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Chapter 441: Relocation

"Something's wrong!"

Leader Cai and his team had also discovered something was amiss after happily returning from Bull's Head Mountain.

"Woong! Woong!"

"Woong! Woong!"

Noises of wings fluttering rapidly could be heard from the small town in front. Large amounts of black dots gathered and they looked like dark clouds.

Faint screams were also heard from the town, it was evident that the town had already become a living hell.

"Moo! Moo!"

Suddenly, a building collapsed and a gigantic cow charged out of the house.

Originally, the cow's body was rather normal. However, after it roared angrily, its body enlarged greatly. Even its hide became much thicker and there was a layer of sparkling substance on it. Evidently, its special ability was awakened.

In spite of that, part of the "dark clouds" in the skies still flew towards the cow and landed on its back.

The giant cow shrieked numerous times and lost its footing, falling to the ground. It then rapidly became emaciated and almost became a set of skeleton in a blink of the eye.

"Those are ... mosquitoes?"

Lorita's face turned ghastly as she saw such a scene, "Those are mutated blood-sucking mosquitoes!"

"Can't believe nature has evolved so quickly in one night..."

Fang Yuan remembered that the last two occurrences caused many normal animals to accumulate sufficient resources to undergo mutation. Thus, before the third occurrence, they were just one step away from mutating and this explained why ultimately, after last night, many demons appeared.

'It's already this bad on land ... what about the deep oceans that even I feared?"

As Fang Yuan thought of such, he could not help but sigh.

Evidently, the third occurrence brought about the evolution of all living matters on Planet Earth. However, such a thing was not something to be happy about for humans.

"Woong! Woong!"

After that clump of dark clouds sucked dry the mutated cow, they saw Fang Yuan and his group. It was as though they discovered their new targets and immediately darted over.

Upon closer look, the group realised those mosquitoes were the size of a thumb. Some of them were even as large as a fist. Their bellies were full and swollen, akin to a blood-red crystal.

"Detestable!"

Leader Cai shouted in anger as he opened his palms and threw a huge fireball towards the dark clouds. The fireball exploded and amber flames raged, burning numerous mosquitoes into ashes.

"Woong! Woong!"

Even though Leader Cai had such a special ability, it did not do much against the humongous cloud of mosquitoes. The dark clouds above the town split as a whole clump of them swarmed over, enveloping the skies above the group of them and causing them to feel nervous and fearful.

"Quick! Let's go!"

A single mosquito could be killed with a slap by a normal person. However, such a large torrential swarm of mosquitoes even struck fear in Lorita and she exclaimed, "Daddy! Save me!"

"You are acting, right?"

Fang Yuan rolled his eyes and reassured, "Don't be scared, just walk right through it!"

Fang Yuan opened up his Spiritual Arena. Any mosquitoes within 10,000 feet of it would fall to the ground immediately and die.

Not before long, a layer of carcass piled on the group. The thick and dense layer of black specks and blood mixed together was very nauseating.

"Woong! Woong!"

After the cloud of mosquitoes lost many of their fellow mosquitoes, the swarm of mosquitoes immediately retreated back to its main cloud of mosquitoes above the small town. They then moved towards to east slowly as they obviously did not want to suffer any more losses.

"Thank you very much, mister!"

Leader Cai immediately thanked Fang Yuan. He then wiped the cold sweat of his face, "This is the second time you have saved us..."

"Leader!"

Suddenly, Wang Xin tugged Leader Cai's sleeve. Her ashen face was looking towards where the cloud of mosquitoes was leaving to.

"That is... towards Banyan Tree City's downtown!"

"Oh no!"

Leader Cai bid farewell and immediately left urgently with his teammates.

They were rushing to relocate and protect their families. Although before they left, they still looked at Fang Yuan as though they wanted to say something to him. However, they did not say anything in the end.

"Hmm, still rather smart of them!"

Fang Yuan raised his head slightly as he watched them.

"If they requested anything more from me, I would have broken their legs and left them here!"

"Daddy, you're so bad!"

Lorita's eyeballs turned and she then smiled sweetly, "This mosquito swarm isn't moving that fast, with their speed, they still can reach in time to relocate their families!"

"Yea, it's time for us to return too!"

Fang Yuan snapped his fingers and the three of them lifted off the ground and rushed to the skies with astonishing speed at once. They then flew towards Banyan Tree City.

"Hmm..... looks like Zhao Daniu isn't dumb, he has already begun to prepare to fight back and relocate..."

As they flew over the city's downtown, they could see a long line of traffic slowly leaving Banyan Tree City. Furthermore, at the side closer to the blood-sucking mosquitoes, there were soldiers and artilleries stationed there, ready to shoot down the mosquitoes.

"Eh?"

At the courtyard house they stayed at, there was a person there that made Angel exclaim.

"Lin Ming?"

Angel slowly descended from the skies and looked at the high school student that had red eyes.

"It's me..."

Lin Ming's mouth was agape like a toad, "I... I saw the emergency warning and came over to tell you all to relocate quickly... Also, I finally completed the 9th Stance... You are a mutant?"

When he saw the mysterious shop owner and her two daughters descend from the skies, Lin Ming had already guessed his identity. At the same time, he felt a tinge of anguish in his heart.

If a person completed the 9th Stance, it meant that he was rather talented and could possibly awaken his own special ability or cultivate Daoist spells. However, it would still not be comparable to a mutant that had already awakened.

"Thank you, Ming! Do you have anything else? Your parents must be worried?" Angel smiled and replied.

"Also... my parents found a contact! We can follow behind the army and evacuate together... But looks like you all would not need it!"

Lin Ming scratched his head and awkwardly muttered a few sentences. Then, an expensive car arrived and began honking irritably.

"Sigh... sister-in-law, Little Ming really doesn't understand the urgency of the situation. If he still doesn't want to leave now, is he staying to become a dried up corpse? I received news that the first swarm of blood-sucking mosquitoes is reaching the downtown in two hours!"

A man that seemed like an official and who was fat as a pig with a big belly came out from the car. The moment he saw Angel, his eyes lit up and he said, "You must be Miss Angel? If you don't want to die, hurry up and evacuate this place, don't delay everyone's time."

"Uncle, they are..."

Lin Ming's face was anxious as he watched his uncle.

Lin Ming had already seen and realised this family was a group of powerful mutants, but his uncle did not know that!

Although his uncle was very haughty as he had connections to the government, he was nothing compared to the mutants. Nevertheless, he did not want his own family to suffer.

"I don't care who they are! It's almost doomsday, there's no time to protect our international friends?"

The obese uncle smiled and his eyes glistened. It was evident that he was not a stupid person.

"Miss Angel is a smart lady, she would naturally know how to make the right choice. Although my Lin Family is nothing much in Banyan Tree City, we are still the relatives of some soldiers..."

"Sorry, mister!"

Angel grinned and continued, "I don't really understand what you mean..."

"You..."

Unspoken rules were called unspoken rules as they were not meant to be said out loud.

The fatty's face flashed with a hint of anger as he saw how this Caucasian lady was so impudent. However, he then felt rather uncertain and uneasy.

Although communications between countries had already broken off, how the future would be like was still hard to tell. Thus, the uncle did not want to accidentally offend someone he did not know well.

"Toot! Toot!"

At this moment, a whole row of ten over military trucks stopped outside. Zhao Daniu and Ye Yingzi stepped out from the truck and walked towards the courtyard house.

"Eh? They are... Chief Zhao? And Colonel Commandant Ye?"

The fatty's eyes lit up at once and immediately went forward to suck up to them, "I am Little Niu, we met before once at Purple God Hotel..."

Although the fatty uncle had some connections, the two of them were the real bosses of Banyan Tree City that held great authority. Especially faced with such a situation, they were even more crucial and held greater powers.

"You are Lin Niu?"

Zhao Daniu scratched his head and finally remembered his name.

"Eh... why are you here?"

"Oh, this nephew of mine and Miss Angel are classmates, we wanted to bring her and her family along to evacuate..."

Lin Niu was rather shocked and taken aback. More importantly, he was secretly relieved that he did not fall out with them just now.

He never imagined how well connected Angel's family was. If he really fell out with them just now, the outcome would not be something he would ever want to see. With such a though, he almost began to drip beads of cold sweat.

"Mister Lei does not need anyone to protect him, you can retreat immediately!"

Zhao Daniu went forward to the door as though he was a door guard and held Lorita's suitcase. He then placed the suitcase in the back of the truck and said, "Mister, please!"

"Oh, just nice, I have something to ask you all!"

Fang Yuan nodded and followed Zhao Daniu and Ye Yingzi into the truck. The motorcade then horned as they began their journey.

Afterwards, Lin Niu could finally wipe off the cold sweat on his face. He stared at Lin Ming seriously, "You... I couldn't even tell! Tell me truthfully, what is your relationship with this family?"

"I..."

Lin Ming had a conflicted expression, "I don't know too. This boss is the shop owner of the wood carving shop I frequently visit... Why did he suddenly become the VIP of the authorities?"

Lin Ming touched the carving inside his school bag and appeared low-spirited.

As Angel had such a background, the possibility of him successfully courting her was probably close to zero?

"So it's like that"

Lin Niu smacked Lin Ming's shoulder so hard that he almost staggered as he said, "Don't worry and just chase after her boldly! I will support you!"

Lin Niu was very clear that this world was really descending into chaos.

In such a chaotic time, only military power and special abilities were the true powers!

Whether if they wanted to settle down or progress rapidly, such a foundation was needed. The appearance of Fang Yuan and his family made Lin Niu saw a glimmer of hope!

"My brother and sister-in-law... this is related to our life and death! You have to think carefully!"

Lin Niu looked at the middle-aged couple and solemnly advised.

"Rest assured, brother! We know!"

The couple agreed and completely disregarded their rule of not allowing romantic relationships at such a young age.

Chapter 442: Xing Hezi

"Tell me... what exactly happened?"

The long row of cars drove steadily on the road. Even though they were military vehicles, there were still soldiers ahead clearing the way for them as they blazed through at breakneck speed.

Fang Yuan laid on the seat and closed his eyes, appearing relaxed.

"Just last night, there was a surge in the number of wild beasts in the entire country... It was as though the many demonic beasts and spiritual beasts had received a mysterious guidance to attack the big cities and villages at the same time... Even though we were prepared, we still suffered many casualties and after an emergency meeting, we have decided on Plan B."

Ye Yingzi had a serious look on her face with a slight hint of panic and her eyes were teary. "That is to give up all other cities and villages in the country and transfer the people to the 72 biggest cities so as to minimise any more losses!"

Such a large-scale retreat would result in too many sacrifices and troubles. Furthermore, the stress of overpopulating the existing cities due to the lack of security and resources could cause more problems.

Of course, before all these, the fact that half the population of the country could survive such an attack was already a blessing.

"It's doomsday..."

Fang Yuan opened his eyes and sighed.

"The Banyan Tree City isn't one of the big cities. We are therefore relocating to the nearest big city 279 kilometres from here, Huiming City!"

Zhao Daniu started to speak as well. "According to the evacuation plan, the priority is given to... the military personnel, researchers, highly-skilled workers, and students. We will leave a platoon of soldiers to form a defence outside the city so as to delay some time for us to evacuate everybody."

Regardless, the plan would surely not be smooth-sailing and there would surely be problems arising.

Fang Yuan remained silent for a moment before inquiring further. "How about overseas? Are there any news from overseas?"

Zhao Daniu exchanged glances with Ye Yingzi before answering in unison. "Yes!"

They opened a safe and adeptly typed in the password. With that, rows of information appeared on the screen:

"The Pacific Fleet of the Golden Eagle Federation was attacked by a sea dragon and were all capsized. The marine beasts had infiltrated the port and caused thousands of deaths..."

"In the Blue Star Alliance, there was a widespread disaster and countless corpses were revive into zombies. These zombies then attacked humans and started to spread a plague! Suspected to be related to the awakening of a fabled being from the Dark Ages."

