at Chang Ning county, while he's staying at the capital. Would our relationship have to be severed by these things? But if I'm too weak, I'll have no way to protect him!

A hard to describe sense of bitterness filled her mind, as Su Xue Er bit her lips tight.

She was about to give him a smile, change the subject and continued their conversion.

Suddenly, a big, warm hand came down from above and lightly rubbed her head.

"That's a good thing" A calming male voice could be heard.

He continued: "To get so far, you must've been through a lot huh"

Badump.

Su Xue Er felt like she heard her heart beat loudly, then stopped.

All her hard work, all her pressure, was turned into the wind as it scattered away.

The warm hand didn't stay long and quickly returned.

But this feeling of warmth kept staying inside Su Xue Er for a very, very long time.

She gave a smile from the bottom of her heart, and quickly replied: "It's a lot alright, but all of it is to give myself a better position to speak from in the family, as well as to make myself stronger"

Gu Qing Shan listened, and spoke as he smiled: "Then keep trying your best, if one day, you can break through the 5th stage, I'll have to count on you to hire me"

He doesn't mind, he really doesn't mind it, Su Xue Er thought to herself.

At this moment, she doesn't have any words to express just how happy she was feeling.

"Good, then it's a promise!"

As Su Xue Er said that, she didn't know why but felt like she wanted to hold his hand.

It was when she had already extended her hand half-way that she realized.

No, what am I doing!

Su Xue Er bit her lip again as her hand stopped in midair, unable to continue forward or retract.

Then, the big warm hand reached out to her.

And shook her hand.

A while later, Su Xue Er's two classmates finally arrived.

They were two very cute female students, the taller one of the two was very open and actively greeted Gu Qing Shan.

"Ah ha, so you're Su Xue Er's man huh, indeed you do look like a genius"

Su Xue Er hit her lightly on the shoulder to hide her embarrassment: "He's just an old classmate"

"Hello, I'm Gu Qing Shan, Su Xue Er's classmate from high school" Gu Qing Shan smiled and introduced himself.

"I'm Lee Tong, nice to meet you" the taller girl said.

The other female student was busy evaluating Gu Qing Shan, only now did she speak: "Hi, I'm Sun Cai Yun"

Gu Qing Shan nodded and said: "Let's go then, since today is Su Xue Er's birthday, let's find a decent restaurant bar to celebrate it"

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Sun Cai Yun said: "I know a really good bar around here"

"Which one?" Su Xue Er was interested.

"Rainbow Bar" Sun Cai Yun answered.

Lee Tong frowned and glanced at Sun Cai Yun.

Sun Cai Yun ignored her and continued: "Trust me Xue Er, this bar definitely has the best atmosphere, I guarantee you won't regret going there"

"Then we'll———" Su Xue Er glanced at Gu Qing Shan questioningly.

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

"Let's go!" Su Xue Er jumped, "Wait for me here, we'll go in my shuttle, I'll drive"

"I'll go with you" Gu Qing Shan left the café with Su Xue Er.

As the café door closed, Lee Tong asked: "What are you doing, Rainbow Bar only serves aristocrats, from his clothes Su Xue Er's friend is clearly a commoner, you doing this will only make him feel awkward"

Sun Cai Yun said: "I'm doing this for Xue Er, their difference in status is too great, he isn't fit for Xue Er"

"Even so, that's for Xue Er to decide" Lee Tong said.

"A girl in love is always not thinking straight, her decisions won't be accurate, she'll need friends like us to help knock down the annoying frogs that wants to climb up the trees that is aristocrats" said Sun Cai Yun.

"Su Xue Er will definitely thank me for this later" She said confidently.

Lee Tong just sighed.

Regardless of what they said here, this night was going to be a fun one.

Just a few moments later, Su Xue Er drove her shuttle with Gu Qing Shan riding in front, picking up the two girls to go to Rainbow Bar.

Just like Sun Cai Yun said, this was a great bar.

Although they had to scan their person Holo-Brain at the entrance before entry, but the bar owner and all the managers personally went down to greet them, such great service and treatment of course would make anyone feel special.

The only strange thing was that they all wanted to talk with Gu Qing Shan for some reason.

They all shook Gu Qing Shan's hands, a total of 5 times, then even took a commemorative picture.

Truly strange.

After that, Gu Qing Shan himself acted as bartender, giving the three girls all the cocktails they could ever want.

