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On the sea.

Gu Qing Shan placed one hand on the steering wheel of the airship, closed his eyes, and carefully pondered about what he had learnt.

The cultivators from the Age of Old were truly impressive, not only did they create an airship that could both fly in the sky and dive underwater, they also managed to engrave countless cultivation knowledge and experience onto the inner part of the ship.

In other words, this entire ship was essentially a jade tag that concentrated all of humanity's highest crystallization of cultivation knowledge.

Having such a treasure to himself, Gu Qing Shan didn't feel any greed, nor did he blindly comprehend everything on it.

At a time like this, more doesn't mean better. Learning just enough was the only way to grow as quickly as possible.

This world was currently to ruin, so he needed to get out of this world and enter the next as fast as he could.

Gu Qing Shan carefully picked out and comprehended the scriptures that would increase both his speed of cultivation and total spirit energy reserve.

After he felt that he had prepared enough, he took out a pill, sat down cross-legged, closed his eyes, and entered a meditation state.

Thanks to [War God Skills], his reserve of over 1 million Soul Points, Xie Gu Hong's sword cultivation inheritance, as well as the cultivation knowledge of all the cultivators from the Age of Old, Gu Qing Shan broke through the final stage of his realm like a fish in the water.

A few moments later.

He opened his eyes.

He had reached Cryptic realm late stage.

His spirit energy was becoming a bit chaotic and unruly, at the same time somewhat stagnant.

He had just broken through to Cryptic realm middle stage not too long ago inside the underground prison, so now that he broke through to Cryptic realm late-stage again, the consecutive breakthroughs were causing his spirit energy to become unsettled.

Fortunately, this situation wasn't very serious, otherwise Gu Qing Shan would find it extremely hard to break through once again in a short period of time.

Gu Qing Shan silently recalled a certain technique from the Age of Old to calm the unsettled spirit energy and formed a hand seal with both of his hands.

This was [Nine Revolution Spirit Release Art]

In the Age of Old, when faced with the problem of unsettled spirit energy, many great cultivators cooperated and came up with a great idea.

That was to release all the chaotic, unruly spirit energy out.

After releasing all their spirit energy, the Dantian will become empty.

At that point, all they had to do was wait for new spirit energy to form. Taking the opportunity when the newly-created spirit energy still wasn't very strong, they could easily settle the turbulent spirit energy inside themselves.

Gu Qing Shan continued to perform the Spirit Releasing Art, slowly calming his newly-created spirit energy through the ancient method, then carefully led the spirit energy in a full revolution around all the acupoints on his body before finally returning to the Dantian.

His spirit energy had settled down.

Once spirit energy settles down, a cultivator can continue to cultivate according to the written scriptures, accumulating more spirit energy and attempting to breakthrough again right away.

But unlike Gu Qing Shan, the cultivators in the Age of Old did not have the ability to immediately comprehend all the most advanced cultivation scriptures.

The speed of their cultivation was mostly dependent on their own cultivation talents as well as their ability to comprehend cultivation scriptures.

Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes and sighed.

He had nothing but heartfelt respect towards the wisdom of the cultivators from the Age of Old.

He stood up on the airship and carefully sensed the change with his spirit energy.

His total spirit energy reserve had increased by about 5%.

Once he broke through Cryptic realm and entered Chaotic Star realm, his spirit energy would once again grow exponentially.

The amount of spirit energy a cultivator had directly affected the power of their attacks and how long they could fight.

For most sword arts and spell arts, the more spirit energy he poured into them, the more powerful they would be.

With Gu Qing Shan's current amount of spirit energy, even a carelessly performed Secret Art would be several times stronger than a full-power attack when he was at Sainted realm.

Now, I should try to comprehend the rapid breakthrough scripture for the next realm.

Thinking that, Gu Qing Shan glanced at the War God UI.

The Soul Points value on his War God UI was currently over 1.1 million.

[War God Skills] have been prepared appropriately so I can upgrade it at any time.

But...

Why would I want to learn Divine Crafts?

Through his swordsmanship alone, Xie Gu Hong was able to win against a Divinity by half an exchange.

Why should I go around the sun to see the moon?

After a bit of thinking, he asked: "System, I have a question"

[Ting]!

The War God UI replied: [You may place your question. From now on, every question asked will cost 10 Soul Points]

Gu Qing Shan was surprised: "Why does it cost Soul Points now? You never took any before?"

