

Blood Warlock: Succubus Partner in the Apocalypse

Chapter 1251: Ice and Fire to take down the enemy

This so-called Xuan Yuan did not take long to appear in front of the group of four.

To no one's surprise, Xuan Yuan was a tall merman of about two meters. Even more surprising, his body was as bulky as a small truck and his muscles gave the impression that a single punch from him was more than enough to tear a hole in the sky.

"Surface creatures?" Xuan Yuan's eyes flashed with a tinge of coldness as his straight pupils swept over the bodies of Bai Zemin and the two human females beside him. Sensing that neither of them was in the Fourth Order, a glint of contempt flashed in his eyes before his gaze settled on the clearly worried Shui Meiyong.

"Your Highness Eldest Princess, what is the meaning of this?"

Although Xuan Yuan was using honorifics to address Shui Meiyong, his voice was not particularly respectful but sounded judgmental. Bai Zemin could even hear some cruelty; it was as if Shui Meiyong's answer would be what would decide the future of the First Princess of the Coral Kingdom.

Shui Meiyong took a deep breath and was about to speak when a voice interrupted her.

"Princess, could you tell me if the place we are heading to is near any city?"

Except for Shangguan Bing Xue and Feng Tian Wu who looked indifferent as if the appearance of the powerful triton man was nothing in their eyes, Shui Meiyong and Xuan Yuan himself were surprised to see that Bai Zemin actually dared to speak up in such an important moment; even ignoring the existence of a powerful soul evolver whose level was probably above 250 and whose strength could rival the King of the Coral Kingdom.

Suddenly, Xuan Yuan's expression changed. He quickly thought of something after hearing the human male's question and a glint of disbelief flashed in his eyes as he shot a gaze at Shui Meiyong: "Shui Meiyong, what's the meaning of this?! Are you betraying our Coral Kingdom?!"

Shui Meiyong's face paled even more as the aura of her father's right hand covered her in an instant. She knew that the question Bai Zemin had just asked literally exposed their plans.

It was just that Shui Meiyong really couldn't understand why a person like Bai Zemin who was clearly very smart and astute would ask such a question at such a critical time like this!

She forced herself to calm down, and with her face still pale she softly answered, "That place is about two kilometers away from the capital city."

At the same time as Bai Zemin nodded after hearing her answer, he also saw how in the middle of the dark ocean the golden pupils of the merman named Xuan Yuan contracted fiercely as Shui Meiyong's words floated in the surroundings.

"You dare?!" Xuan Yuan immediately activated a skill as he roared furiously. A blue light bow that seemed to be covered in scales of some kind of creature appeared in his hand and a water arrow swirled on the string, "Shui Meiyong, you come with me this very instant! How dare you bring surface dogs into our Coral Kingdom and even want to take them to the forbidden area of our kingdom! The crime of betrayal is too small for you!"

Shui Meiyong said nothing but looked at Bai Zemin in silence.

She knew that the string had already left the bow so it was impossible to get it back. With her strength, she would definitely not be able to fight Xuan Yuan.

At this point she knew that it would be up to Bai Zemin. If she misjudged him and he turned out to be not that powerful, then Shui Meiyong knew that she would most likely not survive beyond today. Although she was a princess highly esteemed for her talent and gifted intelligence, she was more than clear that her family would mercilessly behead her once they knew what she was doing behind their backs.

In reality, Shui Meiyong knew that this was a very, very risky gamble. Particularly since she could sense that the human male she had bet on wasn't even a Third Order soul evolver. She was simply trusting her instincts more than anything else, this time even pushing her rationality back.

Just as Shui Meiyong paled even more at not only the situation itself but at being branded as a traitor, a voice thick with contempt sounded from beside her.

"Betrayal? In my eyes, the only traitor here is you, old thing."

A flash of brutality glimmered in Xuan Yuan's eyes. His lightning-like gaze swept over Bai Zemin, and in a contemptuous but fury-filled voice, he thundered, "You dare to speak even though you're just such a filthy weak earth creature? You really have balls to dare to plot against the Coral Kingdom!"

"Whether I have balls or not is something only my woman knows, you damn old fart." Bai Zemin waved his hand as if shooing away flies and didn't even look at him.

"Hahahaha!" Xuan Yuan laughed out loud and his bowstring tightened, "I hope your strength is at least half strong as your mouth!"

After saying this, he was about to release the water arrow when he suddenly realized that his fingers had frozen directly on the arrow so he couldn't release it.

"What?!"

Xuan Yuan's voice was filled with disbelief. His eyes widened in shock as he finally realized that something wasn't right, and as he looked at his surroundings his expression became quite shocked.

Four ice chains had silently appeared without anyone noticing. These four ice chains were pinned from one end to four different magic circles while the other end of each chain had coiled like flood dragons around Xuan Yuan's limbs.

'How could this be possible!' Xuan Yuan wanted to roar but the sense of crisis in his heart warned him that his best option at this point was to break the ice chains.

To Xuan Yuan's dismay, while his power was enough to break the ice chains he soon realized that the ice mage who was restraining him was clearly using the mana-filled water to repair the cracks he opened in the chains.

"You're just a little insect but you dare to speak to him with that tone?"

Xuan Yuan suddenly looked up and his eyes immediately focused on the fire-red-haired human female who looked at him with pure undisguised disdain.

Feng Tian Wu raised her small white hand and her fingers spread as she said in a cold voice, "Ignorance sure is bliss for frogs in a pit like you."

A crimson-colored magic circle with golden runes glowed beneath Xuan Yuan's body. The ocean itself for over 1000 meters around immediately overheated as if a volcano was about to explode and from a distance any sea creature looking in that direction could see a small burning sun amidst the blinding darkness of the depths.

Xuan Yuan didn't even have time to scream when a four-meter-high whirlwind of flames engulfed him. The whirlwind of fire burned even underwater and seemed to ignore the pressure of being more than 10 kilometers deep, spinning at astonishing speeds and evaporating all the water within half a kilometer.

Except for the ice chains, the surrounding water disappeared in a flash and what replaced it was extremely hot steam. Approximately 40 seconds later, however, the four ice chains finally melted in half and hung helplessly in front of the fierce power of the fire whirlwind.

From inside the water bubble formed by the gravitational power under Bai Zemin's control, Shui Meiyong watched in shock at the whirling fire tornado beyond the hot steam.

Although she knew that these two human women together with Bai Zemin were certainly powerful, Shui Meiyong did not expect them to be so powerful. Shangguan Bing Xue was still fine since she was currently a level 200 soul evolver even if she hadn't broken through that barrier... But Shui Meiyong could tell that the red-haired woman clearly hadn't reached level 200 yet!

Shui Meiyong looked at Feng Tian Wu with a surprised expression on her face.

About a minute later, Feng Tian Wu waved her hand and the fire whirlwind disappeared without a trace.

Bai Zemin noticed that beyond the hot vapor there was nothing left of the triton man who until a minute ago roared and spoke arrogantly. Not even a scale was left behind as Feng Tian Wu's flame swallowed him whole.

He looked at Feng Tian Wu and seeing that she seemed to be covertly looking at him out of the corner of her eye he didn't know whether to laugh or cry as he understood what was going on.

Was she a little girl looking for her father's approval or something?

Yet, Bai Zemin praised her softly which made the girl nod seemingly indifferent.

Small explosions echoed underwater as the ocean moved to cover the empty gap and the contact of the hot steam with the cold water shook the area quite fiercely once the fire whirlwind disappeared.

Shangguan Bing Xue reached out and retrieved the skill scroll that fell with Xuan Yuan's death. She didn't even look at it and directly put it away in her storage ring so that they could look at it later since time was pressing.

"Let's go." Bai Zemin snapped Shui Meiyong out of her shock as he said in a serious voice, "We need to hurry. I'm afraid your father will soon notice the death of this subordinate of his and things won't be as smooth as we would like then."

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Chapter 1252.1: Blood Succubus Lilith vs Archangel Michael (Part 1)

This time the group of four gave everything they had both individually and as a team to boost their movement speed.

Knowing that the game of hide-and-seek was over after the death of the Coral Kingdom King's right-hand man, Xuan Yuan, each and every one of them directly activated at least one movement skill and without hesitation dashed into the depths of the Pacific Ocean.

Three flashes of blood-red light and a flash of silver light shone brightly amidst the cold darkness. They not only advanced in a straight line but also moved downward in the process, making the pressure that Bai Zemin, Shangguan Bing Xue, and Feng Tian Wu felt steadily increase with each passing second.

15 kilometers deep.

20 kilometers deep.

25 kilometers...

30 kilometers...

35...

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Approximately about 10 minutes later and now more than 50 thousand meters deep, Bai Zemin could not help but notice that Feng Tian Wu's lovely body next to him shivered slightly.

Bai Zemin's expression changed slightly and without hesitation he activated Gravity Manipulation around her.

Feng Tian Wu, in contrast to Shangguan Bing Xue, was a pure mage whose physical body was not particularly strong. After descending more than 50 kilometers she clearly felt the bones in her body begin to creak like children feeling uncomfortable, but she didn't want to embarrass herself and be a problem for that person and therefore she persevered.

It was just that she hadn't expected him to notice even though she had clearly hidden it in an instant.

"Remember we're a team. You're not fighting alone."

Bai Zemin's serious voice made Feng Tian Wu unconsciously bite her lower lip. She could tell that he was not satisfied with what she had just done.

"Understand... I'm sorry. I won't do it anymore."

Just like a little girl discovered playing in the mud by her parents, Feng Tian Wu lowered her head in shame and worry.

Although the darkness was devouring, Bai Zemin's eyesight still remained good so he could see everything within 200 meters around him with 70% clarity. When he saw out of the corner of his eye the expression on Feng Tian Wu's face he immediately didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

'Wouldn't those guys from the faction and the army go crazy if they saw this?' he thought to himself.

Probably no soul evolver would believe that Feng Tian Wu whose arrogance and coldness seemed to be even higher than Shangguan Bing Xue's would actually be like a little girl just because he said a few words.

At that moment, Shui Meiying's voice made Bai Zemin dismiss all unnecessary thoughts from his heart, "We are getting there!"