Considering this was Su Xue Er's first time drinking, as well as the rest of them being girls, Gu Qing Shan controlled the amount of alcohol just right so that they would feel elated, yet not become dead drunk.

In the middle of all that, Sun Cai Yun found out at Gu Qing Shan was going to enter Military Academy, so she called over some of the new pre-enrolled Military Academy students, saying she wanted to help Gu Qing Shan make some friends.

Yet all of them said they never saw Gu Qing Shan before, not even his name on the new student list.

The atmosphere became a bit awkward.

Luckily, Gu Qing Shan used his Holo-Brain in front of everyone to connect to Impartial Goddess

He was only shocked, but everyone else was shaken.

Impartial Goddess doesn't make mistakes.

Such a young Mech expert researcher, what monstrous talent.

Sun Cai Yun panicked and apologized, while all the new students from Military Academy all left.

After that, Sun Cai Yun couldn't even look at him anymore.

The tall girl Lee Tong, on the other hand, was now staring at Gu Qing Shan without holding anything back.

The way she looked at Gu Qing Shan, was like looking at a pig that suddenly grew wings.

While Su Xue Er, from start to end only drank Gu Qing Shan's cocktail bit by bit, smiling sweetly.

It was only when the three students returned to their dormitory that Su Xue Er pulled Sun Cai Yun out alone to speak with her firmly and seriously.

A wonderful night.

After Gu Qing Shan brought the three girls back, as he turned around, his face shows a clear smile.

As they said their goodbyes, Su Xue Er was a bit tipsy.

With a reddened face from alcohol, she stared at Gu Qing Shan and said this.

"Qing Shan ge, wait for me"

This was the boldest thing she has said ever since she knew him.

As soon as she said that, she kept her head down, didn't dare to even look at Gu Qing Shan again and slowly ran back to the female dormitory.

Remembering her running figure, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but laugh a bit.

He was walking alone on the night road.

As he passed the main Square, the large screen on it was showing the news, with numerous people watching around.

Gu Qing Shan joined the people's gazes as he walked past the crowd.

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The person on TV was a male reporter, wearing a raincoat, standing on a bobbing ship deck.

"Ladies and gentlemen, as you can see, the ocean had started to exhibit change, there is thick fog on all sides, with just eyesight alone, we already can't see anything past 10 meters"

Gu Qing Shan lifted his brows and stopped.

"What a strange sight" the male reporter continued: "Half a day ago, we lost contact with the Vacation Island nation, we are quickly approaching it as we speak, to find out what exactly happened that their communication was lost completely like that"

Right after he said that, the unknown fog spread out around him, covered both him and the scenery in front of the camera, right now the only thing that can be seen onscreen was his blurry figure in the fog.

Then a loud humming sound was heard from afar.

"Please wait folks, I think we're picking up something"

"What the fuck it that !?"

A loud scream, like the owner of that voice has seen something so terrible they couldn't help it.

"What is that!?" "No! Save me!"

Then the camera stopped and the screen went black.

Just a second later, image returned to the screen, but this time it was the news center.

The two hosts face paled, barely unable to sit still as they explained: "Apparently our field team has run into some problems, we will update you as soon as we know what happens, after this, we return to our regular news"

On the Square, everyone was talking discussing loudly among themselves.

The news had also changed to the next piece.

"Infamous evil sect Mammon declared: The Apocalypse has come"

"Expert opinion says that Mammon has always focused on nothing but making humanity's population grow, they know nothing about true events happening around the world and as such their words can't be trusted"

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Gu Qing Shan sped up his steps and quickly left the Square.

The fog has already covered the ocean, from now on, the ocean itself will become a no-man's land.

In the past life, the fog only appeared half a month after the archipelago disappeared.

Another event that happened ahead of time!

It's like everything had become different during this lifetime.

It wasn't until the monsters start to try invading land was when the calamity truly begins.

Then what would happen next?

Gu Qing Shan wasn't sure.

He quickly went into a secluded alley.

"The cool down time has finished, does the user want to enter the cultivation world?" "Enter"

A bit after he disappeared.

Some people that were tailing him arrived, entered the alley to find no one there.

One of them smelled the air, saying: "We lost him"

"This brat is very strange"

"To be able to kill Hyena, of course he would have some abilities that others don't know about"

Another one shook his head.

"Let's return first, even though the bounty has been removed, but since he killed one of our own, the top won't give up that easily" the person in lead said.

A few moments after they left, a few more shadows appeared in the alley, floating in midair.