"As for other smaller countries, many of them had already lost contact with the international community. Sea lines of communication have been disrupted and even aeroplanes were attacked by flying beasts. Every country is fighting a war of itself... These are the information that we can gather while our communication services are still up."

Ye Yingzi explained before laying out a few pictures.

"The widespread disaster in Blue Star Alliance?"

Fang Yuan rubbed his chin. "Farquhar will resolve that. Looking at the Golden Eagle Federation, it seems like they have plagued with troubles... the Sea Dragon King?"

Examining the pictures, Fang Yuan could see a particular sea dragon attacking a port.

Its body was about 100 metres long and its scales shimmered a brilliant blue. The single horn on its head and the sharp talons on its body all struck fear in others.

"According to the report, this sea dragon had displayed abilities to gather power among the marine beasts. It is suspected to have a high IQ and had once controlled a storm, wiping out an armed battalion of soldiers from the federation... According to Professor Fang's grading system, we should classify it as a Calamity Grade mutated beast!"

Ye Yingzi spoke in a strict tone.

"Oh? The Golden Eagle Federation is still surviving and even have the ability to use its nuclear weapons?"

Fang Yuan asked with curiosity.

"It's not that... After unleashing havoc on seven other ports, the sea dragon was being put to a stop by the Mutant Bureau of the federation. They have used this weapon!"

Zhao Daniu took out another photograph.

Although this photograph was blurred, a vague silhouette of an angel with white and black wings could be deciphered as it faced the sea dragon.

"It's her..."

Fang Yuan smiled. "It seems that as the Golden Eagle Federation was filled with chaos, they have finally discovered a weakness of her. Could they have used the chance to keep her under control?"

If the real Elder Extreme Darkness had returned to the realm, she would be able to wreak havoc with her powers.

However, the Demon Weapon was only a newborn young girl and was still rather immature. Therefore, she could still be dealt with.

However, with the looks of it, the Golden Eagle Federation had barely kept it under control and used it in the final battle against the sea dragon.

It was unknown as to how much the Demon Weapon had grown since the past few years and the third occurrence.

"In conclusion, this is no longer a country's problem, but the doomsday of the world..."

Ye Yingzi concluded with a final sentence. "The doomsday of humans! We need to stand together to prevent our extinction! At this point, we should put down all our differences and work together. What do you think, Mister Lei?"

Her sharp eyes glared towards Fang Yuan and her intentions were simple.

At this stage, the country was already in dire straits. To have any hope of survival, they would surely be willing to work with a person who had once betrayed his own country. Furthermore, Fang Yuan had only gone missing and could not be considered betraying his country.

She could not make such a decision herself, and not even Xi Menjian could instruct her. This had to be the intention of the higher-ups of the country.

"I am full of admiration for Professor Fang Yuan..."

Fang Yuan smiled. "I believe that at such a crucial point in time, all humans need to work together to face the disaster! Who knows, Professor Fang Yuan might just appear anytime!"

"That's great!"

Zhao Daniu held Ye Yingzi's hands tightly and brimmed with tears of joy.

"F*ck...'

Witnessing this scene, Fang Yuan rolled his eyes. "When did the two of them... finally get along with each other? They must be being rewarded for being close to me!'

In reality, even before this exchange, Fang Yuan had already planned for the return of 'Professor Fang'.

In the White Jade Capital, although Fang Yuan had learned the essence of arrays from the Jade Palace Faction, most of the arrays would require the efforts of many people and resources so as to be cast across the entire Chinese Country.

If he wanted to try out the 6 and 9 arrays of Sage Changli, he would have to spread the extent of the array to cover an entire world.

Therefore, it was still rather advantageous to make use of the influence of the country to carry on with his preparations.

Huiming City.

This was a big city of Chinese Country. Since ten years ago when Fang Yuan had proposed the theory of the four occurrences, the entire manufacturing industry of the country started to accelerate and professionals started to chart out the way ahead to be prepared for the future. The arrival of such a doomsday had led to certain changes in the industry.

The roads were widened and buildings were expanded in size. Many huge warehouses were built in locations that were geographically easy to defend and hard to invade. Furthermore, defences were being upgraded and essentially, the entire city had undergone a transformation, becoming a huge Doomsday Base.

On the arrival of the third occurrence, Chinese Country had increased the number of soldiers in this city and they had successfully defended a few waves of attacks from wild beasts. From then on, the city had the mission to start accepting refugees from other cities and villages.

If one were to observe from the sky, one would realise that Huiming City resembled a big black hole, constantly taking in refugees and vehicles in all directions.

"There are wild flying beasts ahead, they are the mutated species of eagles!"

In the row of vehicles from Banyan Tree City, a horn started to blast. "Ready all defences, be alert against ambushes!"

In an instant, machine guns started to point towards the sky ahead. The survivors in the area, be in soldiers or civilians, had already trained themselves to be able to hide without a noise within the bunkers. All of them held on to their firearms tightly.

"Chirp! Chirp!"

After 10 minutes, a flock of black flying beasts flew across the sky, covering the ground.

They had already detected the group of vehicles ahead. However, they quickly left and everyone heaved a sigh of relief. It was unknown if they had left because of fear or the fact that they had sighted another target.

"They've finally left ... let's move on!"

Zhao Daniu wiped the sweat from his forehead and commanded the vehicles.

"Looking at the direction in which they are flying towards, it seems that they have just escaped Huiming City..."

Ye Yingzi started to guess. "Furthermore, I have observed that some of them among the flock were injured. They must have lost their previous fight in the city and were therefore fearful of attacking large groups of humans."

"This seems to be the case!"

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Fang Yuan altered his looks to his original look as he gazed towards the leaving flock of birds. His expression started to change.

From the mutated huge eagles, he did not detect wounds from bullets or cannons. Instead, he had detected traces of spiritual force.

"This feeling... could it be the power of the arena?"

In a single thought, his expression changed once more. "The spiritual energy is getting more and more concentrated. Are more and more beings gaining the power of the arena?"

This was not possible.

According to his predictions, the only possibility was that an old powerful being had just awakened.

How difficult would it be to breakthrough from the 3rd Tier to the 4th Tier? Lorita would be a prime example to illustrate the difficulty in doing so.

Fang Yuan guessed that if both society leaders of the Black Man Society and the White Pigeon Society were still alive, they would probably have a chance of achieving a breakthrough.

"Professor!"

Ye Yingzi placed her phone down. "We have established communications with Huiming City. They will send their people out to receive us!"

If they were normal refugees, it would already be lucky if the city would accept them.

However, this was a group of important people from Banyan Tree City. Coupled with the fact that Fang Yuan, who was such an important person, they had to give them special treatment.

"Is that so? I'm looking forward to it!"

Fang Yuan rubbed his ears.

After restoring his original looks, Lorita and Angel were stunned beyond words.

The most depressed would be Xi Menjian. He would surely give him a good scolding over the phone and capture him before transporting him back to the laboratory and keeping him there for life - if only he was just a mere Professor Fang Yuan.

However, his identity as the God of Thunder and the world's number one mutant was enough to strike fear in anybody.

"They're here!"

From the horizon, the silhouette of a city appeared and refugees and vehicles were flooding into the city. Fang Yuan gazed towards Huiming City.

From there, a silhouette of a human flew from the sky and after a chirp, it flew straight towards them.

"Who is Brother Fang Yuan?"

As the silhouette arrived above the vehicles, Fang Yuan could roughly make out an old Taoist holding a whisk. This Taoist seemed like a revered Taoist. "I am Taoist Xing Hezi!"

"I see, it's Brother Xing Hezi!"

Fang Yuan flew up as well and glanced down at the group of people observing them before smiling. "Let's look for a private place to talk, shall we?"

"That's great!"

This 4th Tier cultivator was obviously waiting for Fang Yuan in the city. As soon as he heard Fang Yuan's request, he immediately agreed to it.

Chapter 443: Flying Star

From the air, it seemed like the whole Huiming City had become an army camp.

Most of the structures were lined up in rows. The layout of the buildings reminded one of collective dormitories. The living conditions were probably not the best.

But this organisation made the most sense, considering that there were millions gathered in the city.

The good thing was that the hierarchy remained intact.

Xing Hezi was a Calamity-grade cultivator of the 4th tier, and was also appointed as one of the national consultants. Thus, he was given a villa to stay in.

Outside, a small stream gurgled underneath a little bridge.

"Please take a seat!"

Xing Hezi showed Fang Yuan to a stone chair underneath a pine tree, and poured a cup of clear tea for him.

"My friend, would you care for some of the Cloudy Mountain Tea that I've brewed?"

"Many thanks!"

Fang Yuan picked up his patterned teacup and took a small sip. His eyes lit up instantly.

"Fragrant and refreshing. The aftertaste lingers and carries a sort of worldliness..."

"Worldliness...well said!"

Xiang Hezi stared at the pond, and suddenly laughed bitterly.

"A dream that lasts a thousand years. The next time I wake up, I will be the only person left in the whole Flying Star Sect. Even now, in this country, I've managed to contact only a few...sigh, friends and enemies of the past are long gone. This feels so strange! But I'm thankful for you. I am heartened to know that I have a successor..."

He was experienced enough to tell that Fang Yuan was not simply a talented chap, but a legend who attained all that he had through hard work.

Fang Yuan achieved the unthinkable without proper guidance and in an environment lacking in spiritual energy. He was one of a kind, a prodigy that only appeared once in a hundred thousand years.

"You flatter me..."

Fang Yuan took another sip of the spiritual tea and exchanged more niceties with Xing Hezi. Through conversation, he managed to learn more about Xing Hezi's background.

Xing Hezi was the founder of the Flying Star Sect. In the last thousand year cycle where spiritual energy ceased to flow, he sealed himself up in ice and moved to his Sect's Prosperous Land.

The Flying Star Sect's external influence had not declined and was developing even up till the present. It was still a force to be reckoned with.

Through his social connections, he was able to communicate with the government hierarchs and was given the position of national consultant.

Of course, it was but a case of mutual benefits.

"Are there many people like you in the Chinese country, my friend?"

Fang Yuan asked his question after a moment of silence.

"To unlock the Prosperous Land, one has to be able to expend an enormous amount of energy. During my time, not many people could do that...of all the factions and organisations in the pugilistic world, there was only a handful. Even among those who did make it to the Prosperous Land, only a few made it..."

Xing Hezi looked slightly lonely.

"Only about three to five individuals are truly formidable in the Middle Continent...it's the same for the West."

He went on to explain in great detail the layout of the world.

True experts of the Divine Refining Grade were Area Beings with mutations of the 5th Grade.

As for Fang Yuan and Xing Hezi, they were both at the peak of Divine Returning Grade, the 4th Calamity Grade.

The layout of the Western world was no different to that of he Middle Continent. Common deities were of 4th grade, and more powerful deities were of the 5th!

'So it seems that Farquhar was once of the 5th grade...but his faith suffered a declined after having been sealed up for years, and now, he has barely made it into the 4th grade...'

There was a glint in Fang Yuan's eye as he turned to look at Xing Hezi.

Who knew, but Xing Hezi might actually be concealing his true abilities. He could have been a master of the Divine Refining Grade once, but fell to the Divine Returning Grade because he had been weakened by his seal.

In this world, there were only theoretical realms that will remain myths forever.

"Right...have you obtained the array techniques of the Jade Palace faction?

Xing Hezi breached the question in the middle of their hearty conversation.

"Yes...Farquhar told you?"

Fang Yuan glanced at him.

"In terms of maintaining the world order, we share a common objective with him!"

Xing Hezi replied blandly, which made him hard to read.

"Of course, we are in charge of operations over here in the Middle Continent! The Jade Palace Faction is one of the most prominent sects around. How can its succession fall into the hands of an outsider. If you take over, it would be your destiny."

"Oh, so this is how it is."

Fang Yuan gave a flicker of a smile.

"Of course, this is the only arrangement. We need your help!"

Xing Hezi snapped his fingers, and an array that enveloped everything materialised in the courtyard.