Arriving?

Bai Zemin immediately became serious and looked at the surroundings in search of something. To his surprise, however, he found nothing at all; there was not even a glimmer of light or structure at all.

"There's nothing here." Shangguan Bing Xue also noticed the problem. She frowned as her feet touched the bottom of the ocean with her guard up as she looked around for something different.

Shui Meiying said nothing but quickly darted toward a particular small stone. The stone had nothing peculiar about it at all and looked like any of the hundreds of thousands of other stones on the seabed.

Surprisingly, the white stone began to light up slightly when she stimulated it with her mana. Different runes began to appear one by one, and it probably wouldn't be long before a magic circle took shape around the entire white stone.

Seeing Shui Meiying setting to work, Bai Zemin and the two beauties next to him immediately formed a triangle with the mermaid princess in the center. The three of them protected her while looking vigilantly at the surroundings.

At this point, all three were very clear about one thing.

If anyone appeared, regardless of who or what they were, they would be attacked.

They had no allies here and any presence other than one of the four of them would immediately be treated as an enemy.

As he scanned the area with cold eyes, Bai Zemin suddenly had a bad feeling. A few seconds later, he quietly whispered, "Lilith, are you there?"

"Always."

Her answer was quick and simple but it carried a lot.

Bai Zemin asked again, "Fire Sorrow?"

"She stayed in Hero City, do you remember?"

Bai Zemin was silent, finally remembering this point he had overlooked.

In fact, both Kali and Fire Sorrow, as well as Meng Qi, had been working hard for the past few days.

Actually, Bai Zemin had asked Kali and his sister to help him copy the runes on the walls so that they could draw at least a lower version of them on the walls of the various human bases.

Now that the level of all life on Earth was steadily increasing, the high walls were no longer of much use. The minimum level of the zombies out there was over 20 and it was easy for them to jump 200 or 300 meters not to mention that First Order zombies were no longer rarities; it could be said that 4 out of 10 existing zombies on Earth had already broken through the first barrier.

Therefore, Bai Zemin wanted to use the invisible protective barrier surrounding Hero City as an example and extend this defensive method to his other bases. Moreover, since he had the technology he got in Eventide World, this process could be done much more easily.

Of course, it would still take a long time and results would not be seen for at least a year. Nonetheless, it was something that had to be done no matter how arduous it would be.

"Zemin?"

Lilith knew something wasn't right when she heard his odd questions, but seeing his slightly pale face made her heart also start beating hard when she felt that something wasn't good.

If it was someone else, Lilith would ignore it straight away.

At the end of the day, she was one of the most powerful soul evolvers in the universe. While her level was at the peak of the Sixth Order and on her way to the Seventh, her battle strength was actually more than enough to take on practically any of the commanders of all the factions of Higher Existences.

In Lilith's eyes, the discomfort and unease of a Lower Existences was no different from a joke. One slap from her would be more than enough to completely tear apart what for any Lower Existences could mean certain death.

However, Bai Zemin was not a normal Lower Existence. In fact, Lilith did not even rank him in that group at all since a long time ago.

Therefore, she who knew how powerful he was, and aware of his practically divine sixth sense, she immediately became alert.

Bai Zemin frowned deeply as he did not know where such discomfort was coming from. Worse yet, the fact that he was more than 60.000 meters deep in ice-cold water and surrounded by endless darkness was not only not helping; it was making everything far worse.

However, the strangest thing of all was that from start to finish, they encountered no problems at all.

Approximately two minutes later, Shui Meiyong's excited voice sounded from below.

"Done!"

Rumble...!!

Her words only fell out as the seabed began to tremble fiercely as if a deeply sleeping beast had been released from its everlasting slumber.

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Chapter 1253.2: Blood Succubus Lilith vs Archangel Michael (Part 2)

When the sea bottom began to tremble, the ocean itself seemed on the verge of collapse.

At a depth of over 60.000 meters, i.e. over 60 kilometers, no beast regardless of its physiognomy could withstand the water pressure. Only those sea beasts above the 150 level and whose bodies were designed to bear tremendous amounts of weight could

come to this place. However, at that moment only the group of four composed of Bai Zemin and the three women witnessed what was happening.

The huge boulders that easily weighed over 20 tons in the distance exploded and turned into thin dust, the few plants in the area seemed to be devoured by some invisible creature as there was no trace of them left, and as if that was not enough even cracks began to appear on the bottom of the seabed.

"Everyone stay behind me!"

At Bai Zemin's shout practically suppressed by the fierce rumble, Shangguan Bing Xue and the others did not dare to delay and in a jiffy appeared beside him.

"Gravity Manipulation!" Bai Zemin had been using Gravity Manipulation to protect Feng Tian Wu's weaker physical body but at that moment he immediately used such a skill to push the waters surrounding them away.

In an instant, an empty sphere in which it was difficult to even breathe pushed away all the water 20 meters around the party. From its interior, Shangguan Bing Xue and the three girls watched in shock as the water churned so vigorously that blades of water formed naturally.

The water blades were so powerful that even a level 180 soul evolver could be cut in two. Worse yet, there were hundreds of millions of water blades there!

The corner of Feng Tian Wu's mouth twitched imperceptibly at the sight of this. She looked at Shui Meiyong and was about to sarcastically ask if she wanted to kill them all but restrained herself when she saw the slightly pale face on this first princess.

"Is this normal?" Bai Zemin frowned and felt increasingly uneasy inside.

"This is the first time I've opened it." Shui Meiyong explained quickly for fear that her actions would be misunderstood, "You also saw that that book had practically all of its pages torn out. There was only little information in there and it definitely didn't say anything about this!"

Bai Zemin said nothing upon hearing this. He had personally read that book and knew that what Shui Meiyong said was true. Furthermore, Lilith personally checked the torn out pages and affirmed that they had been torn out even before the dinosaurs became extinct so it was absolutely impossible for Shui Meiyong to be the culprit.

As the trembling of the sea seemed to become wilder, a mass of white lights suddenly shone out from the cracks that now stretched 100 meters wide. The light was so bright that everything within 2 kilometers around blazed as if the overhead sun were present. Even the cold water became warm enough for a normal human being to take a comfortable bath.

"Look over there!" Feng Tian Wu suddenly pointed ahead and exclaimed in amazement, "Something is taking shape down there!"

About 300 meters away, the purest white lights twisted unnaturally. The mana covering the ocean waters began to be sucked into some kind of invisible black hole and the magical power in the area suddenly grew several folds.

Under the watchful eyes of the group, the purest white lights rose and twisted with force. In just two minutes, a sort of frame about 300 meters high and 100 meters wide appeared in front of them.

"This is..." Bai Zemin gawked at the flashing purple light flickering inside the frame.

"Haha! Looks like what was written in that book is true after all!" Shui Meiyong was very excited and even her beautiful face was flushed with joy. She looked at Bai Zemin and remarked, "This portal should be the gateway to ten thousand great worlds! How about it? My gift should definitely be more than what that Xian Mei'er girl gave you don't you think? She might have helped you a little here on Earth, but I'm giving you ten thousand worlds!"

Giving me ten thousand worlds? Bai Zemin rolled his eyes and laughed in his heart. However, he could not deny that the "gift" Shui Meiyong was giving him was really too precious.

While she was not giving him ten thousand worlds as those worlds surely had their own powers and rulers, it was undeniable that Shui Meiyong was giving him the door and the key. It would depend on Bai Zemin's own ability whether this gift was of value or not.

The group of four led by Bai Zemin advanced together towards the giant portal, but when they were only 5 meters from it they all received the same notification in their retinas.

[Worlds Connector only allows passage to the ruler of this world. Because Earth currently has no established and approved ruler, those below level 450 will be able to enter. The power of those above level 400 will be tremendously reduced and the maximum entry is limited to 4, keep this in mind].

Bai Zemin exchanged glances with Shangguan Bing Xue and both saw the surprise on the other's face.

"Looks like it's not that simple after all." Shangguan Bing Xue said as she looked at him.

Bai Zemin immediately fell into a dilemma about what to do next.

He knew that he had to enter by himself to check what was beyond this portal, but he was afraid that after he left something bad would happen. However, what could he do? Standing silently was certainly not an option at all.

At that moment, several powerful auras approached from the distance.

"This is...!" Shui Meiyong's expression immediately changed and a flash of panic could be seen in her eyes as she looked up, "Not good, they are coming!"

Bai Zemin had already calmed down now. He raised his head and narrowed his eyes as he saw who the newcomers were. A flash of iciness shone in his pupils as he calmly said, "It's good that they are coming. Now we can solve the problems without having to worry later."

In a few breaths, the other party's group which consisted of less than ten people stopped 100 meters away and watched the group of four with different expressions on their faces.

"Father..." Shui Meiyong looked at the handsome middle-aged triton man and for a moment did not know what to say.

"You disappoint me." The old Coral Kingdom King sighed and shook his head, "I thought you were smarter than this. I was even planning to give you my mantle in a few centuries... But I'm glad to see your true colors now."

Before this, Shui Meiyong felt a little bad in her heart about what she was doing. No matter what, she was opposing her entire kingdom, loved ones, and her people. However, her father's words seemed to awaken something inside her.

In an instant, Shui Meiyong's expression turned as cold as the water around her and as she looked straight into her father's eyes she sneered: "Hand over your mantle to me? Father, this is the first time I've seen you be so hypocritical. I have to say I am indeed disappointed."

The old King was stunned for a few seconds as he certainly did not expect that his ever obedient daughter would actually not only dare to go against his words but also rebuke him. When he remembered the people around him, his face turned red from anger and embarrassment.

"Bad daughter! How dare you speak to me like that!"

"If I am a bad daughter then you are a terrible king!" Shui Meiyong did not back down despite being slightly pale. Her aura increased several folds as she said loudly, "You're selling out our Coral Kingdom and our people to a bunch of shameless aliens who play god but you dare to point your finger at me? Do you still have any conscience left in

you? My Shui family ancestors must be rolling in their graves in shame as they watch your actions!"

"You... You... You..." The old King pointed with a trembling finger but could not articulate words at all. Every word from his daughter was a loud and clear slap in his face.