All the shadows emitted a strange and dangerous air.

"Biological signature detector says that he was just here" one of the shadows spoke.

"But he isn't" another one commented.

"Let me" one of them stepped forward.

He raised a finger, pointed at the alley and stood still for 1 minute.

"Strange indeed, I have no idea where he went as well, I'm guessing it's a rare hiding-type God's Chosen Skill" he pulled back his hand and said.

"Then we have no choice" the leader ordered: "It's only been 10 minutes since the contracted time started, you report the situation to Bai family first"

The call quickly connected, and quickly ended.

"Hak" the person holding the communicator complained: "That's why I hate these Aristocrats the most, they said to terminate the contract now and they'll pay the fees"

All the shadows were in a riot, obviously angry.

"That's normal, Aristocrats has always been stingy" the leader said, to calm his subordinates down: "Just going around the city for 10 minutes, doing nothing and we already made 1 billion, you all should be happy"

As they heard that, the shadows really did calm down a bit.

The leader thought for a bit, then said again: "But to go out and accomplish nothing, that does hurt our reputation as the world's best hitman company, from now on we're not taking any more jobs from Bai family"

The shadows all nodded.

They quickly melded into the dark of night and disappeared from the alley.

Just like that, Gu Qing Shan accidentally escaped the most dangerous situation that would have happened ever since his return, due to the interlacing timeline of the two worlds.

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Bai Hua Palace.

It was like Gu Qing Shan never left at all.

As he looked, the scene that was on Bai Hua Mirror before is still playing out.

Peacock Beast Saint recovered each and every Beast Saint corpses, together with Blade Emperor's corpse and flew towards humanity's frontline.

On the ten thousand flower throne, Bai Hua Fairy Xie Dao Ling said: "Gong Sun Zhi's wounds are quite serious, my incarnation is dealing with it, she'll return shortly"

"Thank you Shifu" Gu Qing Shan said.

Suddenly Bai Hua Fairy stopped for a bit, then ordered: "Let him in"

Just a few moments later, Leng Tian Xing staggered into Bai Hua Palace.

As he saw Gu Qing Shan, he looked at Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

Bai Hua Fairy spoke: "Of all the items you found, there's only one that fit my requirements"

Leng Tian Xing clasped his hand and bow dejectedly: "Yes"

But Bai Hua Fairy then smiled, and spoke: "However, my disciple said that you and him were quite closed, and begged me to help you, so I'll consider you to have barely passed"

Disciple?

Leng Tian Xing looked around, only to see that aside from himself, there's only Gu Qing Shan in this place.

----he became Bai Hua Fairy's disciple?

Leng Tian Xing was extremely shaken.

One of the three Saints, Bai Hua Fairy herself, has decided to accept a disciple today!

If this were to get out, it would rock the entire world of cultivation.

He could easily guess, within the next few years, the amount of people that'll come to Bai Hua Immortal country to attempt Bai Hua lists will become even more numerous.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at Bai Hua Fairy, seeing her nodded, he knew that this was her giving him a chance to expand his circle.

Gu Qing Shan tapped Leng Tian Xing on his shoulder, saying: "Why don't you hurry and say your request?"

Leng Tian Xing finally regained his senses, looked at Gu Qing Shan in gratitude and hurriedly made his request.

Bai Hua Fairy ordered him to take off his clothes, so she can take a look at that demon spider herself.

"A rare species indeed" Bai Hua Fairy waved her hand at the demon spider: "Come out"

The demon spider jumped out from Leng Tian Xing's chest without any hesitation, quickly arrived right below the ten thousand flowers throne and sat down on the spot.

"Break your link with him, go get a badge from Thousand Poison Temple, from now on you can cultivate yourself there" Bai Hua Fairy thought and said.

The demon spider bowed his head over and over, then retreated from Bai Hua Palace.

As soon as the demon spider left, Leng Tian Xing's whole body shook as the excess spirit energy filled his body, raising his spirit pressure immense, finally stopping at Golden Core mid stage.

His cultivation finally isn't held back anymore and has fully returned.

"Thank you Saint" Leng Tian Xing exclaimed in joy.

"Hm, you can go out from the main gate of the palace, Gong Sun Zhi is waiting for you there" Bai Hua Fairy said.

"General Sun Zhi is? Understood"

Leng Tian Xing was a bit happy, but at the same time confused.

He quickly excused himself and left.