Fang Yuan became more serious after seeing this secretive attitude from Xing Hezi.

"Please go on!"

"Farquhar has told you about Operation Grabstar?"

Xing Hezi smiled.

"They have assigned their people in the Eastern and Western Continents. As for the Middle Continent, it is up to us...I have designed a 9 Halls Flying Star Array, and all you have to do is to help me revise it!"

Xing Hezi then produced a piece of jade.

Fang Yuan received it and pressed it to his forehead. He saw a map of the Middle Continent that had shimmering dots and connecting lines drawn all over it. It was all very mysterious."

'It is exactly as we thought...'

When he inspected the dots in greater detail, he gave a sour laugh.

'The 72 cities of the Chinese country were all included. Had it been part of the plan all along? Offering to help out with the defence systems and secretly hiding the arrays within...wait a minute, they began work 10 years ago. Seems like these people had a level of influence that was deeply entrenched. They were playing the long game!'

It took no guessing. He knew the people who were responsible for all of these. It must be the work of the cultivators and supernormal beings.

These people were willing to pay any price in order to bring spiritual energy levels to what they were in mythical times!

"What do you think, my friend?"

Xing Hezi asked with a smile.

"Very interesting. I'll have to go back and study it in greater detail before I can give you an answer!"

Fang Yuna replied earnestly.

"Yes, yes. Please do!"

Xing Hezi was satisfied and waved his hand happily.

This had implications for the entire world. Harnessing the power of the comet and designing an array that would be compatible with those of the other two continents. This was an enormous yet intricate task. Fang Yuan did not want to jump to an opinion quickly for fear of giving the wrong advice.

He had to go back and do some further research to demonstrate his sincerity.

Of course, Xing Hezi had never doubted Fang Yuan's loyalty to the plan.

After all, if Operation Grabstar fails and spiritual energy levels fall, the world would become a lifeless place again. The experts of the Divine Returning and Divine Refining grades would have to go into a deep sleep, or they would age rapidly and die. By maintaining the current situation, all the supernormal beings could live like kings.

One could betray their status, but not their interests!

They were both experts of the 4th Calamity Grade, and were famous scientists, authorities on mutant research. Fang Yuan enjoyed a treatment that was even better than Xing Hezi's.

When he arrived at Huiming City, the authorities gave him a villa to stay in as well as guards that worked for him round the clock. They accommodated every request of his.

If there was not a possibility of Fang Yuan being transferred to the capital, they would have built a research lab for him.

"Wow! Father, have you thought through it?"

Lorita examined the modernist villa and the servants around her. She nodded in satisfaction.

"This is how the nobles live."

"Sigh...how would we know if we are not one of them?"

Fang Yuan shook his head and let Angel and Lorita choose their own rooms. He then walked over to the study and immersed himself in research.

Armed with the knowledge of Sage Changli and the legacy of the Jade Palace Faction, Fang Yuan was the ultimate authority of array techniques in this world.

"Interesting...all paths lead to Rome indeed!"

After a sweeping glance, Fang Yuan could confirm that the 9 Halls Flying Star Array designed by Xing Hezi was similar to some of Sage Changli's ideas.

"The foundations of the array lie in the Middle Continent and there were 81 array eyes, 59 of them lying within the Chinese Country..."

On the Middle Continent, although the Chinese Country was the hegemon, it was not the only country.

There were some details that had to be address outside of the country.

"There are no more major alterations to be made, just a few little tweaks here and there."

Fang Yuan had discovered that the greatest limitation of the 9 Halls Flying Star Array was that it was unable to cooperate seamlessly with the arrangements in the other two continents and operate at its maximum potential.

This chink could potentially lead to the failure of the entire plan.

It was fortunate that Fang Yuan was talented and well-learned. He casually altered the array and offered a few suggestions. This was enough to impress Xing Hezi, who had nothing but praise for him.

Before they knew it, five days had passed.

During this time, refugees streamed continuously into Huiming City. It was said that half of the Chinese Country had fallen and become part of the wilderness.

Of course, the Golden Eagle Federation suffered even more. The marine beasts had invaded the country via the rivers and allied themselves with the spiritual beasts on land. The government was broken and reduced to guarding a few key cities.

The Blue Star Alliance was not doing well either. The 9 Headed Cerberus responsible for the spread of the plague had appeared. The government had joined forces with the Curia and sent out their elite soldiers, and even Farquhar himself turned up. But they only managed to injure it and were unable to prevent its escape. Now, it was taking revenge and laying waste to cities in the Eastern Continent.

This information was provided by Zhao Daniu, and Fang Yuan remained indifferent.

Today, however, Ye Yingzi and Zhao Daniu had brought him a special guest.

Chapter 444: Conflict of Interests

"It has been ten years. How are you, chief?"

Looking at the white-haired Xi Menjian holding a cup of tea before him, Fang Yuan asked him how he was doing. From the corner of his eye, he could see Zhao Daniu and Ye Yingzi furiously exchanging glances.

"I'm blessed enough to be still surviving from all these exhaustion!"

Xi Menjian blew gently at his cup of hot tea.

Fang Yuan admired him for his determination and patience.

At the arrival of the third occurrence, on such a doomsday like this, as the chief of the Religious Bureau, Xi Menjian had the control of all the mutants in Chinese Country and would, therefore, be extremely busy. The stress that he was facing was also more than anyone could imagine.

Under such circumstances, he either had an ulterior motive or was crazy to take the time to visit his old subordinate.

However, Xi Menjian didn't seem like a crazy fellow, which means only one possibility was left.

"Initially... why did you leave?"

Xi Menjian gazed at Fang Yuan for a long while before opening his mouth.

"Because of a discovery..."

Fang Yuan started to spout some nonsense. "I detected a trace of a supernormal civilisation thousands of years ago, and located it at the Golden Eagle Federation! If I want to conduct experiments there myself, surely all of you would not allow me to do so. Therefore, I could only leave without telling you."

It was a terrible excuse.

However, as Xi Menjian recalled the traces of Lei and all the happenings in the Golden Eagle Federation, he could not deny that everything fitted perfectly like puzzle pieces.

"... Regardless, welcome back to the organisation!"

Xi Menjian had a complicated look on his face as he passed a document to Fang Yuan. "From today onwards, you will be the special consultant of the country and you shall enjoy the highest privileges... Hopefully, you will do the country and our people proud."

"Oh?"

Fang Yuan smiled. "It's about this. I almost thought you would immediately assign me to another task or another research project."

"We are not rushing for any research to be done right now, and even more for taskings..."

Xi Menjian let out a bitter smile. "Everywhere in the country is in chaos! Everywhere will need all the help they can get! Even so, we cannot deal with everything!"

Unless Fang Yuan could split himself into a few billion clones, he would also be helpless against a catastrophe as huge as doomsday. Therefore, he could only protect a few important nodes and forgo the rest.

The two of them gazed at each other and remained silent for a long time.

"The two of you, leave the room!"

After a long while, Xi Menjian ordered for the two people behind him to take their leave.

After Zhao Daniu and Ye Yingzi left, Xi Menjian started to fiddle with a contraption.

'Is this a jammer?'

Seeing this, Fang Yuan twitched his eyebrows as Xi Menjian started to explain himself. "As a 4th Tier mutant... If you are unwilling to let others eavesdrop, they will not be able to hear our conversation, right?"

Xi Menjian was being extremely cautious.

"Don't worry, no one would dare to..."

Seeing this, Fang Yuan smiled. "Who are you guarding against? Xing Hezi? He has long left Huiming City... Even if he were to be still in the city, he would not try to eavesdrop us and make me unhappy."

"Sigh..."

Xi Menjian laughed. "That old demon who hibernated for a thousand years would only cause us distress. Comrade Fang Yuan, the organisation has a very important task for you!"

"Important task?"

Fang Yuan appeared confused. "I've been living in seclusion for the past 10 years and may no longer be loyal to the country. Why are you willing to task this to me?"

"We have no choice, for you are the only suitable person to be able to do this!"

Xi Menjian stood up and took a deep bow. "Please protect the humans!"

"Protect the humans? What a heavy responsibility..."

Fang Yuan turned solemn. "What have you guys discovered?"

"A huge shadow has been lurking in the darkness. Even the chaotic development years of Chinese Country couldn't destroy it. Instead, it started to recover at a quicker pace at has already infiltrated the government..."

Xi Menjian spoke in a deep tone. "Now, even I wouldn't trust my subordinates any more..."

Fang Yuan could understand where he was coming from.

The Black Hand was an organisation formed by the powerful sects in Middle Continent thousands of years ago. Most of the people in the organisation had the ability to cast spells or possessed certain special abilities. They would surely be the most powerful bunch of people as soon as the spiritual energy in the surroundings reaches a maximum. Since the Religious Bureau was recruiting members at that time, they would be foolish not to join the bureau to cause trouble from within.

"This is at most fighting for their own rights. What's there to say about protecting the humans?"

Fang Yuan sighed before probing further.

"What do you think? Those old demonic people have a totally different mindset from us, modern people! Who knows, that old fogey might just want to push us back into the dark ages and the developing years..."

Xi Menjian continued. "If not for this worry, our leaders would not have been so decisive. However, after investigation, we realise that those high-tiered cultivators, including Xing Hezi, have attempted communications with those evil beasts. This is especially so for Xing Hezi who had once secretly met with the Sea Dragon King.

Fang Yuan broke out in cold sweat.

Needless to say, a country could potentially become very powerful if it were to utilise all its resources.

Xing Hezi had looked down upon the mortals and was not careful in this aspect.

"Therefore... I've especially come to plead you to investigate this matter thoroughly! As soon as you realise Xing Hezi performing acts of betrayal to the country, deal with him immediately! Stop his plan! If you require, you may tap on all the resources of the country!"

Xi Menjian assured.

"But... why me?"

Fang Yuan remained silent for a while before posing his final question.

"Because you are 100% local Chinese and is one of us. Therefore, our thinking will be similar!"

Xi Menjian let out a bitter smile. "This is actually just the reason on the surface. What's important is that you do not have a record and have never contacted the other species before. Furthermore, I do not have anyone else I can look for..."

Looking at his back view as Xi Menjian took his leave, Fang Yuan was deep in his thoughts.

This was where the conflict of interests between the two species laid.

As a normal human, although they would benefit from the increasing spiritual energy, a doomsday scenario would have them prefer to return to the old days. Days where the streets were not as safe, but the humans would still be in control of the world due to scientific advancements. Now, it was the survival of the fittest, but a hell for all species.

However, other supernatural beings, especially cultivators, would prefer a world rich in spiritual energy, for it would be their heaven.

In the process, many normal humans would be sacrificed but that would merely be the natural way of how things would work.

Facing the conflicts of interests, cultivators would stand together for a common objective of taking over the world. Therefore, Xing Hezi was not afraid that Fang Yuan would go against the cultivators.

Therefore, from a certain angle, there were opportunities for peace talks with the Sea Dragon King and the 9 Headed Cerberus.

"It was never a fair fight, to begin with... the alliance of supernatural beings are like giants, and the resistance of normal humans are like ants!"

Fang Yuan sighed.

It was easy to understand the situation. In such a doomsday scenario, those with the ability would be the ones in power.

Even if one were to be the leader of the country, if one was not a mutant or a supernatural being, one would have limited ability to protect oneself. How would one be able to survive any disaster then?

Furthermore, even without going head-on with the higher-ups, those tycoons and head of financial groups would want to survive as much as possible.

If Xing Hezi was a little smarter, he could easily make these people get rid of the higher-ups.

Therefore, Xi Menjian could conclude that there were no other people he could look for. To be a little more extreme, anyone in power within the country could no longer be trusted.

"This is how pathetic normal humans are... They can only get sacrificed but cannot do anything about it. They don't even have the rights to know what's happening..."

Fang Yuan walked towards the window and gazed at a few buildings in the vicinity as well as the group of humans which resembled ants. With that, he fell into silence.