Worse yet, the old King knew deep in his heart that what he was doing was extremely despicable. Yet, at the thought of what these people promised him, he gritted his teeth and swallowed that shame.

As the father-daughter duo argued, Bai Zemin observed the people in front of him.

Besides the old King of the Coral Kingdom, all the others were Higher Existences. Bai Zemin somehow sighed in relief even though he still felt that something was not right.

"We meet again." Medes smiled slightly as he looked at Bai Zemin as if greeting an old friend, "Faster than you expected?"

Aside from the God of the Army of Heaven, Bai Zemin also saw Uriel and the other Archangel named Gabriel next to him. There was also another arrogant looking Archangel that didn't even look at him from start to finish, but since this was the first time Bai Zemin saw him he didn't know who he was.

"Looks like many will leave disappointed today." Bai Zemin chuckled as he looked at the other Higher Existence Leaders.

Nikolay of the Immortal Blood Lust, Long Tian of the Dragon God Realm, and Salazar of the Army of Evolution... Adding Medes to the mix, all the Leaders who wanted to take over Earth and openly opposed him were present.

"What do you mean?" Nikolay frowned as he eyed Bai Zemin warily.

Before, Nikolay felt some contempt towards this Lower Existence called Bai Zemin. No matter if he happened to be the reincarnation of some powerful being and no matter how powerful he was, Nikolay knew that a Lower Existence was a Lower Existence no matter what.

However, Nikolay's mentality underwent a slight change after he learned that Medes from the Army of Heaven suffered rather large losses at the hands of this Lower Existence.

"See for yourself." Bai Zemin led his group aside to leave the way open.

Seeing the "invitation" gesture, Medes and the others exchanged glances.

"Hmph." Long Tian snorted and stepped forward confidently. It was as if the water did not exist at all as his footsteps were as steady, swift, and stable as if he was on dry land.

Under the watchful eyes of everyone, the Dragon God's footsteps stopped 5 meters away from the huge portal. A few seconds later, his back began to tremble and soon his whole body followed.

Salazar and the others exchanged glances again, feeling perplexed as they could all feel Long Tian's anger bubbling up from his body.

What happened?

They all wondered the same thing.

A few seconds later, Long Tian seemed to calm down after several deep breaths. He turned and stared coldly at the members of the Army of Heaven, confusing Medes and the others even more.

"I and my Dragon God Realm are no longer interested in this planet called Earth."

Long Tian's words were like thunder in the ears and for a moment everyone froze. Even Bai Zemin did not expect this but after some thought he understood.

Hero City had been taken and now it seemed that the portal connecting thousands of worlds was useless to the Higher Existences. As a matter of fact, there was no longer any point in staying on Earth now that the two treasures that really mattered could not be obtained.

Long Tian looked at Bai Zemin coldly for a few seconds but said nothing. His body blurred and in the next instant he simply disappeared without a trace.

"He really left." Lilith's voice reached Bai Zemin's ears, "He's not even in the Solar System anymore. Must have used a long-distance teleportation skill to return to one of his worlds."

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Chapter 1254.3: Blood Succubus Lilith vs Archangel Michael (Part 3)

Gone?

The Dragon God, Long Tian, Leader of the Dragon God Realm quit the competition for the Earth?

Bai Zemin unknowingly let out a huge sigh of relief when he felt a massive mountain weighing hundreds of tons being expelled away from him. No matter how much Bai Zemin despised the Dragon God's behavior and personality, Long Tian's strength was not something his current self could mess with.

'Plus, now that the Dragon God Realm is gone only these are left and I will complete one more requirement...' Bai Zemin's thoughts sped up as he stared coldly at the group of Higher Existences in front of him.

Salazar's expression was unreadable at the departure of one of them. The handsome Zombie Leader flashed and in an instant appeared 5 meters away from the huge purple-white portal.

"This is..." Salazar's magnetic voice reached everyone's ears clearly. After a sigh, he slowly turned around and looked first at Bai Zemin before looking at the Army of Heaven.

"If it wasn't for the fact that none of us will be able to take anything I really might have lost my head and attacked," Salazar said as he looked at Medes with a hint of coldness before disappearing without a trace.

"He's gone too." Lilith's voice sounded again in Bai Zemin's mind, "Just like the Dragon God, he is no longer in the Solar System."

As the Higher Existences looked at each other in astonishment and confusion, Bai Zemin's eyes shone brightly.

Two!

Two mortal enemies left empty-handed after realizing that it made no sense for them to stay on Earth!

This meant that Bai Zemin had already completed half of the expulsion requirement in a matter of minutes!

"What's going on?" Nikolay finally couldn't help himself.

Two Eighth Order soul evolvers, Leaders of the universe, stopped dead in their tracks as they approached within 5 meters of the portal. There was definitely something odd about all this.

But when Nikolay got within 5 meters of the giant portal he finally understood what was going on. Surprisingly, this arrogant and proud man was not angry but began to laugh out loud.

This time there was someone from the Army of Heaven who finally couldn't take it anymore.

Gabriel stepped forward and appeared directly 5 meters away from the portal. He didn't dare to come any closer because he feared something bad would happen. After all, three Higher Existence Leaders stopped 5 meters away and didn't even take half a step closer after that.

When the Soul Record notification flashed in his retina, Gabriel was stunned for a few seconds before smiling bitterly.

Nikolay looked at Bai Zemin and gave a thumbs up as he sighed, "Little boy, you are truly great. Regardless of whether this was planned by you or if you got really lucky, feel proud for being the only Lower Existences in history capable of frustrating so many Higher Existences together at the same time!"

"Heh." Bai Zemin sneered but said nothing.

It didn't matter if the Dragon God and Salazar left, they two were enemies that Bai Zemin planned to clean up in the future. The same applied to this Blood Lust Leader.

Nikolay naturally knew what Bai Zemin was thinking but he did not care since it was within his plans to absorb Bai Zemin's records. At the end of the day, Nikolay lusted after Blood Manipulation.

"We shall meet again, little friend."

Nikolay was nowhere to be seen but his words floated on the water for a long time.

"He's gone!" Lilith pointed out. Even she couldn't hide the excitement in her voice.

By that time, the old King of the Coral Kingdom could not believe his eyes and ears. His whole body began to tremble but it was not from fear but from fury... Even so, he dared not offend these "gods" who brazenly tossed him aside as if he were a piece of discardable trash after discovering that what they wanted to take control of could not be theirs.

"Gabriel, what's happening?" Medes questioned in a deep voice and it seemed that whatever was happening was not within his plans.

Archangel Gabriel turned with a bitter smile on his handsome face and said not knowing whether to laugh or cry, "I'm afraid we'll have to leave empty handed... At least as long as Earth is still a Lower World we won't be able to get anything here."

After Gabriel explained what was going on and even read word by word from the message he received when he approached the portal, Uriel and Medes froze as if they could not believe their ears.

Bai Zemin looked coldly at Medes before whispering something to Shangguan Bing Xue.

After thinking about it for a moment, she nodded and said calmly, "Go. With Feng Tian Wu and me here that old geezer won't be able to bring any waves."

"Be careful." Lilith whispered softly.

"Don't worry." Bai Zemin nodded gently.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, he walked past Gabriel and headed straight for the portal.

5 meters.

4 meters.

3 meters.

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Bai Zemin did not stop at all and without even looking back he walked straight through the portal. His figure blurred and the flickering purple lights within the white light frame teleported him to a different place.

What he did not see was how the expressions of the few Higher Existences present changed from bitterness and shock to indifference after seeing him cross the portal.

Gabriel shook his head and waved his hand, tossing a disk to the ground as he said with shame in his voice, "Having to use tactics and schemes like this to fool a little baby who isn't even 30 years old... This is the first time I'm ashamed of being a Higher Existence."

Lilith ignored Gabriel's words, but when she saw the small disk he threw her pupils contracted and her aura leaked.

Medes calmly looked at the place where she was hiding in space before looking at Gabriel, "Remember that he is probably the reincarnation of that person. Don't treat him

like you would treat someone normal or you'll lose several layers of skin regardless of the difference in levels."

Gabriel was still smiling bitterly but said nothing.

In just a second, a white light shone from the disk he had thrown earlier and two auras that were not present before filtered out. In less than the blink of an eye, two new people appeared before everyone.

Both had white wings on their backs, but only one of them was an angel.

"Felix and that angel?" Shangguan Bing Xue had been using Ice Maker to reduce the pressure on Feng Tian Wu, but seeing Felix and Sonnata's appearance she suddenly felt that they had fallen into a carefully crafted trap.

What happened next surprised everyone.

Felix had just been teleported outside from a small pocket dimension so it was still unclear to him what was going on. However, his body suddenly froze as a feeling of death he had never felt before covered him from head to toe.

Even Sonnata turned pale and subconsciously screamed in terror, "NO!"

A blackish-colored ice flash shattered the space-time barrier and in a heartbeat appeared in front of Sonnata and Felix.

At the same time, a purple lightning bolt began to streak across the sky; it was the punishment lightning that the Soul Record used to erase the records of a Higher Existence. Although it had not yet fallen, it was obvious that it would strike soon.

It was as if time had slowed down.

Shangguan Bing Xue looked wide-eyed at the beautiful woman whose charm and beauty were so high that even the dead would succumb to her feet.

If it had been someone else, Shangguan Bing Xue might have asked "why?" ... but as much as she did not like this woman, Shangguan Bing Xue had to admit that the feelings this woman had for that man were as genuine as her own heartbeat.

The person who attacked was Lilith.

She knew the consequences, but she didn't care.

She didn't even stop to think about it.

When she realized that the Army of Heaven had set a trap for Bai Zemin and saw the appearance of Felix and Sonnata, Lilith immediately understood what they wanted to do.

Her beautiful face was the embodiment of coldness but her ruby colored eyes were as fierce as those of a cruel and bloodthirsty beast while her pupils reflected the course of the black ice lightning about to strike both the Higher and Lower Existence.

Forget about falling to a Lower Existence and losing a great deal of the power she managed to gain after many years of bleeding and suffering; Lilith wouldn't even blink in the face of death even if it only improved the odds of her beloved to live another day by 1%.