As he left, he took out a communication talisman and gave it to Gu Qing Shan.

Using this, Gu Qing Shan is able to reach him at any time.

After Leng Tian Xing left, Bai Hua Fairy told him: "I've saved Gong Sun Zhi, and my incarnation at the frontline has told them everything, your contributions this time isn't small, so I believe your ranking will increase by at least one rank"

"Thank you Shifu" Gu Qing Shan said.

As he glanced at the War God UI, he found the Quest displayed as "Finished".

But since right now isn't a suitable time to check on it, Gu Qing Shan only let loose his tense spirit and temporary paid no attention to it.

Bai Hua Fairy smiled in a strange manner, then said: "There's still one other person, you can go in place of teacher and escort them to meet up with Gong Sun Zhi"

"Who?" Gu Qing Shan asked back in surprised.

Bai Hua Fairy looked at him like she was looking at an idiot and answered: "I've told her to wait at Sky Hall, you'll know when you see her"

"Go" Bai Hua Fairy swung her sleeve.

Stupid disciple, teacher can only help you so much.

Bai Hua Fairy sat on her throne and silently thought.

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As Gu Qing Shan walked towards the Sky Hall, it wasn't until halfway that he was able to react.

Since Gong Sun Zhi is at the main gate, then the other person would of course be Ning Yue Xi.

Strange, so the two of them were treated separately?

Ning Yue Xi is a female cultivator, so the wounds on her body mustn't be seen by outsiders, since Bai Hua Fairy brought her to Sky Hall to treat her, that must have been the reason.

Yup, that must be it, as expected, Shifu wouldn't do things without a reason.

Gu Qing Shan thought to himself.

As he got to Sky Hall, sure enough, he saw the familiar figure.

A white mask, a snow-white long Blade, slender golden armor that closely covered her body, as well as accentuate it.

Before she even reveals her face, her first-rate beauty could already be seen from her figure.

"How are your wounds?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"The Saint has treated them for me, together with my old wounds as well"

"That's great to hear, General Sun Zhi is waiting for you at the main gate"

"Be my guide, we'll leave together"

The two of them walked side by side.

On the long jade road of the palace, there was a light smell of flowers, as well as the gentle breeze of the wind, but no one to be seen.

Ning Yue Xi looked at Gu Qing Shan, settled her tone then said: "This time I owe you for saving my life"

Gu Qing Shan dismissively waved his hand: "No need to be so formal, you and I met on the verge of life and death, don't mention it" (1)

On the verge of life and death huh, Ning Yue Xi repeated that in her mind, then glanced at the sword on Gu Qing Shan's waist.

Gu Qing Shan's heart sank, blunder, how could he have forgotten to stow the Earth sword away.

Sure enough, right after, Ning Yue Xi asked: "This sword ——-"

Gu Qing Shan already cut off her words: "The Saint gifted it to me"

Since it was a gift from the Saint, as a qi training realm cultivator, Gu Qing Shan of course would not dare to refuse.

Not to mention, the Saint has just saved you, healed your wounds and dealt with all the demons by herself.

Would you dare to say something to disgrace the Saint's reputation right now?

This line of thought was extremely easy to arrive at, enough so that Ning Yue Xi could only hesitate for a bit before silently accepting.

She spoke with a low voice: "If you're able to not learn the sword, then try not to learn it, ok?"

Gu Qing Shan took that time to nod his head.

Don't joke, this is a peak Rejuvenation realm cultivator, with Gu Qing Shan's current cultivation, he simply can't beat her.

And he doesn't want to have to grovel on the ground and beg for forgiveness.

Ning Yue Xi then said: "After I leave, you have to work hard, learn some real skills from the Saint, otherwise you'll get trouble everywhere because of your low cultivation"

"I know" Gu Qing Shan said.

"Remember, I forbid you from learning the sword" Ning Yue Xi said again.

"Of course" Gu Qing Shan said with confidence.

Ning Yue Xi calmly looked at him, then took off her mask to reveal her stunning beauty.

She said: "Later, if you have the time, come visit Heaven's Limit Sect, just tell them my name"

Gu Qing Shan didn't think too much of it and only replied with the flow: "Sure"

As she heard him said "sure", Ning Yue Xi suddenly felt her face flushed, then quickly put on her face.

-----luckily she made it in time, otherwise when her face flushed, he would definitely have noticed.

"Hoh! Could that have been a bit too unnatural?" she silently thought.