"Even ants will resist. Among the normal humans, there are still people like Xi Menjian and not all the leaders will succumb to the pressure. This is the final hope of humans..."

Fang Yuan looked at his own palms.

Just a few moments ago, Xi Menjian had placed this hope into Fang Yuan's hands but did not even make Fang Yuan promise anything. With this, it was obvious how much hope he had this time.

The circumstances were worse than most people could imagine.

Even Xi Menjian had to put his life on the line!

"Father!"

Not long after, two girls ran towards Fang Yuan. "What did that uncle talk to you about?"

"Nothing much, he just posed a difficult question to me!"

Fang Yuan shook his head. "Also... I have been preparing to leave the country for awhile. Take care of the house!"

"Leave the country? To where?"

"Dancing Country!"

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Outside the huge city.

Xing Hezi waved his whisk and the force of the stars started to descend, forming a huge hand which effortlessly smashed a Winged Tiger into a pile of bloodied mess.

After accomplishing his feat, he did not stop. Amidst the cheers of him being the saviour of the world, he quickly took his leave and felt good.

"It's done!"

After travelling out a huge distance, Xing Hezi was shrouded in a layer of fog and stopped at a cliff.

"Kacha! Kacha!"

One of the cliffs in the surroundings crumbled and a pair of eyes were revealed. They were staring right at Xing Hezi.

"The array has been completed. Next would be the blood sacrifice activation. Occasionally, send a few people to attack the city. It doesn't matter which direction you attack from."

Xing Hezi started to give his instructions.

"That person..."

The eyes in the cliff gave of a tremor and a few images appeared in mid-air. They were of Xi Menjian and Fang Yuan.

"What have you detected? Hehe ... "

He Xinzi laughed. "Is he trying to establish good ties with other highly-skilled people to deal with us? He would never understand that regarding this, all cultivators are united. Even Farquhar who would require the faith of others is also with us on this! What's more, this person is a cultivator with the strength of his own! Even if Zheng Qizi were to revive, I'm afraid he would also be together with us on this."

"He has gone to Dancing Country!"

The giant pair of eyes paused for a moment before continuing.

"That's great! There are 3 array eyes in Dancing Country. Who would've thought that Brother Fang Yuan would be so proactive in this!"

Xing Hezi laughed. "I know that Xi Menjian is secretly gathering people. However, this is not what he really wants. Now, secretly observe Fang Yuan in the dark to see if he is perfecting the array or destroying it. You can feel the Earth Meridian, right? Can't you tell?"

Chapter 445: Blood Sacrifice

Dancing Country.

This country laid to the West of Chinese Country and was the second most powerful country in Middle Continent. The common religion of the country prayed to the God of Brahma.

Unfortunately, at the arrival of the third occurrence, there were no signs of the awakening of the God of Brahma. Instead, there were a few disciples of Brahma who had cultivated special abilities of their own, leading the lives with the motto of 'Everyone can be Brahma'. With that, they were making preparations to become the God of Brahma themselves.

However, before they could reach that stage, the world had already started to experiences disasters all around. Natural disasters and waves of attack from wild beasts were enough to wipe out almost 90% of the population. With the reduction in the number of believers, the act of becoming the God of Brahma became a joke.

"The people of Dancing Country are really careless. This is an actual array eye and yet, they've polluted it with the corpses of 10,000 people!"

From the air above a bay, Fang Yuan slowly appeared and shook his head as he witnessed the numerous corpses lying around. "Although the array eye requires blood sacrifice, it's not in this form..."

He slowly descended and started to investigate the breadth of the earth in the area.

"Mmm... Xing Hezi's initial preparations were rather good. This array eye is extremely suitable and the breadth of the earth here is thick and concentrated..."

A fiery glow appeared in Fang Yuan's eyes and with that, he had already peered through the earth and was observing the centre of the eye.

"With water, the Earth will be formed... This place is even more suitable to cast the 6 Extremes Earth Shattering Array!"

Without another thought, he released his invisible power of the arena, allowing it to seep through the earth. With that, he was able to slightly alter the flow of energy within the earth. In perfecting the array eye, he had also smuggled something of his own into it.

"Bloop! Bloop!"

Corpses floating in the nearby river started to bubble. A demonic-like alligator that was 10 metres long floated up to the surface of the river. It had a weird body shape, 8 legs and as it observed Fang Yuan, it remained calm.

"This alligator... The peak of the Murderous Grade? Is this a guardian beast placed here by Xing Hezi and his company?"

Since the alligator did not disturb him, Fang Yuan paid no attention to it. He crossed his legs and sat in mid-air as he increased the flow of energy into the earth.

It was harder to alter the design of the array eye than to simply destroy it.

The good thing was that to Fang Yuan, it was only a small problem.

After a white, Fang Yuan's face started to twitch as he suddenly gazed to the side. "Who's that? How dare you peep at me?"

"Rumble!"

Fang Yuan had limitless powers and with a single thought, the earth beneath him split and a huge eye made of rock flew out.

This eye was as brown as soil and seemed as though it was being carved by a single piece of rock, making it look mysterious.

However, Fang Yuan could detect a certain spiritual will coming from it. Furthermore, it had the spiritual aura of life in it.

"How can you detect me! This is impossible!"

The spiritual will exclaimed and started to go crazy. "You are just a mere highly skilled person in the Divine Returning Grade. How can you detect my Thousand Rock Eye? You must have some secrets!"

"Id*ot!"

Fang Yuan's reply to him was unforgiving streaks of lightning.

"Kacha!"

The skies gave way, unleashing purples streaks of lightning which struck onto the eye without mercy.

The eye exclaimed and cracks started to form on its surface. "You cannot kill me!"

The spiritual will coming from the eye was panicking. "My actual body will look for you to seek revenge! Furthermore... I am also a member of the Hidden Cultivators Sect and this is just a routine surveillance!"

"The Hidden Cultivators Sect?"

Hearing this name which struck fear in Xi Menjian's heart, Fang Yuan snickered. "Why didn't Xing Hezi mention about you to me?"

"Why should we let you know about the Hidden Cultivators Sect's secret?"

The rock eye relentlessly countered the argument and Fang Yuan could guess that this person must be a person of status within the Hidden Cultivators Sect and could be a leader of sorts.

"Is that so? It could be that you are too scared of me..."

Fang Yuan smiled. "For instance... your physical body is too severely damaged or you are not yet fully awaken and only have a consciousness right now, is that so?"

"So what if that's true?"

The rock eye realised that it could no longer hide itself after all that had happened and decided to give up. "Although my physical body is still asleep, it will surely be able to awaken. You are a member of the Hidden Cultivators Sect as well you have been doing your job. I have seen that you have been focusing on repairing the array and I now formally recognise you as one of us."

"I never need any recognition from anybody for the things that I do!"

Fang Yuan's gaze turned cold. "Furthermore... I hate people who spy on me!"

"This is not good!"

Witnessing Fang Yuan's attitude, the rock eye started to scream as though it was attempting to activate a certain spell to leave.

No matter how fast he was, Fang Yuan was quicker.

"Bang!"

Fang Yuan took a small step forward and struck his fist out. Immediately, the rock eye crumbled into many pieces.

"Ah... you!"

A vengeful voice was heard from the rock which slowly faded away.

'If I don't give him an excuse, how can I deal with him in the open?'

Fang Yuan gave a sinister smile. "It's your misfortune for you to meet me today."

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"Ah..."

Just as the rock eye was crumbling, within a prosperous land, the mountains started to shake and cracks were forming.

"Roar! Roar!"

A deep grumble was heard from underground.

"I can feel that part of my magical clone has disappeared!"

Within the cracks, an infuriated voice started to roar. "Who dares to destroy my magical clone, you must be seeking death!"

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In the Golden Eagle Federation.

Within one of the cities along the river, flames broke out as marine beasts and land beasts were gathered together, appearing submissive to a long and blue silhouette in the middle of the river.

The entire city had already turned into a war zone filled with blood and corpses everywhere.

Thousands of corpses were piled up into a small dark hill and red blood oozed down from the hill. There was a foul and nauseous stench coming from the mess in the city.

"This is enough... A blood sacrifice of such a scale should be enough to lay the foundation for one of the array eyes..."

Beside the blue dragon, a rock eye quipped with satisfaction but suddenly, its voice changed.

"Kacha!"

On the surface of the rock eye, cracks began to appear and streaks of blood filled the cracks.

The rock eye was bleeding!

"What's happening to you?"

The Sea Dragon King turned around and glared at the rock eye.

"Nothing much, just one of the magical clones being destroyed!"

The rock eye shook a little before stabilising. "In fact... If you are willing to, the array masters of the Hidden Cultivators Sect will very willingly help you!"

"It's alright. Compared to you guys, I trust my species more!"

The Sea Dragon King curled his body up and had a mocking look in his eyes. "Even if the quality of our spiritual eye is unable to meet the expectations, killing more humans and sacrificing them will do the trick."

"Very well!"

The rock eye did not seem to have any objections against such a merciless ferocious beast who had no regard for human life. Instead, it was encouraging the dragon. "In the alliance at the east, Farquhar has already initiated Operation Grabstar. The power of the Flashing Words and Stars Array is also sufficient. With the 3 array eyes of the 3 big continents in place, our plan is halfway done. I'll still have to trouble you to activate the one within the ocean, brother."

"It's a small thing!"

The Sea Dragon King shook his head. "Even if we activate these arrays, we still need to let them run for another 10 years. We still have to guard against those who would try to disrupt them!"

"Haha, don't worry about this, Brother Dragon!"

The rock eye's spiritual will sounded happy. "With the completion of the array eyes, the array would constantly absorb natural energy from the surroundings and come together as one, making it almost impossible to destroy... As long as we can sustain it for a certain period of time, as long as all the array eyes on the earth are activated, these array eyes will then be able to restore itself even after destruction. It will still be able to work if more than half of it remains and will be immune to attacks from humans!"

"This is great!"

Before the Sea Dragon King could think of what do say next, he raised his head up and roared. "Roar! Roar!"

The weather started to change. Although the Sea Dragon King was only a water dragon, with its current abilities, even a single roar would be able to make all the beasts in land and water submit to it.

"This is..."

The rock eye was stunned and as it gazed towards the sky, it quickly burrowed underground and disappeared.

"It's really quick... A human indeed!"

Seeing this, the Sea Dragon King raised its head up proudly as it attempted to display its might.

"Whoosh! Whoosh!"

Without doing anything, the water in the river started to pick up and rise, creating tsunami waves of 10 metres in height and submerging the entire city in it.

No, it was not accurate to say that it was submerging the city.

To put things into perspective, the Sea Dragon King had manipulated the water to protect the array eye firmly.

"Bang! Bang!"

In the next moment, numerous nuclear bombs appeared in the sky, landing on where the city once was and flames started to break out.

"Rumble!"

From the explosion, even the air in the vicinity shook.

However, no matter how powerful the explosion of the nuclear bomb might be, under the protection of the Sea Dragon King, the entire array eye was only slightly chipped and was not severely damaged.

"This is... the lack of creativity!"

The Sea Dragon King started to swim around on the surface of the ocean before spitting out a streak of blue energy.

"Kacha! Kacha!"

In an instant, a layer of white frost started to appear on its body before spreading towards the city, freezing everything within it.

"The ice frozen from my dragon aura will be tougher than steel and will not be easily destroyed... Of course, the foolish people from the Golden Eagle Federation might not even have a clue as to what I am doing."

The Sea Dragon King flew into the air and gazed towards somewhere far.

Not long after, a black dot appeared at the horizon. In a shockingly fast speed, it flew towards the dragon with its black and white wings. It had the appearance of an angel.

"Every time I see you, I am reminded of the birdman from Blue Star Alliance. You're making me pissed off!"

The Sea Dragon King hollered and his powerful energy wave started to spread out. With the swing of his head, a streak of blue light was shot out.

"Buzz! Buzz!"