'First step over my dead body!'

She had nothing; not even a life of her own worth mentioning.

Only after meeting him and spending day and night together did Lilith understand that there was still someone who even in the midst of evolution would rather be torn to pieces and suffer in silence than let those he loved to suffer a single scratch. That unconditional love capable of moving even mountains made the ice glacier covering her heart melt even without her realizing it.

Therefore, she was willing to be torn to pieces so that he would not suffer a scratch just in the same way he was willing for her.

Give and take.

Just as the purple lightning in the sky was about to strike, just as the blackish ice lightning was about to end two lives, a flash of crimson flames glowed like a ghost in front of Sonnata and Felix.

No terrifying explosions or supernatural changes occurred, unlike what everyone would expect.

When the ice lightning met the crimson flame it was as if it met its nemesis. It did not even resist for an instant before vanishing without a trace.

The purple lightning crackling in the sky disappeared silently, and Sonnata backed up a couple of steps before falling onto his butt. The Fifth Order angel's eyes looked at the figure who blocked that deadly attack standing in front of him with admiration, respect, and a hint of fear in his clear pupils.

"L-Lord Michael!"

The mighty Seventh Order Archangel didn't even look at Sonnata. It was as if he didn't exist. With a spear with dragon engravings curling from top to bottom, Michael looked at Lilith with a hint of contempt in his red eyes.

Lilith was very surprised. She wasn't surprised by the fact that Michael neutralized her attack so easily as she didn't even use half of her power before; what surprised her was the fact that he clearly seemed to be waiting for her to attack!

"Back then it was strange to me that you were enraged to the point of insanity when I fired a beam of divine light. It was only after learning that the Earth was hidden right in the path of my attack that I understood there was something you wanted to protect there." Medes spoke unhurriedly as he looked at the surprised Lilith, "When I saw you in Europa next to that man I finally knew the source."

Lilith looked at Michael and directly ignored everyone else.

"Get out of the way."

However, Michael didn't even pay attention to her. He looked over his shoulder at Sonnata and Felix and said in an authoritative voice, "You two still aren't leaving?"

Felix sighed and shook his head, "I won't fight him unless Bai Zemin really does something malicious. That won't change no matter what."

Without waiting for a reply from anyone, he dashed towards the portal and soon disappeared without a trace.

Sonnata looked at Medes worshipfully and knelt down as he said in a proud voice, "For the Army of Heaven and Your Majesty!"

Soon, he too became a flash of white light and stepped through the portal.

Lilith naturally tried to stop him, but in front of her was a mountain too big to overcome in a short time.

RUMBLE.....!!!!

Michael raised his spear and blocked Lilith's sword calmly. However, what he didn't expect was for half of his forearm to freeze under a thick layer of ice despite blocking the attack.

"Interesting." A faint smile appeared at the corner of the Fire Archangel's mouth as a crimson-colored flame glowed above him, erasing any trace of ice in an instant.

'Not good!' Lilith suddenly panicked slightly as she realized that the shockwave would not only kill Shangguan Bing Xue and the others but also affect the Earth in general.

"Lilith!"

An anxious and worried voice sounded from the distance, and when Lilith looked in that direction she couldn't help but rejoice.

"Fire Sorrow, you came!"

Fire Sorrow flashed like lightning and in an instant appeared out of a huge glowing blue sphere. It was precisely she who activated just in time a magical barrier to hold back the residual energy from the clash between Lilith and Michael or else all the Lower Existences within several kilometers would have been turned into a bloody mist.

'What the hell is going on here!' Fire Sorrow was abnormally anxious earlier and didn't know why. But just as she wondered what was wrong with her, a great magical outburst thousands of kilometers away spread to Hero City; the reason why she immediately headed to this place after thinking of Bai Zemin's target.

"Medes, it's you again!" Fire Sorrow glared at the Heaven God with a flash of fury in her eyes. However, she did not attack.

It wasn't that she didn't want to attack... it was that she couldn't.

BOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOM!!!!

It was because Lilith immediately unleashed all her power and attacked Michael again. Now that she didn't need to worry about Shangguan Bing Xue and the others' safety, all that was on Lilith's mind was to approach the portal to find a way in no matter what.

In an instant, she and the Fire Archangel exchanged tens of thousands of strikes. Their speed was so fast that Shangguan Bing Xue and Feng Tian Wu could only see golden sparks as well as flashes of ice and fire covering the entire inside of the barrier erected by Fire Sorrow.

While all this was happening, Bai Zemin was experiencing one of the biggest shocks of his life.

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Chapter 1255: Going to an old and familiar world

The first change Bai Zemin noticed when he was teleported after his body crossed the giant portal into the depths of the Mariana Trench was the tremendous increase in gravity.

The gravity in this new space was strong enough to take him slightly by surprise, and he was quick to judge that if a normal level 50 soul evolver were there they would immediately explode without leaving even a healthy bone behind.

Bai Zemin looked at the surroundings cautiously and was immediately startled.

"This is..."

The sky looked like a chaotic and disorderly mass where red and purple clouds mingled together giving birth to a rather peculiar image. In the sky, one could see a sort of brownish-transparent haze floating among the clouds and specks of black dust mingling. If one looked from afar the first image that would come to mind would probably be the chaotic outer space as well as infinite galaxies.

The wind was blowing strongly, making Bai Zemin's hair immediately become messy. Although there were no trees or plants visible anywhere, the wind howled like a mythological beast sending chills to the hearts of those arriving in this strange space for the first time.

Bai Zemin looked down and realized that the floor of this place was covered with black rocks. The rocks were so black that even the sparse light in the surrounding area seemed to be devoured as he approached.

What surprised him the most was that when he tried to destroy one of those rocks he couldn't even make a crack even after punching with all his might!

"What are these things?" Bai Zemin was dumbfounded.

One strike from him without restraint could crush mountains and make tsunamis easily but he couldn't even leave a crack or mark on the rock the size of a head right under him!

There were easily tens or even hundreds of millions of such rocks in this place! Bai Zemin couldn't even estimate the absurd amount; a thought quickly grew inside him.

'If only I could use these stones to build the walls of my bases...'

A pity, Bai Zemin realized that these strange rocks seemed to be stuck to the ground. Even after pulling with all his strength, he could not dislodge it at all so the plan to use them to create walls that was beginning to take shape in his mind immediately had to be canceled.

In the end, he could only shake his head and after making sure that the return portal was behind him he began to walk forward while paying attention to the surroundings.

'Is this place part of Earth?' Bai Zemin asked himself as he tried to comprehend where he was.

Approximately two minutes after running at full speed, Bai Zemin suddenly stopped dead in his tracks because he could not see the view in front of him.

His mouth opened slightly and a glint of disbelief shone in his black-as-night eyes. Soon, his fists automatically clenched tightly and his body began to quiver with excitement.

"Hahahaha!"

Bai Zemin's laughter surprisingly echoed within what seemed to be an alternate dimension or possibly a small world.

In front of him, dozens of neat rows of portals glimmered silently.

The most amazing thing was that each of these rows had hundreds of active and functional portals!

These portals were slightly different from the one Bai Zemin had passed through to get here. Each of the portals in front of him had been constructed from the same black rocks that were on the ground and had the shape of doors about 12 meters high and approximately 4 meters wide each. In the empty/hollow space within the frame of each "door" were violet lights that flickered continuously, making it evident that each and every one of these portals worked perfectly.

Bai Zemin put strength into his legs and jumped powerfully, soaring over 500 meters in an instant. Although he was already prepared, the "wonderful" sight still took his breath away for a second before his laughter rang out again within this lifeless space.

Thousands!

There were thousands of portals there!

Layers and rows of ordered portals, all activated and functional!

Thousands and thousands of worlds!

If each world represented an infinity of new opportunities, then what Bai Zemin had in front of him could not be described in words!

"Ten thousand worlds!" Bai Zemin was excited as he stepped into the void.

Earth was an anomalous planet; this was evident from the fact that even the arrogant and proud Higher Existences who saw Lower Existences as trash wanted to compete

for it. Yet the fact that Earth was only 1 world could not be changed no matter how anomalous it is.

The amount of resources was enormous but it was still a Third Stage world. Although Bai Zemin suspected that Earth would not take long to evolve again and enter the Fourth Stage, he could not afford to wait patiently considering that he had just over 4 years before the time limit given by the Soul Record was up.

Therefore, he needed to actively seek out and find other developed Fourth Stage worlds to obtain resources that were only born and grew within the enormous accumulation of mana that existed within the atmosphere of those worlds.

Minerals, metals, herbs, precious gems, better quality food to nourish the body and spirit... Bai Zemin urgently needed the best of everything to strengthen himself and also to strengthen the core members of his faction who would accompany him to fight along the bloody path he was destined to walk.

More importantly, the Earth was about to be completely his. Bai Zemin knew that the level of his subordinates and loved ones would experience stagnation. At the end of the day, humanity was finally unified under one flag and the oceans would soon be allied forces so the opportunities to hunt and level up would greatly reduce.

Bai Zemin originally planned to use Hero City and the Sky Destroyer to venture out into the universe in search of more evolved planets. However, he knew that this plan was not particularly feasible considering the vastness of the unknown universe outside of Earth.

"With this, I no longer need to worry. Now they will be able to continue to level up and accompany me..." He sighed in relief and couldn't help but smile. His smile contained no malevolence at all and unlike his cold smiles that sent chills to the hearts of his enemies, as well as his subordinates, this was a very warm and affectionate smile that would surely surprise many people if they saw it.

Many beautiful girls would go crazy if they saw him at this moment, but unfortunately, there was no one to accompany him and enjoy this moment.

Just at that moment, Bai Zemin sensed something strange from two portals.

"Uh?" His eyes flashed as he looked in a certain direction and, without hesitation, he dashed over there.

It only took him half a minute to reach his target, but when Bai Zemin stopped in front of one of the portals that looked identical to all the others he couldn't help a weird expression appearing on his face.

"This is..."

He somehow felt somewhat attached to this portal... No, it wasn't the portal itself but what was beyond it.

"Is it calling me?" Bai Zemin was surprised by his own words.