It was only now that Gu Qing Shan was able to react in time.

Ah?

Did I just get hit on!?

But time doesn't go backwards, and so Ning Yue Xi had already quickened her pace and continued walking.

"Hah! This disciple of mine! Why did he have to chicken out at such a crucial time!"

At the same time, in Bai Hua Palace, Bai Hua Fairy slapped her ten thousand flowers throne as she complained full of regret.

Note:

(1) meeting on the verge of life and death: I'm not sure how to translate this properly, but it basically means "a friendship forged from going through life and death situations together". What he's basically saying is they're comrades, no need to explicitly say it every time they save each other's lives.

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As Ning Yue Xi was walking quicker, Gu Qing Shan also increased his pace to catch up with her.

But as soon as he sped up, Ning Yue Xi also sped up.

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit strange, this girl, what are you running from?

"Oi" he called her out.

It was still fine before, but as soon as he called out like that, Ning Yue Xi acted just like a rabbit that was missed by an arrow and rushed forward.

Gu Qing Shan could see very clearly, when Ning Yue Xi was confused, she even used speed techniques to run. (1)

"A speed technique... just how afraid of me are you..."

He went silent and gave up on chasing.

Of course he doesn't know, right now Ning Yue Xi's face is already as red as a tomato.

Ning Yue Xi was much more sensitive than he is, so she already noticed, since this is Bai Hua Palace, even if the Saint doesn't want to, she'll see and hear clearly everything that they say.

As soon as she realized, she couldn't do anything anymore, not even speak a single word.

As they walked one after another, they quickly arrived at the main gate, where Gong Sun Zhi and Leng Tian Xing were waiting.

"How surprising, you actually managed to do so much, you even got accepted as the Saint's disciple" Gong Sun Zhi sighed, his face clearly shocked.

"It all thanks to General Sun Zhi not wanting me to die right there and sent me away that I was able to do what I did" Gu Qing Shan said.

"I guess that's called you get what you give huh?" Gong Sun Zhi smiled.

"Yes, you get what you give indeed" Gu Qing Shan also smiled.

"We'll have to return to the frontline immediately, everyone is waiting for our report on the matter" Gong Sun Zhi said.

Then he gave a communication talisman to Gu Qing Shan.

"Contact me anytime you need" Gong Sun Zhi said.

"I still don't have my own communication talisman yet" Gu Qing Shan explained.

"No worries, you had better work hard on your cultivation, the next time we meet, I hope to see you much stronger than you are now" Gong Sun Zhi patted his shoulder.

This youth, his talent, personality and means are all first-rate, the only thing that's not good enough is his cultivation.

Leng Tian Xing also walked forward and patted his shoulder.

Ning Yue Xi didn't say anything, only looked at him for a while and turned around.

Their airship quickly left, Gu Qing Shan only needed to wait for a bit before the ship has gone far past the horizon.

Then he returned to Bai Hua Palace.

Only to see a white goose standing in the main palace, looking at him in disdain.

Gu Qing Shan was puzzled.

----isn't this one of Bai Hua Fairy's clones?

Then he heard Bai Hua Fairy's voice from the ten thousand flowers throne, saying: "Qing Shan my disciple, come greet your first brother, Bai Ying Tian"

Gu Qing Shan was speechless.

Bai Hua Fairy actually split one of her clones to become her first disciple.

Right now, Gu Qing Shan really wants to know, just how goes on in Bai Hua Fairy's head.

Of course, Gu Qing Shan wouldn't say it out loud, only clasped his hand and bowed to the white good: "Before, at the green rock, I still have to thank big brother goose for letting me through, thank you"

The white goose lightly scoffed and muttered: "Ning Yue Xi wouldn't eat you alive, this kid, why do you act so meek in front of a girl?"

Gu Qing Shan truthfully answered: "Because the first ever lesson Shifu taught me was to not offend a beautiful woman with high cultivation without a good reason"

Did I just say that?

It's like he doesn't feel as much pressure when he talks to the white goose as much as when he talks to Bai Hua Fairy's true self.

Hm, that's normal I guess.

He can be respectful to Shifu, but if he also acts meek and respectful to a senior brother then what kind of sword cultivator would he be?

Not only will that make Bai Hua Fairy suspicious, with his personality, Gu Qing Shan wouldn't be able to keep up that act for too long.

Thinking that, Gu Qing Shan decides to let go and act normal.

As the white goose hear that, he really couldn't say anything in response.