Before the Demon Weapon, light and darkness fused together, forming an extremely powerful power of the arena.

The blue streak of light flew into the mix and was being sucked in by a black hole in the middle of the glow. In an instant, it disappeared.

"To speak the truth... I am also pissed of at the other birdmen from federation!"

The Demon Weapon flew forward and a high pitched voice resembling an Oriole was heard, stunning the Sea Dragon King. "Not... Not right, you are different from what you were last time! Who are you exactly?"

"I am still me!"

The pretty face of the Demon Weapon smiled. "I have merely absorbed an external piece of my soul, regaining some memories which I used to have."

"External soul? Is that legend true?"

The Sea Dragon King froze. "That we are not the only world in the entire universe?"

Chapter 446: Otherworldly

"This world... is not the only one of course!"

The angelic girl replied with a sweet and innocent voice. She looked child-like and yet cunning, her beauty was truly paradoxical.

Perhaps in some small realms, this truth could never be discovered. Even their most powerful beings could only live their lives muddle-headedly without ever knowing such.

However, this realm was different!

In terms of its natural source, this realm was only inferior to Ancient Realm which Fang Yuan had been to. It could support the existence of Area Beings, which was equivalent to 7th Tier Illusionary Divine dream masters.

Area Beings could create prosperous lands and grasp the secrets of their environments. Thus, it was natural for them to easily realise the truth of their realm.

In Ancient Realm, the witches discovered traces of otherworldly demons. Thus, in this realm, those who were extremely powerful naturally had some understanding on the real side of the realm.

This sea dragon was the sole remaining member of the outer seas water dragon species. It had already cultivated and formed its water dragon body in the last millennium. It had survived till now by luck and was like an old monster, hence, it naturally knew more secrets.

"Absorbed a soul fragment? That means... an otherworldly demon is trying to possess you?"

The Sea Dragon King looked towards the angel of light and darkness with eyes full of caution.

After all, regarding such matters deep within the soul level, unless she willingly opened up her sea of consciousness fully, the Sea Dragon King would never know the truth.

"It's all smoke and mirrors! Perhaps it's absorption or perhaps it's a merger of both sides to become a new character! Why are you being so serious?"

The Demon Weapon young girl chuckled. Her laughter had a child-like innocence and was beguiling at the same time, it could really charm anyone.

"I can recall some segments of that otherworldly demon's memory. It seems like this body was her original body, this explains why I'm so harmonious with it..."

The young girl patted her chest and continued, "Also, it was such a close shave... If I hadn't devoured a very interesting mind special ability, I might have been fully possessed..... Oh right, you don't know the meaning of 'possess'? That means a soul forcefully occupies another body. Ever since I devoured that soul fragment, I am gaining a bunch of weird knowledge frequently."

"In the past millennium, I had already taken on the shape of a human, travelled across the east and west and I was even admitted into a faction. I obviously do not need you to explain to me about this kind of matters."

The Sea Dragon King was rather fearful and suspicious.

Originally, this Demon Weapon young girl had the strength of a 4th Tier mutant and had multitudes of special abilities which even gave the Sea Dragon King a headache.

But now, in her new body, the Demon Weapon was even more unpredictable and unknown.

"Now that I have a new life, how about I call myself 'Extreme Darkness'? This is the name the otherworldly demon gave me!"

Young Girl Extreme Darkness cackled, "I love this name too."

"Cough cough... then I wonder what does Extreme Darkness want to do next?"

The Sea Dragon King was extremely alert.

From the previous nukes, it could be told that this young girl was still on the federation army's side.

"I want to..."

Young Girl Extreme Darkness furrowed her brows as she hesitated, "I don't know..."

She knocked her brains frustratedly, "Ever since I absorbed that piece of soul, although I had already secretly escaped from the control of the federation and also became smarter, many of the memories are still in bits and pieces, only a few parts... Nevertheless, there's a persistent thought that keeps resounding in my mind, it is 'let me harvest this world'! Do you know what this means?"

"I don't know... but it definitely isn't anything good."

The Sea Dragon King kept silent.

An otherworldly demon that had to harvest the world in its mind constantly was definitely scarier than the doomsday now.

Now, the Sea Dragon King was more believing of this young girl that she was not really an evil demon but it was just due to the spiritual awareness of her body.

"Since you don't know, go and think about it slowly!"

Young Girl Extreme Darkness was not very bothered as she replied, "Before I fully understand it, I don't want to leave the federation. After all, I don't have to worry about my meals or anything, I can have whatever I want... They begged me to come over now just to drive you away only! Even if I don't come, I guess you were preparing to leave too?"

"Of course ... "

The Sea Dragon King smiled awkwardly, "However, does Miss Extreme Darkness know about the secret pact between the powerful ones of this world?"

"Secret pact? Are you talking about this array eye?"

Extreme Darkness pointed to the city frozen in ice below her.

"You can tell?"

The Sea Dragon King twitched and its tail involuntarily smacked about.

"Smack! Smack!"

Nearby, the transparent silhouette of a person immediately shattered into pieces. Its blood and flesh froze into ice before it shattered into tiny shards.

"I can naturally tell, I knew it from the memory of that otherworldly demon too..."

Extreme Darkness smiled gently, "Unfortunately, I only have a little impression of it, I can't even remember much. Also... thanks for helping me get rid of this fly!"

"You're welcome! From now on, I recognise your authority inside the Golden Eagle Federation, as long as you are in-charge of taking care of this array eye, the marine beasts can immediately return to the deep ocean!"

To these beings high above everyone else, everything and anything could be settled with just a talk.

The dry land was nothing to the Sea Dragon King, thus, he immediately gifted Extreme Darkness such a big present.

With such high stakes, even if the treachery was discovered by the federation, there was a lot of room for negotiation.

"Plop!"

After finishing that line, the Sea Dragon King plunged into the water and disappeared in an instant.

Extreme Darkness stayed at her original spot and waited for a while.

"Crackle!"

Beside her, a layer of soil cracked open and a pair of rock eyes emerged, "Friend, I, Thousand Rock Lord, was wondering if you are interested in joining the Hidden Cultivators Sect?"

"Hidden Cultivators Sect!?"

The corners of Extreme Darkness' lips immediately lifted to a slight smile, "I have no problems with it and I have lots of intelligence to tell you, but in return... you should tell me the truth behind this world's spiritual energy!"

"Haha... you are indeed quick and decisive!"

The rock eyes shined as it agreed with no hesitation, "Deal!"

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"How did the so-called spiritual energy come about? It is definitely not explained by just a Spiritual King Comet..."

After they reached an agreement, the rock eyes began to narrate, "To all of us, that Spiritual King Comet is merely an omen. The spiritual energy is a gift from a higher dimension world!"

Extreme Darkness's gaze wandered off as though she associated it with something.

"That's right, our world is not the only world! The dimensions have their own ways of functioning. On a certain day millenniums ago, two worlds began to overlap, or should I say, the dimensions began to infiltrate each other. Thus, spiritual energy began to spread to our world, causing all these magical things!"

The Thousand Rock Lord spoke in a stern voice.

"Infiltration of dimensions?"

Extreme Darkness bit her lips.

"Naturally, a higher dimensional world cannot coincide with a lower dimension world. However, it can radiate power to it... This spiritual energy is the basis to all! Thus, the common goal of the members of Hidden Cultivators Sect is to make use of the return of the Spiritual King Comet this time around to anchor on to that spiritual energy world. This will allow our world to be under the infiltration of higher dimension spiritual energy forever!"

The Thousand Rock Lord spoke with fervour.

"Dimension? Am I afraid this word should be changed to 'realm'? A realm beyond ours? Trāyastrimśa?"

Extreme Darkness immediately understood.

In the Middle Continent of this realm, there had always been legends about realms beyond this realm. In actual fact, that was the description of a higher dimension world.

"I never thought you would know all these!"

Thousand Rock Lord was slightly surprised, "I originally wanted to say it a way more suitable for westerners, but I didn't expect you to be so well-versed in cultivations."

"But... this is just one-sided wishful thinking from you all..."

Young Girl Extreme Darkness bit her lips as she thought of something.

"It's not wishful thinking! A realm beyond ours really exists!"

Thousand Rock Lord's expression turned extremely solemn at once as he continued, "Us leading cultivators, or should I say, us pioneering cultivators have more or less received the guidance and influence of the realm beyond ours before! Even some subsequent cultivators who cultivated to the peak also vaguely sensed the will of the realm beyond ours! As long as we can bring about the advent of this Spiritual Realm, we would gain boundless benefits! Eh?"

Suddenly, the rock eyes' spiritual will began to flicker and became unstable.

"Thousand Rock Lord?"

Young Girl Extreme Darkness was shocked and looked at the rock eyes.

"Ahh... you dare?"

The spiritual will of Thousand Rock Lord shrieked and suddenly exploded, disappearing without a trace left behind.

"Sha! Sha! Sha! Sha!"

On its spot, numerous cracks appeared on the pair of rock eyes and began to widen, it then turned to a pile of sandy soil in the end.

"That is... He got destroyed?"

Extreme Darkness grabbed a handful of rock dust with a very odd expression on her face, "What a useless old man who can't even speak clearly..."

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"It should be here, right?"

Time went slightly ahead.

In Chinese Country, Fang Yuan was holding a shattered piece of the rock eyes and arrived at a picturesque spot.

The place was secluded, birds sang in the area while flowers blossomed. There were even very little traces of ferocious beasts in the area. It was really a natural prosperous land.

Fang Yuan smiled and arrived before a cliff. He held the rock with both his hands and raised it.

"Open!!!"

"Kaboom!"

Dark clouds loomed in the skies, lightning flashed and thunder roared crazily.

4th Tier powers began to gush out without reservation and immediately caused tremendous changes to happen on the face of the cliff in front of Fang Yuan.

"What are you doing?"

"Rumble!"

On two sides, large amounts of crushed rocks rolled down and two divine statues of Green Rock Giants appeared. Their bodies were covered with moss and vines as they had guarded here for extremely long.

"Scram!"

Fang Yuan casually punched twice. Although his small figure was no match to the giant stature and build of the two of them, the two giants trembled under the punch and froze on their spot.

Not before long, pieces of rocks crumbled from their body and numerous cracks appeared on their faces.

"Crackle!"

The rock wall cracked and revealed a door to the prosperous land.

Fang Yuan took a step in and immediately arrived in a bizarre place.

The ground was uneven and rugged, its surface was barren and covered with lots of rocks in all sorts of weird shapes.

"Junior! How dare you bully me like that?"

Under the earthquake, a thunder-like voice could be heard.

A giant fissure appeared on the ground and numerous rocks piled together and formed a giant. The giant was over 100 feet tall and its body was covered with carvings of eyes. The arena's immense power immediately engulfed the plane!

Chapter 447: Destruction

"Thousand Rock Lord? I see you have possessed the rock!"

Fang Yuan's body shook and started to grow in size. His spiritual arena started to spread and his body remained in mid-air as he glared at the rock giant.

Needless to say, this was the last-ditch attempt at preserving his own life.

Everyone knew that legendary animals like the dragons and phoenixes would have a long lifespan.

The Sea Dragon King did not hide in any secret place. He merely went into hibernation and had successfully woken up after a thousand years.

However, the beings of elements would live even longer than these legendary animals.

To these beings, a few tens of thousands of years would past in the blink of an eye. They only required the support of the element to be able to live on forever.

The only catch was that such beings were extremely rare in this realm, even rarer than dragons.

The Thousand Rock Lord was fortunate enough to have detected the life in this rock and successfully possessed it.

However, everything was understandable. After all, the Thousand Rock Lord was a true ancestor and was even more senior than Xing Hezi. If he did not possess the rock, he would not have been able to live until now.

"How does it feel like to become a rock? It's terrible, isn't it?"

Fang Yuan started to mock the rock giant.

After all, it was different from normal legendary beings. By having a life like the elements, the Thousand Rock Lord now had to live a life different from humans, and could no longer have the sense of touch.