He somehow felt familiar with whatever was beyond the portal before his eyes. This feeling was very strange and difficult to understand but it was there without a doubt.

After a moment of hesitation, Bai Zemin gritted his teeth and made a decision.

He looked back for a few moments before looking back at the portal. Then, he simply stepped forward and disappeared from the strange space without a trace at all.

Swoosh!

Swoosh!

Not long after Bai Zemin entered through one of the ten thousand portals within the chaotic space, two silhouettes rushed forward from the white portal at the back.

"He's not here?" Sonnata frowned tightly as he used his two angel wings to soar in the sky.

His current power had been greatly reduced after entering this place but he was still a Higher Existence so his sight was several times better than that of any Lower Existence. However, he still couldn't see any trace of Bai Zemin even after some minutes of searching.

"Don't tell me he entered one of the portals..." Sonnata's expression immediately turned ugly when he muttered this.

If Bai Zemin entered one portal of the ten thousand portals then how was Sonnata supposed to find him? It would probably be easier to find a needle in a haystack!

"Huh?" Sonnata's eyes suddenly flashed and he launched forward, hovering in the sky 700 meters above, "I can feel that brat's records coming from these two portals..."

After a moment's hesitation, Sonnata glanced at Felix and said calmly, "I'll go to that portal, you go to that one. If you find that Lower Existence called Bai Zemin just break the seal I gave you before."

"I already told you I don't plan to fight him." Felix shook his head unconcerned by the words of the angel in front of him.

"You..." Sonnata immediately flew into a rage but didn't dare to attack. He only had one life after all and he couldn't waste it on the insignificant being in front of him.

"Hmph." After letting out a snort, the Fifth Order angel dove straight into one of the two portals and disappeared without a trace.

Felix took a deep breath and did the same as Sonnata except that he entered the portal opposite the one Sonnata had just used to teleport to another world.

At the same time, Bai Zemin finally understood why he was attracted to this portal.

Looking at the red sky above his head and that artificial "sun" spitting out mana, a flash of coldness glowed in his black pupils.

[You have entered the Forsaken World 'Oblon World.']

The Soul Record notification came at the right moment.

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Chapter 1256: Cruelty & Cold Blood

The sky was as red as blood and the thick earth-brown clouds seemed to be fixed in place as they did not move at all. Although the clouds were dense enough to destroy the most advanced fighter plane on Earth, the brightness of the artificial "sun" could not be shaded at all.

The air was heavy and although Earth was already a world that had successfully entered its Third Evolutionary Stage it still could not compare to this world in terms of gravitational power. The law of gravity in this world could make Bai Zemin whose body was extremely powerful be shocked for a split second.

Even without the Soul Record's notification, Bai Zemin could still identify this world easily even though he could only see a small portion of the sky above his head.

"Oblon World, uh..." he muttered to himself as he cautiously observed his surroundings and tried to sense the atmosphere around him.

Since Bai Zemin had caused a massacre during the counter-invasion to Oblon World approximately two years ago, some of his records became active at that moment as if they were happy little children coming back home after a long time.

At this point, Bai Zemin realized that he was inside what appeared to be a large mountain or something similar.

This should be a valley that was entirely in isolation. To be exact, all four sides of this place were huge mountains, blocking people out. The mountains were also all tilting

inward drastically, and it looked like they were about to collapse at any time. They blocked most of the sunlight that would otherwise enter this isolated valley that covered an area of a dozen square kilometers. The opening on the top was a circle that had a diameter of about 50 meters.

Looking behind him, Bai Zemin finally released the breath he was holding.

"Luckily the return portal is here or I could have been forced to use the power of my 'Irregular' Title to return to Earth."

Unlike the ground covered in unfamiliar black rocks that he saw in that little place called Worlds Connector, the ground in this place seemed to be covered in countless numbers of white bones.

Bai Zemin did not know what creatures these bones once belonged to but even the smallest bone was as big as a two-meter-high oak door. However, it was evident that the previous owners of these bones had died countless years ago as every time he stepped on the bones they turned into a fine dust.

After making sure that there was nothing worthy of his attention, Bai Zemin coldly snorted and with a loud stomp his body soared straight up over 600 meters, quickly exiting through the hole of about 50 meters in diameter above his head after kicking strongly but delicately on one of the walls.

As the strong wind blew in his face, Bai Zemin observed the scene below him and finally understood how such a portal could exist in that place without being discovered by anyone after only god knows how many years.

There were many mountains around him, and these mountains were connected and stretched into the sky. On the hills, there were a ton of old trees that were over 1000 years in age, and these trees created a large brown and black forest that looked extremely gloomy. Judging from the records that Bai Zemin absorbed after killing millions of locals in the past, Oblon World should be going through its spring now but even then there were no buds blooming at all and the land was as dry as dead.

The opening leading to the only portal connecting this forsaken world to Earth was between five tall mountains, and there were many tall trees and thick gray vines all around it. Looking down from the sky, that place looked like a natural well. If the most powerful soul evolvers flew over it, they would not be able to detect it and discover the hidden mystery.

No wonder this place wasn't discovered by anyone else even though it had been around for a long time.

Bai Zemin stopped at the top of one of the trees and scanned his surroundings for a moment. After verifying the geography of the area and being absolutely certain that he

would be able to return and identify this place, his body flashed and shot up into the sky like a blaze of golden light; he disappeared into the distant horizon in just a couple of breaths.

Not long after, perhaps only two or three minutes after Bai Zemin departed from the place, a flash of white light shone from the natural hole, and in less than a blink of an eye, a tall and slim but dashing figure appeared standing in the sky.

"This place..." Felix frowned slightly after receiving the notification from the Soul Record. A look of confusion shone in his eyes as he muttered, "Forsaken World? Is this one of those worlds where all life was rejected after having committed unforgivable sins?"

As one of the oldest beings on Earth, Felix had access to a lot of information from past eras before the records of those eras were destroyed for unknown reasons. Therefore, the two words 'Forsaken World' were not particularly new to him.

Suddenly, Felix was drawn to a bright flash of crimson light in the distance. His expression changed slightly as he sensed that familiar aura even hundreds of kilometers away and without hesitation he dashed towards it at full speed.

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What happened two years ago was something that even to this day Bai Zemin carries in his heart.

Back then, he was just a little level 50 soul evolver who could at most face level 100 soul evolvers but was not yet in the Third Order. However, when the asura race invaded his world with malicious intentions, Bai Zemin became enraged and the effect of his Blood Berserker Wrath skill triggered.

Bai Zemin not only slaughtered tens of thousands of asuras that invaded Earth but teamed up with Shangguan Bing Xue, and between the two of them, they launched their furious counter-invasion. The two of them alone were able to slaughter over 10,000 soldiers of the asura race, among them, Second Order generals, and although Shangguan Bing Xue drained all her Stamina after a few hours because of the enormous gravity, Bai Zemin still launched himself further into the world on his own.

In fact, because Shangguan Bing Xue had been mortally wounded and almost lost her life at the hands of a mutant beast with a step in the Third Order, Bai Zemin triggered the third level of his passive skill Blood Berserker Wrath. He not only cruelly slaughtered that mutant beast but even completely destroyed a Third Order commander of the asura race with a single punch.

Bai Zemin not only destroyed the advance army of the asura race that had tens of thousands of soul evolvers and fierce warriors but even the citizens and children were

slaughtered mercilessly. This was natural considering that these children were cruel warriors with deadly weapons in their hands who looked extremely vicious.

There, he even fought against the Emperor's wife of the asura race. Bai Zemin was only able to kill Glinneira after an extremely dangerous deadly battle in which he was forced to draw practically all his trump cards and use hidden tactics to preserve his life.

It was then that disaster happened...

Because of Emperor Asura's aura, Bai Zemin knew that he could not return to Earth. If that Fourth Order existence crossed the portal, all of humanity would be doomed.

Therefore, he used everything he had and under the power of his most powerful attack that ranked in the realm of World Destroying Attacks killed almost 1 billion asuras... Even the newborns and elders without combat capabilities were not spared.

It would be a lie to say that Bai Zemin did not feel guilty after a long time. His mentality changed a lot and he was no longer that hot-headed young man, so his fury towards the Asura Emperor had toned down considerably.

He even thought that now that he was in this world for the second time maybe he could ask Emperor Thannath the reason why they did what they did. At the end of the day, as Bai Zemin learned with Evangeline's older sister, every story always had two sides.

However, all those thoughts vanished from his mind when he saw the scene in front of him. With three pairs of different colored wings on his back, Bai Zemin looked down with an angry expression on his face as dark clouds covered his silhouette.

This city was smaller in comparison to the one Bai Zemin had destroyed in the past, probably only half as large and perhaps even less than half as many citizens. The walls were blackish in color and 300 meters high, the watchtowers rose another 100 to 150 meters into the sky, and soldiers armed to the teeth patrolled with deadly serious expressions on their faces.

In the square-shaped central square measuring about 600 to 700 meters long and wide, approximately two hundred fierce-looking men with bare tops and about one hundred beautiful and seductive women swung their swords and knives in the air.

Every time a sword was swung, a head came off the body and hot red blood flew through the air and sprayed the faces of the executioners.

A male of the asura race casually grabbed the head of a human baby that was only about two or three months old and tossed it aside as if he were throwing trash. Next to him, a beautiful woman with short shoulder-length hair of a deep red color grabbed the head of the newborn and pierced its forehead with the knife in her hands as if she was looking for something.

After finding nothing, the woman threw the baby's pierced head toward one of the great mountains of fire that burned not far from her position. However, she had no time to rest as the male next to her had already thrown another head after someone brought another prisoner to be beheaded.

"That's it." A stout man wearing brown leather armor approached the center of the square and shouted loudly, "In two days the next batch will arrive! You guys clean this place up first and then you will be given your promised pay according to the usual rules!"

"General August, how come we suddenly captured so many humans?" A woman stepped forward and asked curiously while casually wiping the blood off her hands, "The gate can only be used once every several ages but the last opening resulted in a complete failure. We all thought we would suffer a bit for the next hundred years or so but all of a sudden we started to get nourishment a month ago."