A while later, he flapped his wings: "Looks like you gotta learn a bit from your second brother regarding this matter"

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Second brother?

Gu Qing Shan wasn't very clear.

As they spoke, two people walked into Bai Hua Palace one after another.

As Gu Qing Shan looked back, they were a male and female.

These are the only two other people of Bai Hua sect.

The male seems to be a bit older than him, while the female was only 7-8 years old, basically a child.

The male was quite handsome, or you could even call him pretty, in his hand was a jade fan and wore a bright belt around his waist, truly an elegant person, enough that you'd mistake him for a girl wearing men's clothes.

While the little girl looked like she was carved from jade, with a big curious pair of eyes and twin tails, she had the shyness and nervousness of someone that suddenly met a stranger, making her very cute and lovable.

The male walked forward first, circled around Gu Qing Shan once and breathed out.

He said: "Seems like in our Bai Hua sect, I'm still number one in good looks"

"Peh! You? You sure can talk with that girly appearance" the goose Bai Ying Tian scoffed at him.

As he heard the goose say that, his face twitched a bit, but ignored it and patted Gu Qing Shan on his back, saying: "Junior brother, I'm Qin Xiao Lou --- Xiao Lou from 'Xiao Lou Yi Ye Ting Chun Yu'" (2)

The white goose interrupted him: "That's right, swindle everywhere, lying to steal the ladies' hearts, that's why he's the Lou from Yi Hong Lou" (3)

Qin Xiao Lou got angry, turned to the ten thousand flowers throne and bowed: "Shifu, junior brother had just come and first brother has already ruined my stage, he's bullying me in front of you"

Bai Hua Fairy simply ignored him and said to Gu Qing Shan: "This is your second brother, Qin Xiao Lou, he has his flaws here and there, but he's extremely smart, well versed in all of the 6 arts"

Gu Qing Shan looked at Qin Xiao Lou and clasped his hand: "I'm Gu Qing Shan, first time meeting second brother"

So he's the famous womanizer, Qin Xiao Lou.

Well versed in all of the 6 arts, to receive this praise from the Saint herself, just how heavy a praise that would be.

Divination, formation, pills, smithing, talisman, cooking, these are the 6 arts of a cultivator. A normal cultivator who is an expert in any of them would receive overwhelming recognition and able to get vast amounts of resources for their own cultivation.

Qin Xiao Lou is a true monster in that respect, as he's an expert in all of the 6 arts, called the seed only seen once every 1000 years of the cultivation world.

If it weren't for that, how would he be able to satisfy Bai Hua Fairy's high standards and become her disciple?

The only problem is that he's not fond of cultivating and doesn't like conflict, he's always blindly looking for fun, and squanders his time, seen to outsiders as wasting his own talents.

Bai Hua Fairy doesn't mind all that, saying that he just hasn't found his calling for cultivation yet.

The first time that Qin Xiao Lou truly began to focus on cultivation was 7 years later, on the day that Bai Hua Fairy passed away.

That day, from Golden Core first stage, he advanced all the way past Rejuvenation and only stopped at Ascended last stage.

That event shocked the entire cultivation world.

But no matter how hard he tries, he can't revive Bai Hua Fairy anymore.

This later became his eternal regret, stopping him from leaving the realm of mortals and enter Sainted realm.

Qin Xiao Lou breathed angrily, saying to him: "Junior brother Gu, from now on, let us be good brothers, ignore first brother"

Seeing him like this, Gu Qing Shan didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

"Saint, this is my junior brother?" a timid voice was heard.

As Gu Qing Shan turned to look, it was the little girl that asked that.

He could see the expectations in her eyes, occasionally peeking a glance at Gu Qing Shan.

The white goose flew over and consoled her: "You can't be a senior sister yet, he's your senior brother, my 3rd junior brother"

Sure enough, Bai Hua Fairy also spoke: "Xiu Xiu, before I've not officially accepted you as my disciple yet, and you're the youngest, so today I will welcome both you and Gu Qing Shan into our sect, with you being the last"

She then spoke softly: "This way, they can all take care of you"

After hearing the later part of what she said the look of disappointment on Xiu Xiu's face disappeared, instead turned into a happy 'yes'.

Bai Hua Fairy waved her hand, as two small jade cards floated in front of Gu Qing Shan and Xiu Xiu.

Looking at the jade cards, Gu Qing Shan could see on them were the two words, "Shan" and "Xiu" respectively.