Even the strongest-willed cultivators would be tormented under such an experience.

"You're courting death!"

The Thousand Rock Lord was enraged.

As he roared, a rough-looking face appeared and a pair of ferocious rock eyes glared towards Fang Yuan. With the wave of its hands, a 10-ton rock started to smash down.

"Break!"

Fang Yuan slicked his finger out as though it was a sword.

A flash of sword radiance flickered!

This sword radiance was not strong. However, as soon as it came into contact with the rock, it started to fill up the cracks in the rock before slicing it into two neat pieces.

This was neither the fastest strike not the strongest strike, it was merely just right!

"Great swordplay!"

Even the Thousand Rock Lord praised Fang Yuan for his techniques. "With such skills, even without spells, you could already be the most highly-skilled martial artist in the word! Who are you?"

The sword technique appeared simple but was sophisticated in its own ways and was the product of years of experience. It could not be simply understood by the average person.

The only possibility was that this person had stored wisdom!

"Possessor? Or are you a demon from another world?"

Possessors were highly-skilled natives who had reincarnated into another form, while a demon from another world simply meant that this person would be the enemy of the entire world!

"Regardless of who I am, is there really any difference?"

Fang Yuan scoffed. "Either way, you are going to die today!"

"You don't know what you're saying!"

The Thousand Rock Lord remained composed. Suddenly, all the eyes on its body started to shine as though they had all come alive at once. With that, they were then shut at the same time.

"Whoosh!"

In the next moment, as the Thousand Rock Eyes opened, golden rays started to fill the entire place.

"Rumble!"

Fang Yuan waved and streaks of flames appeared. As the flames came into contact with the golden rays, they froze for a while before solidifying and turning grey. The solidified rocks fell from mid-air and shattered as they smashed onto the ground.

"Is this... Rock Transforming Glow? The potential of this rock is indeed great... unimaginable!"

After all, this world was still a world with strict laws of physics. Even though the spiritual energy might increase, it would still only be for a short period of time. Technological advances could do little to make the elements last longer.

Fang Yuan could not imagine how such a powerful rock giant could have come to life in the past.

Of course, a more pressing issue would be the ever-growing golden glow.

"Spiritualise!"

With his spiritual will, Fang Yuan became an illusionary shadow.

"Whoosh!"

The Rock Transforming Glow pierced through the flames and landed on Fang Yuan's body. It froze for a moment before illuminated straight through.

"The spiritualisation of my body is a type of transformation to become an element. According to the people from the East, this is the combination of nature and man... Compared to my short moment of spiritualisation, the Thousand Rock Lord is constantly part of nature. If I allow it to grow stronger and restore its powers, the consequences are unimaginable."

Fang Yuan froze in mid-air and appeared serious.

The purpose of his visit was to kill and loot.

However, the discovery of the Thousand Year Rock was indeed a huge problem for Fang Yuan.

"If it already has so much power while it remains injured, would it be at the Divine Refining Grade at its peak?"

Fang Yuan's expression as he started to speak to the rock giant. "Who would've thought that a Divine Refining Grade powerful being had to abandon his body to become such a dumb thing? If you let your enemy know about this, I think he would be extremely shocked!"

"Who are you? Who are you exactly?"

The Thousand Rock Lord glared at Fang Yuan. It was as though its glare could burn through anything and was enough to give anyone the shivers.

"I am Fang Yuan. You should have died long ago. Why are you still trying to pathetically survive until today?"

Amidst his own laughter, Fang Yuan stretched out his hand. "Nine days of lightning, Hear my command! Strike!"

"Rippppp!"

Streaks of lightning started to dance in the sky. Suddenly, they came together and took up the shape of a majestic-looking lightning dragon which flew down.

With a huge destructive force, the lightning struck mercilessly on the rock giant.

"Pa! Pa!"

Rock eyes started to explode one by one and terrifying screams were heard.

The Thousand Rock Lord took a few steps back and his face was filled with disbelief. "Lightning? How can you control the lightning in my territory?"

"Even though this place might be built by you, it is not your area and therefore, you have no control over its power!"

Fang Yuan stretched out both his hands. "Come here, lightning!"

"Ripppp!"

9 lightning dragons appeared in the sky and fused together to form an elaborate array.

"I have an array here. It is cast after years of experimentation. If you can survive under it, I shall let you off today!"

The 9 Dragons Lightning Array isolated the Thousand Eyed Giant in it. After hearing Fang Yuan's voice, the Thousand Rock Lord's expression changed and he became panicky. "Five Elements Burrow, protect me!"

"Rumble!"

"Rumble!"

Even though the Thousand Rock Lord had been severely injured, it was still ultimately the owner of this place.

Together with the traits of a rock, it was a simple task for it to harness the energy from the rocks around.

Within moments, four walls emerged from the ground, forming an extremely strong defence which protected the Thousand Rock Lord in it.

This defensive layer was connected to the earth and was not only impregnable but could also be repaired within moments by absorbing energy from the ground. The only way to break through the defensive wall was to strip up the entire piece of land.

"You're a reckless boy. I would like to see how you will die later on!"

Thousand Rock Lord hollered.

However, in the next moment, it turned silent as though its neck was being gripped.

"Strike!"

Together with the activation of the 9 Dragons Lightning Array, an invisible force started to spread across the place.

"Buzz!"

A white glow flashed across and the strong force exploded. Although it was not a strong explosion, any wall, element or even spiritual energy disintegrated into nothing after coming into contact with it.

"Whooosh!"

Amidst the explosion, the rock wall crumbled, revealing a shocked Thousand Rock Lord.

In the next moment, the 9 lightning dragons started to roar and rush towards it.

"Rippppp!"

The lightning streaks exploded and cracks appeared on the giant's body, with the glow of lightning seeping out from these cracks.

"This is... the power of an area..."

The Thousand Rock Lord screamed. "No! I'm not convinced! This is not possible..."

This voice became softer and softer. Finally, there was silence.

Amidst a thick black smoke, pieces of rocks started to fall off the rock giant and the original size of the giant was slowly reduced.

"Destruction from the 9 Dragons Lightning Array! It seems like the effect is not too bad, isn't it?"

Witnessing this scene, Fang Yuan snickered. "It is relatively powerful to be used in combat."

Initially, with the protection of the land, the Thousand Rock Lord would not have been so easily defeated.

However, Fang Yuan was not stupid. He started off with his killer move to chase away the spiritual droplets in the vicinity and thereby cutting off the support the Thousand Rock Lord would otherwise receive from the land. With that, he could deliver his strongest blow and the Thousand Rock Lord would have to receive the blow without any preparation.

Such an array with the ability to chase away spiritual droplets was developed after studying Angel's special ability.

Although her ability was only as powerful as a 3rd Tier mutant, Fang Yuan had complemented it with an array, allowing it to even affect a being with the power of the arena.

"Of course... it still has its limitations! Firstly, it is still unable to affect all special abilities. I had intentionally tweaked it to target ground-type abilities just now and supplemented it with lightning. Since lightning is able to counter earth, I managed to successfully pull it off just now..."

"Also, as a cultivator with a special ability that relies on spiritual droplets in nature, considering the ability of the Thousand Rock Lord, if not for the fact that it was over-confident in its own defence, it could easily have avoided death if it remained alert, like how I did it before... Of course, this might be due to the fact that he had abandoned his human body!"

If the Thousand Rock Lord was still a human cultivator, Angel's special ability might not have affected it that much.

However, it was now an incarnated being of element. Although it could now live for an extremely long time and was strengthened with the properties of rock, it had now become dependant on nature for its powers and therefore, it would be much more affected.

"Rumble!"

It was as though the sky was falling to the ground and the mountains were crashing down.

A huge rock giant turned into powder after Fang Yuan's attack and as it fell to the ground, there was a mini earthquake.

From the tremor, a faint golden glow flickered before disappearing.

"Whoosh!"

As thunder roared, Fang Yun quickly made his way towards the glow and stretched his hands out. With that, a golden crystal landed in his hands.

"How dare you run!"

Looking at the human face in the crystal, Fang Yuan laughed.

After their encounter, how could Fang Yuan let the Thousand Rock Lord leave so simply?

"Ah... this is impossible. I am a Fate Soul and have a lot of fate energy. How can I die here?"

Within the crystal, the face of Thousand Rock Lord started to scream. "I don't believe this! I don't believe it at all! The souls of the other worlds, I offer myself as sacrifice... Please enter!!!"

Chapter 448: Spiritual Realm

"Spiritual Realm?"

As Fang Yuan listened to the incantations from the crystal, his eyes moved but he did not stop it immediately.

Fang Yuan had his suspicions earlier before.

The advent of the Spiritual King Comet merely marked the peak in spiritual energy. It would be ludicrous if the Spiritual King Comet could really supply an entire realm with spiritual energy.

Hence, the existence of a "Spiritual Realm" was certain and this "Spiritual Realm" was continuously providing this realm with spiritual droplets. This was extremely similar to the dream master's source world which dream masters were painstakingly searching for!

After realising such, Fang Yuan immediately confirmed to himself that this realm was of great value!

This value was even greater than that of harvesting the source of this realm!

"I can directly use this realm as an experiment to see how Da Qian World would be like in the future... Of course, the premise for all these would be the existence of a real 'Spiritual Realm'!"

Fang Yuan lobbed the crystal and it floated in mid-air. The crystal was then pierced by a sword essence.

"Ahh..."

A hysterical scream could be heard, followed by an extremely reluctant and sad sounding wail, "There's no use... the rite has already started, no one can stop it!"

"So, you have no value left!"

Fang Yuan waved his palm and flames spread, burning a certain grudging soul into ashes. Fang Yuan's spiritual will even peeked out to greedily devour all of the opponent's memories.

The technique Fang Yuan used was a dream master technique which forcefully extracted Thousand Rock Lord's life experiences.

In an instant, numerous scenes flashed in Fang Yuan's mind rapidly:

In front of a motley door on a mountain, an honest and sincere looking youth had knelt for three days and three nights. He was in yellowish brown clothes and he had a small frame.

"I must be accepted into Thick Earth Sect and become an immortal cultivator!"

The scene then changed. The youth went through numerous hardships and was finally accepted into the sect. His cultivation progressed rapidly and in mere 50 years, he was already at the peak, high above many. His gaze locked as he thought, "The flourish of spiritual energy would at most last a hundred years, once the millennial tribulation arrives, all disciples must immediately hibernate in the prosperous land and be subjected to the heavenly fate!"

In the next moment, after a millennium worth of vicissitudes, it was the beginning of a new era.

However, at that moment, the Middle Continent was in a downfall. Whereas, the East Continent and West Continent were favoured by the heavenly fate as the age of discovery soon began.

The middle-aged man was already gradually becoming older and weaker; he no longer had that energetic look in him as he thought, "No... although I had already broken through to the Divine Refining Grade and my cultivation is reaching the levels of the pioneers of the sect, under the tumultuous changes, everything would go down the drain? Even with 300 disciples and elders, I would be the only one left after 1,000 years and after yet another 1,000 years, who can still escape from mortality?"

At that moment, the Thousand Rock Lord's heart was filled with a fear of time.

In order to achieve longevity, Thousand Rock Lord researched the classics in his sect and swept through the records of cultivators. He secretly turned into a ruthless person that wiped out all resources in order to look for the methods to escape the tribulation of death.

"Haha... there's always a way out!"

Finally, in a declining small sect with a rich heritage, Thousand Rock Lord finally discovered the legend of the Spiritual Realm.

"As long as the Spiritual Realm is anchored on and the two worlds overlap, Planet Earth will definitely become the paradise of cultivators! It will allow us to breakthrough and achieve longevity!"

The Thousand Rock Lord was incredibly excited but was also filled with regret as it was too late. The Spiritual King Comet had long passed and the amounts of spiritual energy already began to drop. Thus, he no longer had the opportunity in this cycle.

Whereas, with his lifespan, he could not even live until the next cycle.