When this female asura mentioned the failure of the last gate opening, the expression of all the asuras changed immediately. It was absolutely impossible for them to forget that demon in human skin who even managed to wound Emperor His Majesty.

Fear, curiosity, wariness, hatred, murderous intent, rage, and many other particularly negative emotions shone in the eyes of these asuras as they recalled the fierce blue flames that almost devoured everything.

"About this matter I don't know too much either." The general named August waved his hand and said in a serious voice as he looked at that female, "Do not ask what you do not need to ask. His Majesty is wise and prudent so he naturally has his ways. Remember that our Empire has many secrets so it is not strange if we can open the gate once or twice more!"

That beautiful woman nodded and was about to say something when suddenly an extremely heavy aura pressed down from the sky along with the sound of a horrifyingly chilling voice.

"Since you don't know anything useful then you can go to hell now!"

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A/N: Everyone, 2-3 chapters more before reset.

Chapter 1257.1: Annihilation (Part 1)

The fresh blood smell covered the area along with the stinky smell odor of scorched flesh. Every time the wind blew, the smell of death spread from the central square of the

city to every corner so that even the security guards on each wall who were the furthest away from the square knew what was going on.

For the asura race, this was a big event; something to be happy and joyful about. Therefore, none of them minded. However, things changed when a tremendous pressure covered half the city at that instant.

"Since you don't know anything useful then you can go to hell now!"

Those words were spoken in such a chilling voice that even they, who were like demons out of hell, shivered as the wind rushed through and felt cold in their hearts.

'Who?! Who is this enemy?!' General August shuddered uncontrollably as he realized something extremely terrifying.

Forget about raising his head to look up at the sky, he couldn't even open his mouth to speak!

This was the first time in his life that he had ever run into such a situation. How was it possible that he, a general comparable to a Second Order level 87 soul evolver, felt so small and insignificant just like a tiny wooden boat in the middle of a stormy sea covered by black clouds and flickering lightning!

However, this proud and brave asura general whose military merits were high enough to put him on equal footing with the mayor of this city in terms of power had no time to feel or think too much.

Boom!!

Like a lightning strike from the sky, a blackish flash shone from the clouds followed by a loud explosion.

The three hundred or so asuras, males and females, in the square watched wide-eyed as that flash of blackish light covered General August. A second later, the flash of blackish light disappeared without a trace, but what they saw made these fierce warriors feel as if someone had thrown them into a freezer.

Rainere City's central square had a history of over 300 years and had never been damaged by an enemy. But now everyone could see a hole about 50 meters in diameter and about a dozen meters deep in the place where General August had been standing a few seconds before.

As for General August himself... He was nowhere to be seen at all.

"You..." That beautiful female who had been casually chatting with General August wanted to roar angrily, but for some reason, her voice didn't come out in the tone she

wanted it to. She gazed at the figure covered in dark, almost black flames, hovering in the center of the hole as if there was still a floor beneath his feet: "Who are you...? How dare you kill General August? ... Do you know the consequences of your actions?"

The females of the asura race were truly outstanding beauties. Their bodies were so seductive that even the purest man in the world would start having bad thoughts just by glancing at them and their faces were so beautiful that probably only 1% of human females could compare. Even their voices were pleasing to the ears.

However -

"How repulsive."

That figure covered in blackish flames sneered in an extremely cold and cruel tone of voice. It was obvious to anyone with a brain that he was disgusted and sickened towards this beautiful female.

Boom!!!

Under the wide eyes of all the asuras in the area, that figure struck once and the next instant the beautiful woman who had just spoken turned into a pile of mortal remains.

Seeing the black ashes being blown away by the increasingly cold wind, the other asuras could not help but gasp in shock and finally woke up from their shock.

That female was only a warrior comparable to level 45 so although her death shook their hearts a little it was no big deal. At the end of the day and with all that said, the asuras witnessed death daily as they were a fierce warrior race.

But the general August who died first was different... That man was one of the most powerful warriors of their race and could definitely be ranked among the top 200 most powerful! He could be considered a level 87 soul revolver in power terms!

And now, in front of them, that great general was simply wiped out of existence as if he was a piece of trash...

"B- Bastard!"

"Kill him!"

"Quickly report this to the others!"

It had to be said that the asura race was truly a race packed with brave warriors that did not fear death. Even knowing that the difference in power between them and the unknown intruder was abysmal, the men and women grabbed their weapons and charged forward with fierce expressions on their faces.

It was a pity that some barriers could not be overcome with courage and willpower alone.

Bai Zemin sneered in his heart but said nothing as he watched them charging toward him. After a low snort that held nothing but disgust and disdain, he waved his hand as if shooing away a pair of flies.

The 250 or so asuras who charged at Bai Zemin only saw a black flash of light shining before their eyes and the last thing they heard was a low "Hmph" before all their senses shut down.

As for those who ran to quickly inform the others, they suffered the same fate except that since their backs were turned they didn't even see what hit them.

"Killing you painlessly is letting you leave too easily. Too bad, I have no time or interest in playing with all of you, pigs." Bai Zemin muttered to himself as he looked at the 12 or so small mountains of yellow fire around the entire square.

He only came right near the end of it all, but this did not stop Bai Zemin from knowing the way or "the materials" that were used to form those small mountains.

Even from afar, Bai Zemin could still see the expression of fury and pain on the faces of those who had just been beheaded and whose faces had not yet been completely cremated.

He waved a hand in a diagonal fan shape and twelve almost black fireballs of approximately 20 to 30 centimeters each flew in different directions; each one for each mountain of corpses. When the dark fireballs touched the mountains of bodies, the latter simply disappeared in an instant, leaving behind only small piles of black ashes.

These black flames were the temporary union between the Endless Blue Lotus Flame and the Heaven-Devouring Flame; one deep blue and the other purple. Although this was the first time Bai Zemin used the power of his two divine flames together on the battlefield, he had invested time to practice during the time he was still moving throughout the world to unify all humans.

Both the Endless Blue Lotus Flame and the Heaven-Devouring Flame were Fourth Order fires. Even if both could not compare to when they were at their peak in the timeline, the union of two such powerful flames was definitely not something that could be resisted by a bunch of riff-raff.

As Bai Zemin watched the twelve piles of ashes begin to disperse under the merciless power of the wind, his eyes as deep as abysses were filled with dangerous lights.

"I can't believe that until a minute ago I intended to let them go." He shook his head and laughed at himself. A hint of pain and mockery could be heard in his voice as he unconsciously muttered, "Am I getting softer?"

Swoosh!!!

Swoosh!!!

Swoosh!!!

As Bai Zemin floated silently in the center but outside the hole where the earth and rocks of the square had turned into molten lava, about a dozen high-pitched whistling sounds rang in his ears. He didn't know what they were attacking him with but he knew that whatever it was they were fast. Even with his eyesight he could only catch a few golden flashes flying towards him.

But -

"What?!"

"Impossible!"

Several warriors of the asura race gasped in shock in the distance.

They were all standing behind some giant crossbows; each one was so large that even a normal horse would look small in comparison. These giant crossbows were golden in color and appeared to be made of genuine gold, but most striking were the ancient and mysterious looking runes flashing on their bodies.

The name of these crossbows was Godly-Killing Crossbow, and they were so powerful that even a Third Order soul evolver would have a high chance of dying if an arrow hit them. The only problem was that the materials needed for their construction were too rare and even an arrow was extremely precious so usually warriors of the asura race were reluctant to use them.

There were only about 200 of these Godly-Killing Crossbows in the entire asura race and the Asura Emperor had to pay a great price to buy them from the ghost race after what happened last time.

With these crossbows in their possession, even a small child of the asura race could kill a powerful enemy as long as they hit the target. Therefore, the warriors who fired the Godly-Killing Crossbow just now believed that they could finish off this unknown but terrifying enemy easily since he was not only standing motionless but seemed distracted talking to himself.

But the reality before their eyes turned out to be different from what they thought would happen.

They only saw how that figure engulfed in flames only trembled slightly after being assaulted by a dozen Dragon Slayer Arrows, but except for this not even a whimper sounded not to mention grunts of pain. Worse yet, the dozen Dragon Slayer Arrows that were over a meter long and 10 centimeters thick simply disappeared after hitting the dark flames!

"How is this possible...?" A slender and handsome middle-aged man muttered with wide eyes as he stared at that silent figure.

Judging from how he was dressed, this middle-aged man had great status within the asura race. When Bai Zemin looked at him for a second and saw the crimson robe covered in rubies, he immediately thought of some nobles of his faction.

The Lord Mayor of Rainere City was a brave and powerful mage who had been through many battles in his 430+ years of life. However, when his red eyes met that pair of black eyes he immediately felt as if his soul was leaving his body. His instinct told him to get out of there quickly, unfortunately, the enemy had no intention of letting him do such a thing.

"Go ask the underworld master."

The mayor of the city only saw the enemy raise an arm and point a finger at him. This alone was enough to make all the hairs on his body stand on end just like a beast in danger, but just as he thought about backing away he saw a ball of almost black fire slamming him in the chest.

Then, everything disappeared for him.

The other asuras who had just fired the Godly-Killing Crossbow turned into chickens that were caught by the neck as they could not even formulate a single word. Even the warriors who had just arrived at the square with their swords drawn were stunned by what they saw.

Bai Zemin paid no attention to them.

He waved his hand and soared into the sky in an instant. Around him, thousands of Soul Stones floated and formed a beautiful multicolored sight below the brown clouds.

Among these Soul Stones was only a handful of Second Order, several hundred First Order, and the rest were all Unclassified Soul Stones of smaller size and with less energy inside.

Although the Second Order Soul Stones were treasures that even Bai Zemin could not ignore since he had an entire faction to "feed", he had no intentions of taking these Soul Stones anywhere.

This was because all these Soul Stones that formed small piles in the square before he floated them into the sky were the result of the indiscriminate massacre of the asuras; among them, even babies were viciously beheaded.

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Chapter 1258.2: Annihilation (Part 2)

As the auras looked skyward in shock, Bai Zemin raised his right hand pointing up toward the heavens. The dark flames covering his silhouette immediately crawled over his body like a living being and began to rapidly gather two to three inches above his wide open palm.