## Note:

(1) Speed techniques: this might not need to be explained, but it's basically footwork, body movements and usage of spirit energy that can increase a cultivator's speed. They say that a cultivator that uses a speed technique can move at least twice as fast as one that doesn't. The original word literally means "body technique"

(2) Xiao Lou of Xiao Lou Yi Ye Ting Chun Yu: due to there being many words that have similar pronunciation in Chinese, this used to be the way someone usually explain their name to someone they've just met. Xiao Lou literally means "small building", and "Xiao Lou Yi Ye Ting Chun Yu" is just a sentence that means "One night of listening to the Spring rain in a small building". It's meant to show that Xiao Lou is a very artistic person.

(3) Yi Hong Lou: it's not specifically mentioned anywhere, but any place that's called "hong lou" (lit. red building) is associated with being in the red light district.

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"The jade card is the proof of your status, with that jade card, there's nowhere that you cannot go in this Bai Hua Immortal country and Bai Hua Palace" Bai Hua Fairy smiled softly.

"Our sect has so few people so there aren't any rules to talk about, you can all cultivate as you like, if there is anything you don't understand you can always ask your first or second brother, if they can't explain it, you can even come ask me"

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"Yes"
"Yes"
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Gu Qing Shan and Xiuxiu took their respective jade cards.

Bai Hua Fairy then ordered: "Bai Ying Tian, from today Xiuxiu and Qing Shan will officially live in our sect, go prepare their accommodations"

"Yes Shifu"

The white goose spoke, then flew away.

"Hopeless disciple" Bai Hua Fairy spoke again. (1)

"Yes Shifu" Qin Xiao Lou bowed and looked down.

"You can take Qing Shan around for a tour first, explain our sect's situation, in the afternoon you'll replace your first brother, go to the green rock to pick people to attempt Bai Hua lists"

"Yes" Qin Xiao Lou said.

"Qing Shan, Xiuxiu, tomorrow you two can begin your cultivation, it's almost time for the semester examination already, when that time comes, the two of you will both go to see the other cultivators of the land"

"Go, you can leave now"

Gu Qing Shan and Xiuxiu both bowed: "Yes"

The three of them left Bai Hua Palace.

Walking on the road paved with white jade, Qin Xiao Lou rubbed his stomach and suddenly said: "I'm a bit hungry"

Xiuxiu's eyes lit up, and even Gu Qing Shan held a bit of expectation.

The Womanizer is famous for being an expert in all of the 6 arts, but he's most known for his skills with cooking.

Spirit Cooking made by Qin Xiao Lou is not only beneficial to the cultivator's body, but it also tastes amazing, definitely first-rate in the world.

In the past life, Qin Xiao Lou is the target of many gluttonous players to flatter and try to get close to.

Xiuxiu asked with a soft voice: "Second brother, what do we eat today?"

Qin Xiao Lou looked at her a bit, then at Gu Qing Shan, then said: "Ok, since first brother isn't here, and today is both of your happy day, we'll have some roasted goose" (TN: "happy day" the way Xiao Lou said it can also mean wedding day)

Gu Qing Shan suddenly understood why Bai Hua Fairy called him "hopeless disciple".

"No, no, no" Xiuxiu's angry face became red: "What you do mean our happy day, also, if you dare to cook roasted goose, I'll tell first brother"

"No don't, don't tell him, junior sister Xiuxiu" Qin Xiao Lou panicked.

Gu Qing Shan suggested: "I heard that Bai Hua Immortal country's spirit flowers and spirit herbs are highly desirable everywhere, can we have a vegetarian meal today?"

Qin Xiao Lou 'hoh' in surprise, then said: "Seems like junior brother has done his homework, my vegetarian meals are the best in the world you know"

"Ok then" he thought for a bit "We can use the Cloud ship, just outside Bai Hua country, around Cang Shan sect's territory, there's a Yi Hong Lou there, we can listen to the songs, as well as ---"

Xiuxiu glared at him strictly.

Qin Xiao Lou immediately changed his words: "Hm, or maybe we won't go there, let's instead go to the Bai Gie Temple on South Street, they have ready-made vegetarian ingredients there"

However, he secretly blinked a few times at Gu Qing Shan, hinting that there will be more chances from now on.

What a piece of work this guy is, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but think so in his mind.

The three of them left the palace and went to Bai Gie Temple in the South.