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[20 Soul Points have been deducted, thank you very much. The answers to your questions above are as follows: Because you now have over 1 million Soul Points, the System also wants to profit a bit. There is a saying from the Bygone Age that expresses this very well, 'Take wealth from a man that passes, take feathers from a goose that walks by'] the War God System slowly answered him.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at his Soul Points to see that the huge figure really did change a bit.

20 Soul Points were deducted.

This System ...

Fine, it was only 20 Soul Points.

Not to mention this 1 million value had already far exceeded the maximum I was supposed to have.

According to the System, this was all thanks to its help, otherwise, I would've had to put up with having only a few hundred Soul Points at this point.

Let's not haggle with it over 20 Soul Points.

Gu Qing Shan speechlessly sighed.

He continued to ask: "I want to know why [War God Skills] needs to be upgraded in order for me to comprehend Divine Craft"

"Also, does this mean that Divinity's skills are more advanced compared to humanity's techniques?"

[20 Soul Points have been deducted. The answer to your first question is simple. Because you and I have travelled back in time before the time of the Apocalypse, during that trip, in order to avoid detection from all unnecessary parties, and also to improve the chances of success, the System had to shut off the majority of its abilities. Due to this, War God Skills was reverted back to its most primitive form, you should understand this quite well when looking at the icons below the War God UI]

Gu Qing Shan looked down as prompted.

Below the UI, various icons were silently giving off a cold light, in order they were: [War God Skills], [War God Thaumaturgy], [War God Title], [Doomsday Chronicles], and [War God Quest].

Besides these five icons, the others were completely blacked out, he couldn't see anything on them besides the occasional black mist.

"There are still a lot of functions that haven't been unlocked..." Gu Qing Shan muttered.

[Indeed, the System have devolved quite severely]

The War God System continued: [Now to answer your second question: Divinity's skills are not more advanced than humanity's techniques]

"Then why does [War God Skills] need to be upgraded before I can learn Divine Crafts?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

[10 Soul Points have been deducted. This is because Divine Crafts are not actually Divine Crafts, they are the results of imitating and studying humanity from countless eons ago in order to grasp a few simple forms of power usage]

This answer caused Gu Qing Shan to feel a bit surprised.

He muses: "You mean when I comprehend a Divinity's skill, I'm actually studying humanity's original skills?"

[Absolutely correct, 10 Soul Points have been deducted] the System replied.

Gu Qing Shan's mind moved a bit, then suddenly asked: "Then what about the Desolate monster? Are their abilities natural-born, or learnt from the old humans?"

The War God System replied: [How surprising for you to think of that. This question is a bit more crucial so you will be deducted 25 Soul Points. This System will answer as such:]

[Desolate monsters were artificially created. Their abilities, everything they have came from the hands of the Bygone Age's humanity]

[Furthermore, the System will throw in an extra piece of information: After you upgrade War God Skills this time, the next time you upgrade War God Skills, you will be able to comprehend the power of humanity from the Bygone Age from the Desolate monsters' bodies]

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help asking: "The next time I upgrade? How do I upgrade it again?"

[Thank you for 20 Soul Points. Firstly, confirmation that there is indeed another upgrade. Secondly, the second upgrade for War God Skills will also require Soul Points, estimated required value to be 3 million Soul Points]

Gu Qing Shan angrily: "3 million!? Where the hell am I going to steal 3 million Soul Points for you!?"

The War God System calmly explained: [Humanity did not spend too much effort on creating the Desolate monsters, so the power that Desolate monsters inherited was actually pathetically little.

However, their power truly did come from the real humanity's heritage, unlike the Divinities who achieve their powers through imitation, so they are in fact a bit more powerful than Divinities]

The System then emphasized: [And so, it is a bit more expensive]

Gu Qing Shan was speechless.

He looked at the horizon on the sea, silently thinking about the intel he just got from the War God System.

I really can't imagine just how powerful humanity was countless years ago.

According to the conversation between the Desolate Lord and the Divinity, I only know that in the Bygone Age, humanity entered a Gate.

What was behind the Gate?

After several hundred million years, why haven't they returned?

Gu Qing Shan stared at the crashing ocean waves and the deep and heavy dark skies at the horizon.

In this period of time, humanity had already been wiped out.

This world was showing him how the Primordial Heaven Realm fell to its deserted state in the present time.

*Perhaps, that Spirit Tortoise was the only one that managed to survive in the entire Primordial Heaven Realm.* 

At this point, a sudden thought popped into Gu Qing Shan's mind.

He was stunned.

Wait.

Wait a minute...

Just how many worlds existed back in the Age of Old?