A few seconds later, a sphere of dark flames approximately 20 to 30 meters in diameter formed above him. Bai Zemin looked extremely small in comparison even though he was the creator mage, like an insignificant being in front of the sun.

Seeing this, the expression of all the asuras changed and their faces turned pale as they felt the magic power that was contained inside that sphere of dark flames.

"It's no good! Quickly charge the Godly-Killing Crossbow and kill him!"

"Mages, join me and cast your most powerful spells!"

"We need to kill him! If that devil releases that fireball here half the city will turn into hell and thousands of our warriors will die!"

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With seemingly indifferent eyes, Bai Zemin watched silently as the huge golden crossbows were loaded. At the same time, he could also see a small number of asuras jumping over the buildings on the sides of the street to be closer to him and began to mutter some kind of mysterious incantation.

"Every action has consequences. You should have been ready for something like this to happen since you started to do such kinds of cruelties..." At the same time as he muttered more to himself than to others, the thousands of Soul Stones around him began to glow.

Bai Zemin activated Crimson Flame silently and the power of the ball of dark flames above his head immediately became 20% more powerful.

Seeing the color of the flames changing to a bloody red color and noticing the obvious increase in temperature despite the distance, the most powerful asura warrior after the already slain mayor and general immediately roared with a fury-filled expression on his face, "Fire!!!!"

This was their moment! Now that the devil was no longer being protected by those strange dark flames, the power of a dozen Godly-Killing Crossbows would certainly show their terror!

In addition, there were also about twenty powerful mages!

"[Thousand Fiery Arrows!]"

"[Fire Lightning!]"

"[Sea of Meteorites!]"

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A large amount of mana immediately disappeared from the area, and even with that fake "sun" releasing more and more mana steadily it was evident that it would take at least several minutes or even a few hours to replenish the amount used.

However, the effect was quite surprising.

Twenty or so glowing magic spells along with a dozen Dragon Slayer Arrows howled into the sky. Hot lightning bolts, flaming arrows, rocks engulfed in flames, and all sorts of unnatural occurrences threatened to destroy everything as they fell upon that figure in the sky.

Even a soul evolver on the edge of the Fourth Order could probably retreat in the face of this attack considering that they were using a dozen Godly-Killing Crossbows!

Unfortunately -

Boom!!!

Boom!!!

Boom!!!

Boom!!!

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"This... This can't be happening..." A beautiful woman with fiery hair shook her head and subconsciously began to back away with a pale face.

She wasn't the only one with an expression of disbelief and horror on her face. Looking up at the bright sky, all the thousands of asuras in the city couldn't believe what they were seeing; they didn't want to believe it!

A few hundred meters up, the dozen or so Dragon Slayer Arrows and the twenty or so magic spells meant to kill that devil suddenly ran into some kind of invisible obstacle.

The twenty spells directly exploded, illuminating everything within three or four kilometers of the sky. While the Dragon Slayer Arrows fired by the mighty Godly-Killing Crossbows did not explode and continued to move forward, it was obvious to anyone with sharp eyes that their power had dropped tremendously and continued to decay for every inch they advanced.

As if trying to penetrate through a swamp, the terrifying Dragon Slayer Arrows moved slower and slower until they finally lost all their penetrating power and froze in the sky. They would still have to fly another 15 meters to hit Bai Zemin.

An asura suddenly thought of something as he watched the enemy's black hair flapping fiercely and subconsciously shouted out loud: "It's the wind! This bastard is using the wind as a shield!"

However, someone else said something that sounded a million times more terrifying in the ears of all of them.

"You... You are that human devil that attacked Oblon World two years ago and killed the Ghost Emperor and killed millions of our race!"

Like a thousand-ton roarer hitting a relatively calm lake, everyone hearing these words immediately cried out in shock. Furthermore, judging by how these warriors who wouldn't even blink at the sharp edge of enemy swords reacted, the terror of what happened two years earlier was still fresh in their memories.

Bai Zemin's expression was impossible to read. His black eyes were so deep that even the light seemed to be devoured.

He ignored the screams below and looked up.

The Soul Stones had disappeared without a trace, and all their power had been added to the power of the fireball hovering above his palm. The power of the fireball had practically doubled and its color had gone from dark red to bright red.

"I hope with this you all can rest in peace..." Even knowing how ridiculous his words were since the records of all those lost lives were no longer part of anything, Bai Zemin couldn't help but say it softly.

He would use the strength left behind by the victims of the asura race to make them pay an extremely painful price!

When Bai Zemin moved his hand downward, the fireball of approximately 50 meters in diameter followed his movements. Although it looked slow, the reality was completely different and it only looked very slow because the speed was so fast that there were only residual images behind it.

Under the terrified eyes of approximately 400,000 asuras, the bright crimson-red fireball fell from the clouds towards the center of the city.

Some threw rocks.

Some fired the terrifying Godly-Killing Crossbows.

Others slashed with their swords and used the gusts of wind.

Those smarter or less brave simply turned to flee.

However, nothing of what they tried did any good.

The power of the glowing crimson fireball was literally unstoppable and all obstacles disappeared without a trace.

As the edge of the crimson fireball softly touched the ground of the central square, several screams that were not unlike bestial roars echoed within the city at the same time as a bright red light spread outward at a speed impossible to measure.

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BOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOM!!!!

Some kilometers away from the city, Felix was pushed backwards as the fierce shockwave hit his chest.

He felt no pain but his eyes opened wide as he watched the huge fiery red dome extending outward and into the sky.

The earth split into countless pieces and flames seeped through the cracks, incinerating everything that could exist down there. The mountains within 50 kilometers radius near the city simply exploded as if an invisible force had struck them and the forests within 65 kilometers around disappeared or began to burn.

When the fiery red dome disappeared a few seconds later, Felix could not help but suck in a breath of cold air when he saw the huge crater several kilometers in diameter in the distance.

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Chapter 1259: Inevitable Fate

Bai Zemin did not hurry to leave after launching the crimson fireball into the center of the city. Instead, he stopped in the sky with a single pair of wings on his back and looked down without a word.

The massive buildings, the rotten trees, the grayish plants, the stone streets, the four walls over two hundred meters high, the watchtowers, the offensive towers, the weapons and the armors... Everything was obliterated.

Without a trace, as if a cyclone of massive destruction had first hit the place and then hundreds of missiles battered the area... Everything was erased to the point where it would be hard for anyone to believe that this place was once a city that stood firm for several hundred years.

All that was left there at this point was a huge crater several kilometers in diameter and at least 500 meters deep. Even if a person stood in the center of the crater and floated up, it would be impossible for them to see the crater's boundaries; that's how huge it was.

Of course... All the asuras living there had also been completely wiped out.

The already gloomy atmosphere in Oblon World suddenly seemed to become more depressing and oppressive.

Looking at the large patch of black land and the "veins" of burning fire turned into lava running the length and breadth of the crater, Bai Zemin sighed with an extremely complicated expression on his face.

Even now he kept receiving notifications from the Soul Record. His records were being updated as he obtained more information about the Asura race after absorbing part of the records of hundreds of thousands of living beings of said race.

If this had occurred two years ago then Bai Zemin could probably feel happy and proud of himself. At the end of the day, he would have many reasons to feel positive about ending the lives of such a race with such ruthless killers.

However, he simply didn't feel happy or even proud about what he just did. He didn't even care about the terrifying destructive power he possessed even though countless living beings of myriads of races dreamed to have.

"You feel happy after you commit such genocide?"

Bai Zemin did not seem surprised when he heard a somewhat angry voice not far behind him; it was as if he was already expecting this.

Instead of turning around, he continued to give his back to this new potential enemy and while looking at the lifeless world in front of him, he muttered, "I don't feel happy... But I don't feel sad either. Not now, at least."

"And then what do you feel? Mhm?" Felix sneered with flames of anger burning in his eyes, "Judging by the size of that city there should be over 100,000 people living comfortably there until you decided to 'honor' them with your visit."

"I feel... A little guilty, to be honest."

Bai Zemin seemed to be talking to himself as his words came out as whispers. If it wasn't for the fact that Felix was a powerful level 400 soul evolver he definitely wouldn't have been able to hear his words.

"A little guilty..." Felix muttered while staring at Bai Zemin's back in disbelief, "You just killed so many people but you feel just a little guilty? What the hell is on your mind?"

After a pause of several seconds, Bai Zemin turned and looked at Felix calmly. His expression was cold so it was extremely difficult to figure out what his true emotions were and what his thoughts were at the moment.

"By now you should know that this is a world abandoned by the Soul Record, am I right?" He asked.

"I know that." Felix frowned, and as if he knew what Bai Zemin meant, he continued, "But so what with that? Do you think because the Soul Record abandoned a world everyone there should be slaughtered mercilessly? You just killed even newborns for god's sake!"

It was almost a roar at the end... Felix's voice was nearly a thundering roar.

"I know that your personality, as well as your thoughts, must have changed over the years as you advanced between Order and Order with each step your level grew." Bai Zemin looked at Felix with a regretful expression as he said in a low voice, "But I can't help but tell you this... You are too naive."

"Naive?" Felix was surprised.

"Naive. You are." Bai Zemin nodded and said in a serious voice, "Do you think I'm doing this because I enjoy it? Do you think I'm a bloody butcher who likes to go around killing little children and destroying old people who can't even move from their beds? I am not as free as I would like to be! I don't even have enough time to spend with my family and the woman I love, why the hell would I do this but because I am forced to?"

Bai Zemin loved little children. He sympathized with all the children who had not even reached their teenage years but were forced to survive in cruel worlds where one's life was worth less than the grass they stepped on every day.

Felix had not even the slightest idea that although his expression was indifferent, Bai Zemin's heart ached immensely at this moment as even now there were records of children and babies flashing in his eyes.

In fact, Bai Zemin knew that in the future he would probably regret what he was doing today. Yet, he had to do it whether he liked it or not.

"Explain to me then." Felix looked at him with a hint of pleading and clenched his fists so tightly that if it weren't for his combat gauntlets his fingernails would have dug into his palms, "I really don't want to fight you... Really."