While Qin Xiao Lou was busying preparing the meal, Xiuxiu weren't too familiar with Gu Qing Shan yet, so she was a bit shy, stood up and walked around looking at the Buddha statues.

It was only now that Gu Qing Shan was a bit free, so he opened the War God UI.

On it, a text box has opened for a long time.

"Destiny Quest: The fight to death (completed)"

"Quest description: Gong Sun Zhi and Ning Yue Xi have made it safely back to humanity's territory, bringing the world's secret with them to report to other human cultivators. At the same time, the traitor in humanity's top brass ———Blade Emperor has been killed by Bai Hua Fairy, humanity as a whole is now in a never before seen situation"

"Quest rewards: War God Thaumaturgy (special story quest)"

"Would you like to receive the quest reward?"

Gu Qing Shan didn't hesitate to choose: "Yes"

On the War God UI, the text box disappeared, replaced with a round wheel.

There were five slots in the wheel, on them were some complicated patterns and symbols.

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Another line of text appeared.

"The user has 48 hours to collect items that match the description of the wheel and put them in the slots"

"No matter if the 5 items are collected or not, after 48 hours, the user will get the chance to pick one War God Thaumaturgy"

"The quicker the collection speed, the higher grade the items, the higher the chance to get a powerful thaumaturgy"

"Countdown begin"

Gu Qing Shan looked at the description, then rubbed his chin.

No matter if he collects the items or not, he'll still get a thaumaturgy.

But if he doesn't take too long, and the items he collects are high quality, he'll be able to guarantee himself a strong thaumaturgy.

The time limit is only 48 hours.

Gu Qing Shan also quickly looked at the 5 patterns.

The first one, a monster whose face can't be seen laid on the ground, gnawing on corpses.

The second one, a complicated stairway that leads downwards, all the way to a black bottomless pit.

The third one, a sea of stars, in it a planet being swallowed up by a monster with its body.

Gu Qing Shan looked at that and contemplated: "These patterns, could it be..."

He then continued looking, the fourth pattern was a scene of the dead rising from their graves, while the fifth is a thick sea of clouds with arms and legs sticking out of them.

They are Huang Quan type and Unknown type respectively, Unknown type is also called chaos-species.

The Faceless Giant is one of those chaos-species monsters.

Sure enough, Gu Qing Shan felt relieved.

This is thanks to him returning from the Apocalypse that he'd know so many types of monsters.

If it was anyone else, they probably wouldn't even understand what these patterns are meant to represent.

These five patterns depict the types of monsters and demons that attacked the two worlds, dividing into 5 types total.

In order, they are Chaos type, Abyss type, Space type, Huang Quan type and Unknown type (TN: chaos type and chaos species are apparently different)

If that's the case, then these 5 slots are meant to be filled with the body parts of those five monster types?

Gu Qing Shan has already solved the puzzle.

But then, he frowned.

I don't have much time, where the heck would I go to find enough materials from the five types?

While he was thinking, he felt someone tapping his shoulder.

"What are you thinking about that so deeply that you'd frown?" Qin Xiao Lou set out the plates on the table and asked.

"Ah, I was thinking of where to get some monster body parts" Gu Qing Shan answered.

Qin Xiao Lou face turned serious, then said: "I'll give you some advice, those things don't taste very good"

From the way he said it, it seems he has already tried.

Gu Qing Shan felt a chill and quickly explained: "Not for eating, I was going to use them for something else"

Qin Xiao Lou then laughed and said: "I was wondering why you looked so worried, it seems like you haven't understood what your status means"

"Status?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"That's right" Qin Xiao Lou stuck his chest out, saying: "You're a part of Bai Hua sect, direct disciple of one of the three Saints, the entire Bai Hua Immortal country belongs to your Shifu, what kind of cultivation resources could you possibly want that you can't get?"

He then continued: "I'm managing about half the treasuries, after lunch I'll bring you there ———you can take as much as you can carry"

Gu Qing Shan: "Shifu won't say anything?"

Qin Xiao Lou turned around and looked at him again: "She won't mind, just take whatever you like, as long as you don't make her lose face during the semester examination"

Gu Qing Shan understood, saying: "Naturally"

"Is the semester examinations hard?" a young girl's voice was heard.

As they looked back, they saw it was Xiuxiu who just returned.

Note:

(1) Hopeless disciple: the original word had a much stronger meaning, usually this is what masters call students that have betrayed their expectations, with a slight tone of wanting to kick them out.