"Hate! Hate! Hate! Hate the heavens for being unjust! Hate the earth for being unfair!"

The Thousand Rock Lord was enraged. In the end, he did not care about the consequences and began killing many as a blood sacrifice in hopes of achieving contact with the faraway Spiritual Realm.

As he was closer to his deathbed, the Thousand Rock Lord's means became even crueller and he did not care about his own body at all.

He had some plans. Even if he was not successful in summoning the Spiritual Realm, he would not choose to seal and hibernate himself at his last phase of life. He would forcefully break the world's membrane and fly into space in search of a lifeline in the space-time turbulence.

At last, heaven helped those who helped themselves.

Fang Yuan's expression became tenser as he watched the scene.

Space was broken and filled with the remains of living things, it was like the Asura hell. A giant mouth opened wide and greedily devoured everything.

"Spiritual Realm?"

Inside the Thousand Rock Lord's burning gaze, a mighty will suddenly descend.

As it was travelling across realms, this will did not stay for long. The will only left behind a message which said, "In order to open the two realms, everything must be obtained." The will was then immediately attacked by Planet Earth Realm and collapsed.

Just at the moment as the will collapsed, space and time warped and a bit of yellowish-brown coloured spiritual light was transferred over and landed on the ground. It immediately absorbed the essence of the ground and turned into a sparkling gemstone.

"This is... the core of the life of an elemental being? Haha!"

The Thousand Rock Lord held the crystal tightly and laughed maniacally, "With this, what is mortality to me? I just have to wait for the next millennium and I can definitely complete the grand plan of drawing over this Spiritual Realm and directly become a Sage!"

Afterwards, in order to complete his possession, the Thousand Rock Lord opened up a secret prosperous land with his Divine Refining Grade ability. This was because the process of possessing would cause him to become extremely weak and thus, he had to guard himself during this process.

Nevertheless, the Thousand Rock Lord's luck was pretty good. After he succeeded, he managed to live until now after all.

Although his magical powers had greatly fallen and he only had the abilities of a Divine Returning Grade cultivator due to the 1,000 years seal and possession process, as long as he was given another 1,000 years, he could definitely regain his original level of cultivation.

Hence, after the Thousand Rock Lord awakened his 4th Tier abilities, he could no longer bear it anymore. Thus, he sent his magical clones all over the world in preparation to receive the greatest reward from the Spiritual Realm.

However, he never expected to meet Fang Yuan, his killer who badly defeated him.

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'What an unlucky fellow!"

The Thousand Rock Lord's memory was like a huge treasure chest. However, Fang Yuan did not want to delve deeper into it anymore.

This was because, in front of him, although the crystal was already pierced, it still completed some sort of sacrificial ritual due to what happened previously.

"Bang!"

The yellowish brown crystal exploded into powder. Concurrently, a giant crack in space appeared. It was pitch black inside and it was like hell as it devoured everything inside the small plane.

"Submit to me!"

"Offer the entire world to me and you will receive everything you want!"

"Rumble!"

At the same time, a mighty will suddenly descended! It was as though this will was extremely far away and separated by an unknown amount of light years. After it was transmitted here, it was still vast as ever and brought about a might so strong that it could crush everything.

"Submit!"

"Submit!"

"Submit!"

"Open up your heart and mind and accept the gift from the heavens!"

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Waves of wills repeatedly crashed into Fang Yuan's heart.

Inside Fang Yuan's body, the originally immense spiritual force did not move at all. Instead, it was as though it was adding fuel to the fire.

At such a moment, Fang Yuan could only rely on his own personal will and spiritual will!

Thankfully, Fang Yuan was a dream master and traversed through numerous realms before. Therefore, he was very experienced in this area.

No matter how intense and fierce this will was, Fang Yuan's mind remained unwavering and still.

'It doesn't matter if you are the heavenly fate of another realm! A realm's will! By traversing across dimensions, your might will be greatly reduced! Furthermore, you will be counter-attacked by this realm!'

Fang Yuan had some understanding of Planet Earth's heavenly fate too.

The physical laws of Planet Earth were harsh and thus, its fate was naturally hard to be discerned.

After all, fate represented divinity! In order to maintain the doomsday world, nature could not blatantly interfere. This was like how a king enacted laws; after the laws were put in place and became rules, even the king himself could not easily violate these laws.

However, just because it was not easy did not mean it could not be violated! It was a matter about whether the price was willing to be paid!

Furthermore, even though the emergence of spiritual energy brought about all these magical powers, to Planet Earth Realm's will, wasn't it removing its shackles?

Therefore, Fang Yuan was certain that since this Spiritual Realm's heavenly fate had already invaded Planet Earth and had already agitated the will of Planet Earth Realm. Thus, Planet Earth Realm's will become more vigilant and might even counterattack.

As long as Fang Yuan could withstand it for a short period of time, he would be perfectly fine and unscathed.

If Fang Yuan did not calculate and predict such, he would not have dared to suddenly attack Thunder Rock Lord and directly face this foreign will.

'But... there's something I can finally confirm, and that is the existence of the Spiritual Realm! This realm that is at a higher energy level than that of the Planet Earth Realm... it might even be at a higher dimension!'

Fang Yuan was extremely elated and excited inside his heart as he just unveiled the secrets of this realm.

Outside, after the will which was roaring at Fang Yuan saw how he remained steadfast, it suddenly changed.

Inside Fang Yuan's sea of consciousness, all sorts of seductions appeared one after another.

Mythical goddesses appeared and they were extremely gorgeous and captivating. Fang Yuan felt as though he became a God and was worshipped by thousands of deities. Suddenly, Fang Yuan then felt his body had achieved eternity as he was immortal.

'Since the violent ways didn't work, it has turned to softer ways?'

A slight smile appeared on his lips. "Unfortunately, I'm a lone wolf! I only eat the prey I catch by myself! No matter how much you are willing to offer me, I don't want to lose my freedom!"

"Rumble!"

Moments later, everything in the surroundings disappeared.

Fang Yuan scanned all around him and felt uneasy at once, "Oh no!"

In what was originally the prosperous land, numerous cracks appeared in the skies and an annihilating storm raged. It was as though there was a wrathful and furious will outside that was breaking into the prosperous land and attacking the giant crack in the space inside.

"Kaboom!"

Under the roaring noises, a giant hole opened up in the prosperous land and revealed the dark clouds looming in the skies outside.

Numerous purple coloured lightning gathered that flashed amongst the grey clouds. There were like pairs of purple eyes that kept merging together.

Suddenly, the ground tremored and a green coloured flash of lightning landed.

"Oh no... this is violet coloured! It's violet lightning!"

Fang Yuan felt a chill down his spine. Even if the lightning was not targeting him, he still felt an impending sense of great danger that made him immediately ran for his life as fast as possible.

"Boom!"

Numerous cracks appeared on the cliffs outside and they suddenly exploded.

Under the loud explosion, Fang Yuan's ravaged silhouette could be seen escaping from it.

Fang Yuan turned back and saw the space quivering. He could vaguely see a hillside prosperous land that had countless holes in it. Green coloured lightning swept across crazily and was swarming towards that crack in mid-air.

In the next moment, an invisible force calmed everything. It was as though what Fang Yuan had seen just now was just an illusion.

"This realm's will had made its move and directly destroyed that prosperous land and obliterated that foreign will!"

Fang Yuan had some thoughts as he watched.

Planet Earth Realm's will had its homeground advantage while the opponent merely projected its will over. This projection was not even comparable to the true body of the will, thus, it would naturally be easily destroyed.

But what would happen if the two realms coincide and there were no more advantages?

Chapter 449: The Encounter

"What... What's happening?"

Fang Yuan crossed his legs and sat on the ground. After regulating his breath for a moment, he noticed a streak of fire rushing towards him from the horizon. Xing Hezi's silhouette slowly appeared.

As soon as he found Fang Yuan, he waved his whisk. The power of the arena started to spread out. Darkness covered the skies and stars started to appear. "Do you have any explanation for this?"

"This person is spying on me and is trying to harm me. Therefore, I killed him! This is my explanation!"

Fang Yuan flew up into mid-air and snickered.

"Are you trying to oppose the Hidden Cultivators Sect?"

Xing Hezi glared at Fang Yuan.

"What do I have to gain if I oppose the Hidden Cultivators Sect? I am still supportive of Operation Grabstar."

Fang Yuan shrugged his shoulders. "All of this is because of the personal feud I have with the Thousand Rock Lord!"

After retrieving the Thousand Rock Lord's memories, Fang Yuan was enlightened about the existence of the Spiritual Realm. To the powerful beings of this realm, this was no secret.

Furthermore, those powerful beings who were able to attain the Divine Refining Grade were extremely rare. Most of them had, in one way or another, felt the will of the Spiritual Realm and might have even received assistance.

Even Fang Yuan had to fear if he were to go against such a powerful organisation.

"Personal feud?"

Xing Hezi was suspicious of Fang Yuan's excuse. However, his expression changed and the glitter from the stars around started to dim.

"That's right... I have discovered a shocking secret as well! This Thousand Rock Lord had another identity exactly one thousand years ago, and that is the Bloodied Demon!"

Fang Yuan's face was filled with a sense of justice. "This person has caused trouble then and is looking to create trouble now. I have killed him and he deserves it!"

With the Thousand Rock Lord's memories, it was extremely simple for Fang Yuan to accuse him of anything. Whatever Fang Yuan said would surely be the facts.

"Tsk... It's him!"

Xing Hezi appeared shocked and bowed towards Fang Yuan. "This Bloodied Demon has once wiped out 13 families and sacrificed hundreds of innocent citizens. Never would I have thought that he would become the Thousand Rock Lord. Brother, for helping us kill him, you will surely gain good karma!"

"It's nothing much ... "

Fang Yuan acted humble but inside, he was chuckling.

How would the powerful beings of the Hidden Cultivators Sect not know about the Thousand Rock Lord's true identity?

Since they were all powerful beings, they would know that his lifespan would slowly decrease and he would soon lose all his spiritual energy. Therefore, they did not care much about him.

This was why Fang Yuan could bring this matter up in order to explain for his own actions.

To speak the truth, no matter how important Thousand Rock Lord was in the past, he was but a dead person now.

Would anyone be so dumb as to offend Fang Yuan, this Divine Refining Grade cultivator over a dead person? Hehe... Fang Yuan was, after all, a person who had just killed another Divine Refining Grade cultivator and himself, unharmed! Would Xing Hezi think of becoming the next to be killed under Fang Yuan's hands?

Xing Hezi had no thoughts of offending Fang Yuan. Instead, he agreed to everything Fang Yuan said and started to criticize everything the Thousand Rock Lord did in the past.

"Brother Xing Hezi, don't worry! The damage to the array due to the death of Thousand Rock Lord will be rectified by me!"

There were no more problems as soon as Fang Yuan made this promise.

Both of them were on good terms before taking their leaves. However, their thoughts were entirely different from their attitude towards each other.

"Sigh... this is pitiful..."

Fang Yuan stood in mid-air, gazed at the blue sky and sighed.

Because of the traits of Planet Earth Realm, 99% of the powerful beings in the realm were ruthless and were ready to bring in a higher-tiered realm to coincide with their own realm without considering their own realm's will.

Planet Earth Realm's will must have felt so helpless, right?

To Fang Yuan, regardless whether the wills were strict or composed, they were all too predictable.

To an epiphanic realm, the will would surely be offended and would conjure lightning strikes to deal with these delinquents. Even if it was not able to destroy these rebels, it would still be able to keep them under control and warn anyone else who would harbour the same intentions of going against the realm.

However, Fang Yuan felt that Planet Earth's will was helpless, even more helpless than the will of Da Qian.

"It seems that the will of Planet Earth is stubborn... the powerful beings in the realm will not be dealt with if they do not explicitly display their intentions to oppose the will of the realm, and that is bad news for the realm... When they rebel and escape, I'm afraid it will be too late. What a pity..."

With a heavy heart, Fang Yuan returned to Huiming City and went to meet up with Xi Menjian.