However -

"I'm afraid that's impossible to avoid..." Bai Zemin sighed and shook his head.

Although the time Bai Zemin and Felix had spent time could not be said to be long, Bai Zemin who was very observant by nature understood the personality of the man in front of him very well.

Even if he took Felix to other asura cities and could show how this race was composed entirely of butchers, Felix would only say that it was only the guilty asuras who deserved to die. Someone who walked the path of the 'Saint of the Absolute' absolutely won't agree to something as cruel as the extermination of a race.

However, Bai Zemin could not simply walk away and wait for the asuras to carry out more slaughter in the 'hope' of having a 'logical reason' to kill those guilty of the massacre of even newborns. Bai Zemin knew that even if the babies of the asura race were innocent today they had a 99.9% chance of becoming bloodthirsty and cruel slaughterers as soon as they had a taste of picking up a sword.

It was in their blood and in the records that made them up after all.

Felix could never accept and allow genocide as long as there was that remaining 0.1% chance... because that 0.1% implied that an asura could probably be a "good person" and not a cruel executioner.

But Bai Zemin was different.

'Even if guilt consumes me when the sun rises tomorrow, at least I will know that I saved many more lives in comparison...' Bai Zemin thought secretly as he endured the sadness he felt.

Felix looked silently at Bai Zemin for several minutes before closing his eyes in pain.

Many things could not be avoided in this life, and only a truly omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent overlord could be able to resist fate. Unfortunately, Bai Zemin and Felix were only two small boats on the river of life, and since the river of life could only move in one course, they could only move forward.

"It looks like you have made up your mind..."

"I did." Bai Zemin nodded.

His body flashed and in an instant he appeared several hundred meters high, and at the same time as a golden radiance covered his figure making him look like a true god, his voice echoed within several kilometers around.

"Let's get this over with. I need your records to evolve and you cannot let me go to the next city to kill... Since I am an obstacle in your path and you are an obstacle in mine there is no need to feel guilt. Come!"

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Chapter 1260: One strike to cut off destiny and put an end to it all

Felix looked up into the sky; the place where Bai Zemin hovered.

Instead of flying straight up and starting to attack, this Saint of the Absolute thought about what Bai Zemin had just said. With a somewhat bitter smile on his face, Felix sighed to himself, "I guess you're right..."

Without further ado, Felix flew up and in an instant appeared 200 meters away from Bai Zemin.

Many things in this life were beyond what living beings could control. If fate had its mind set on anything it was practically impossible for any life form to change the inevitable, and only by being infinitely mightier could they rule over tomorrow.

For now, they could only move forward and act according to their beliefs and the records that made up their existences.

"[Wings of Sacred Light!]"

"[Thousand Feathers of White Wind!]"

"[Increased Speed!]"

"[Agility Boost!]"

"[Light Speed Steps!]"

"[Armor of Natural Elements!]"

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Bai Zemin nodded to himself.

Felix's aura began to grow exponentially with each skill he shouted. Not only were his records growing stronger, empowering him, but even the laws of Oblon World seemed to become less heavy against him.

"This is how it should be... Maybe just this way we won't feel so much guilt when one of us falls." He muttered with his eyes closed.

When Bai Zemin opened his eyes again, all doubt disappeared without a trace.

"[Shadow Control - Shadow Wings!]"

"[Heavenly Wind!]"

"[Luminous Wings!]"

"[Annihilation of the Falling Sky - Golden Wings!]"

"[Crimson Lightning Flash!]"

While Bai Zemin only activated 5 skills, Felix was still activating skill after skill. So far, the number of skills the Saint of the Absolute activated was over 12.

Felix's aura seemed to go berserk. His surroundings trembled and even the land over 600 meters below began to crack every time the seemingly endless wind blades with specks of white light whipped across the ground.

However, every time the white light-speckled wind blades approached Bai Zemin they immediately stopped and could not even enter the 100-meter range before exploding as if they had never existed in the first place.

Bai Zemin sighed in his heart but he did not say anything. His feelings were extremely complex right now, and it wasn't just because he would have to kill Felix nor was it just because he was forced to kill hundreds of thousands of Asuras a few minutes ago... He knew the reason why he felt this way.

"This is the first time I don't feel so cheerful after getting stronger." Bai Zemin smiled bitterly as he muttered to himself.

His current self probably didn't even have to use Soul Manipulation to fight Felix on equal footing... Particularly since Felix was a soul evolver focused 100% on Agility so his other stats weren't monstrous; even if they surpassed Bai Zemin's by a few points it definitely wouldn't be by thousands of points.

Of course, this was because Bai Zemin had just killed hundreds of thousands of lives, pushing his God of War's Will skill straight to the max.

At least in terms of attack power, the current Bai Zemin was 65% mightier than usual.

Bai Zemin snapped out of his thoughts when he saw Felix drawing his sword from the sheath around his waist. With a simple thought, a bronze-colored spear with dragon engravings and ancient runes appeared directly in his right hand.

When the Longinus spear appeared in his hand, Bai Zemin's aura immediately transformed. Even Felix could not help but stare at the spear for a second longer before shaking his head bitterly.

Neither of them said anything; there was no need. At the end of the day, the power of this 'Gods Slayer Spear' was still firmly present in their memories.

"Looks like you're ready." Felix sensed danger from the current Bai Zemin, but still did not immediately attack even though he was already ready to start.

Perhaps because they both knew they were not enemies who hated each other but neither of them treated the other as they would normally treat their enemies. Bai Zemin would never allow his enemy to finish empowering themselves just for the so-called "warrior's pride" but would directly kill them as soon as possible to spare himself from danger; his life was more important after all. But Felix was different.

Felix probably thought the same, that's why he asked.

In response to his question, Bai Zemin thundered.

"[Infinity Devouring Armor!]"

"[Overlap Regeneration - Mana for Agility!]"

A near-black colored armor glowed on Bai Zemin's body. The armor was made of flames and the entire space around him overheated so much that even Felix subconsciously backed away 100 meters.

"That's..." Felix was surprised by what he saw.

"This is an upgraded version of the defensive armor that demon bastard used to use." Bai Zemin cleared Felix's doubts and hid nothing when he said, "This skill is not recorded since it lives inside the divine flames. Unlike Shun's Heavenly-Devouring Armor which only had the power of one divine flame, my Infinity Devouring Armor is made up of two divine flames."

Felix smiled derisively upon hearing this and couldn't help but remark, "Looks like this battle is going to be a bit long then..."

He and Shun had fought countless times in the past. Each battle often stretched for days and nights without being able to determine a winner at all.

Felix thought that now that Bai Zemin had such a defensive skill they would probably have to fight for a couple of hours before deciding the winner. At the end of the day, Felix knew that Bai Zemin was much faster than Shun and so they wouldn't have to fight as much in comparison.

Bai Zemin shook his head but said nothing.

From the moment he used Overlap Regeneration to reduce his Mana in exchange for speed this battle was destined to end very quickly.

One strike if luck was on his side, three or four strikes if his luck was bad.

"Let's end it once and for all." Bai Zemin stood silently as the golden glow of Overlap Regeneration encircled his figure.

The dark flame armor and ancient dragon spear made his aura murderous, cruel, mysterious, and a bit lonely; a stark contrast to the sacred, divine, holy, saintly, and pious aura that enveloped Felix.

Felix took a deep breath and nodded silently.

"[Cloud Piercing Drill!]"

Felix's body immediately began to spin like a drill and the sword in his hands seemed to disappear. The surrounding winds and light gathered around him, making his body "disappear" and be replaced by what looked like the head of a genuine drill.

All this happened in less than the blink of an eye, and had it not been for Bai Zemin using almost all of his skills to increase his Agility, thus increasing his reaction speed in the process, his eyes would not even have been able to see Felix's shadow.

In an instant, Felix appeared in front of Bai Zemin.

The pupils of the Saint of the Absolute contracted slightly as he saw that Bai Zemin had no intention of defending, and for some reason, he felt a bad premonition in his heart. However, his current speed was so explosive and fast that it was absolutely impossible to stop even if he wanted to.

It was impossible to take back an arrow that had already left the bowstring.

Felix's attack power was not very high, but his penetrating power was. In addition, he was using momentum speed to his advantage, as well as many empowering skills.

Although the Infinity Devouring Armor immediately absorbed 30% of the damage from this attack, Bai Zemin was not unscathed this time. The tip of the sword pierced through the flame armor and also pierced through the metal armor, cutting through Bai Zemin's skin and penetrating his chest.

All this happened in just one second; in just one second, the battle seemed to be about to end.

Despite this, Bai Zemin's expression did not change at all.

Felix did not feel happy either.

Just after entering an inch or two, the power behind Felix's charged attack was completely consumed. After breaking through the defense of two extremely powerful armors, the power of Felix's attack only had less than 20% of its original power but it should have reached Bai Zemin's heart easily.

However, 15% of that attack mysteriously disappeared. Felix didn't know what happened but the wind-like energy in his sword simply stopped listening to him and the mana in his sword was absorbed, so the remaining 5% could only barely pierce Bai Zemin's tough skin.

In that brief instant Felix was shocked, the dark flame armor seemed to turn into a monster as a dozen chains shot out from the chest area and in an instant enveloped his right arm.

"Ugh!" Felix's expression immediately contorted not in pain but in horror.

Although the power of two divine flames was certainly terrifying, Felix knew that the time these flames would need to break through his armor and the layer of natural mana that protected him would give him enough time to counter them... The problem was that while Felix managed to break the chains, it seemed as if there were an infinite number of them as before he could retreat he was captured again.

He finally understood the meaning behind the name of this fire armor.

Worse yet, Felix's face turned as pale as a sheet when he realized that for some reason his mana was being rapidly drained from his body!

Felix's needle-sized pupils reflected the image of Bai Zemin.

Although he said nothing, Felix thought he saw Bai Zemin's lips moving. If Felix was not wrong, he silently intoned two words, "I'm sorry."

In an instant, Bai Zemin slightly bowed his body, and after he completed the basic stance of a spear-wielding warrior immediately stabbed forward just about the time a blood-red flame burned on his weapon.

"[Rending of the Night!]"

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