"How's it?"

Xi Menjian wore a mysterious outfit of a servant and only came out to meet Fang Yuan at night.

As soon as he saw Fang Yuan, he became increasingly nervous.

He was still the weakest among all of them, to the extent where Xing Hezi would not even care about him. It could also be the fact that Xing Hezi was keeping him alive on Fang Yuan's behalf. Otherwise, he would not even be able to survive until now.

"I have visited most parts of Chinese Country. Life is scarce everywhere!"

Fang Yuan arrived at a secret room and sighed. "I have also looked into the various shelters within the array. Most of them are built for a defensive purpose and most of them are adapted a little. Therefore, it should not be built to destroy the city!"

Fang Yuan did not speak the entire truth.

"Is that so? Then that's good ... "

Even so, he was still frowning.

He knew that although the array was not built for destructive purposes, it did not mean that it was entirely safe. In fact, Fang Yuan had already hinted to him about the usage of the array.

"The transference is almost complete. The wild animals out there should not be able to infiltrate the city..."

Xi Menjian mumbled to himself.

The plan which took ten years centred around the usage of these huge cities as bases. Now that the plan was in progress, it was almost impossible for the country to undergo any changes in the plan.

"Do you think we can only hope for them to be friendly towards us? Hehe... this is an irony!"

Xi Menjian laughed.

"We actually do have a plan!"

Fang Yuan smiled and revealed a mysterious look.

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On the East Continent, in a church.

"This feeling ... "

Sitting on a golden chair, Farquhar gazed towards the direction of the Middle Continent. "The will of the Spiritual Realm... is it here again?"

He walked out of the hall and gazed downwards.

Buildings were built around the Holy Mountain. It resembled a refugee camp as it was filled with people. Everything was chaotic.

All these people were loyal believers who lived under the Holy Mountain to receive blessings. They came from every part of the East Continent.

At the arrival of doomsday, even cults would be able to survive, what more for a Curia with a real god leading it?

Not just that, the disease which the 9 Headed Cerberus had spread throughout the continent had pushed many to lean towards the Curia as they seek for a cure.

At this point in time, governments were failing and the Curia had become the most powerful organisation of the East Continent. Even the Blue Star Alliance would have to rank second now.

"Mortals... Life is fleeting. In times of danger, people would not dare to hold on to positions of power and authority and would rather become cowards..."

Witnessing this scene, Farquhar was not too happy.

Among the many powerful beings, he was also on the side of humans for he had many human believers. However, all these were useless.

The reason for his existence was to increase the spiritual energy of Planet Earth.

Without the existence of spiritual droplets, his faith would not be able to gather so many followers, which would translate to his godly powers.

Therefore, even Farquhar ad to be supportive of Operation Grabstar to lead both worlds into an overlap.

Of course, to the new powerful beings, Farquhar would not tell them the truth. He would only mention the Spiritual King Comet but would say nothing about the existence of the Spiritual Realm.

"This is a sign of the Spiritual King Comet! It is also a new beginning!"

"At the arrival of the fourth occurrence, where the Spiritual King Comet is the closest to Planet Earth, we can activate the array to commence the operation... This is only the first step. This is akin to aiming our harpoon at a whale in order to catch it. Next up, we will have to make use of the huge amount of energy which would arise from the occurrence of the Spiritual King Comet to break through the membrane in order to allow the Spiritual Realm to merge with Planet Earth... This is the true Operation Grabstar, the true aim of the Hidden Cultivators Sect!"

Farquhar continued to mumble to himself. "After merging the two realms, Planet Earth will retain its current condition and the spiritual energy in here will never go down. We can make use of this accomplishment to gain recognition in order for the new realm to accept us!"

To Gods, recognition was power! Recognition was authority!

This was the reward the Spiritual Realm could give.

The will of the Spiritual Realm was different compared to that of Planet Earth's. It was much more flexible. If it were to recognise a powerful being, the being would become a god, the ultimate achievement rumoured in the legends from the East!

"Now ... the will of the Spiritual Realm is about to arrive at the Middle Continent!"

Farquhar could feel that time was rushing.

Behind him, 3 bright wings were radiating as they started to absorb holy light around him.

Furthermore, the fourth pair of wings was illusionary and was about to form.

3 pairs of wings meant that a god would have a 4th Tier special ability.

4 pairs of wings meant that a powerful god would have the ability of a 5th Tier mutant!

In the East, this would be considered the Divine Refining Realm. A person of such power would be able to create a prosperous land, and the collective way to address such a person would be an Area Being!

"In crucial moments, the will of the Spiritual Realm would always appear to bring together the powerful beings of this realm... even the natives of this world, werewolves or even the 9 Headed Cerberus have once benefited from the powerful will of the Spiritual Realm. I wonder who is going to become stronger this time in the Middle Realm?"

Farquhar was lost in his thoughts. Behind him, the illusionary pair of wings started to absorb the power of the faith. However, it still dissipated in the end. It was evident that Farquhar had yet to restore his full might.

Even so, he was still undoubtedly the most powerful being on Holy Mountain and the leader of all.

"I wonder who is here?"

The holy light illuminated the entire mountain. Farquhar felt a slight sense of fear as he detected the presence of another Area Being.

"You can call me... Extreme Darkness!"

The space around the holy mountain started to distort and a young and beautiful girl emerged and arrived before Farquhar. The pair of white and black wings behind her and her captivating beauty caused Farquhar to be in a trance.

In the next moment, Extreme Darkness spoke in a sweet voice. "I have brought my goodwill intentions as well as the friendship I have with the vampires and werewolves... Furthermore, I have a secret about this realm!"

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"A secret about this realm, this is interesting!"

Farquhar looked at the wing of darkness on the young girl and continued, "I don't have any animosity with the ancestors of those two races. The so-called battle between light and dark is merely a delusion of mortals..."

Farquhar paused for a moment and changed the conversation topic. "Of course, we're all at the same tier and I am still filled with respect. I wonder what are you going to tell me and what do you want in return for it?"

"The two ancestors of vampires and werewolves are willing to help you suppress the 9 Headed Cerberus as a token of sincerity."

Young Girl Extreme Darkness spoke in a very calm voice, "This is because the 9 Headed Cerberus is an agglomeration of utter chaos and destruction! Its existence will only bring trouble and impede the rest of us!"

"I fully agree with this point!"

Farquhar's face turned sombre but he still nodded his head.

Although they were all 4th Tier mutants too, after all, some living things could not be communicated with at all. They only knew how to cause destruction, wreak havoc and pursue death.

Unfortunately, the 9 Headed Cerberus was one such fabled creature.

Furthermore, its restoration and regeneration powers were extremely indomitable. Even if one of its head was chopped off, another head would grow out immediately. It caused a huge furore in the previous millennium and there were rumours that it created the Black Death which caused the death of countless people in East Continent.

It was unexpected that this 9 Headed Cerberus could survive till now even after being sealed by many other powerful beings.

Such a seal was to protect it, but to wear it down.

The fact that the 9 Headed Cerberus could withstand the seal for 1,000 years even when there was a lack of spiritual energy in the atmosphere made many deities afraid of it.

"And then... you all wouldn't be helping me for no reason, right?"

A golden glow was emitted from Farquhar's pupils.

"In return, I hope you can help me deal with someone in Middle Continent."

A slightly complex gaze flashed pass Young Girl Extreme Darkness' eyes as she spoke.

"Who is it? Your enemy?"

Farquhar was slightly interested.

After all, He was very clear about the origins of this Demon Weapon. He knew she was just 10 years old and other than being defeated badly once, she did not have any bad blood with anyone else.

"Sort of..."

The young girl waved her arms and a light screen appeared in mid-air. On the screen, there was a silhouette of a teenager which suddenly split into two, turning into Fang Yuan and Lei.

"The two of them are actually the same person, which is Fang Yuan!"

She pointed to Fang Yuan who was in a white coat and continued, "I was once badly defeated by his transformation, Lei! Thus, I hope I can receive your aid!"

"Although Middle Continent was downfalling in the recent millennium, it is still a continent with a rich history and heritage. This is especially so regarding their cultivators and cultivation. Many deities were born on this continent and there were even many powerful gods who created dimensions... Even if only a few of them have survived, their strength is still extremely frightening..."

Farquhar continued, "One of their organisations, Hidden Cultivators Sect, is even trying to partner with the powerful beings of this entire world! I didn't agree to them... but, we do not have any differences nor ideological clashes with them. We even cooperated with them during the construction of the array."

"Even if the bunch of you are working towards the same goal, it is still important to have a clear leader among us!"

Extreme Darkness continued with an ulterior meaning in her words, "Why don't us non-cultivators form an alliance? Be it Operation Grabstar or the continued competition in the new world, we still need to be represented by an organisation for our voices to be heard!"

"This suggestion is not bad!"

Farquhar stroked a ring on his right finger as he thought.

"Once the alliance is formed, we need to sacrifice a powerful being in order to send a warning to the rest! And there's no better target for this than this person!" Extreme Darkness said gravely.

"Oh? Why?"

Farquhar seemed to be slightly surprised.

"Based on the latest intelligence, he has some disagreements and differences with Hidden Cultivators Sect due to some matters. If we make our move on him now, he would not be able to react quick enough to counterattack!"

The young girl smiled and added, "Furthermore... this Fang Yuan is not even 30 years old yet. He is the novice amongst novices and has no relationship with any godly or demonic level friends. His own strength is very weak."

"Just these don't provide enough reason why you are going after him."

Farquhar lived for so many years and naturally accumulated extraordinary experiences and intelligence. "Also... the relationship between this Fang Yuan and Hidden Cultivators Sect is on the verge of breaking? But he isn't being punished for it? This means he must be possessing extraordinary power! You didn't tell me about this clearly."

"Not bad..."

The young girl gave a bitter laugh and replied, "This was because my information was not clear. I could not confirm it... but I know that he might have killed an important figure in Hidden Cultivators Sect."

"To be able to cause the death of someone as powerful as me, his strength is indeed terrifying!"

Farquhar shook his head and continued, "The cost of helping me seal the 9 Headed Cerberus is to face an even more terrifying presence. This is really not convincing at all."

"Thus, this is why I'm adding on a secret about this realm into the deal!"

A sly look suddenly appeared on Young Girl Extreme Darkness' face. "I wonder how you feel about this realm? Since there's a Spiritual Realm, could it be possible that there's another world?"

"Visitors from a foreign realm?"

The holy light in Farquhar's eyes almost condensed into solid as he scanned the young girl's body numerous times.

"Apologies, I cannot tell you more now. But that Fang Yuan is definitely not as simple as a normal genius... I wonder if you are interested to know more about it?"

The young girl looked at the seraph with great expectations.

"..."

Farquhar remained silent for a while before answering, "This lady, thank you for coming by here. But please return and rest first, I still need to carefully think about your offer."

"Okay!"

Young Girl Extreme Darkness bowed and was respectfully escorted out by the archbishop.

"Another new realm is discovered?"

Farquhar's eyes sparkled repeatedly.

The existence of the Spiritual Realm meant that other foreign realms possibly existed.

The unknown was very attractive to any intelligent living creature.

Furthermore, having the knowledge of another realm or even the choice of another realm was like having more cards up one's sleeve.

Such a temptation would be too hard to reject even for a God!

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"Doesn't matter if one is a deity or an immortal cultivator, as long as they have the most basic emotions, they would be easily tempted!"

Inside a luxurious room, Young Girl Extreme Darkness gazed at the skies and suddenly smiled. "Unless... one becomes like the will of this realm which has no emotions and is at the state where its instincts are almost gone..."

Although she had already revealed some information, she had concealed more.

For example, the intelligence about that more powerful world in her memory!

"Buzz!"

Suddenly, a jade pendant on her hand suddenly shined brightly. A voice came from it and asked, "How was it?"

"Everything went well!"

Extreme Darkness flicked her fingers. A light and dark enchantment immediately appeared and enveloped the entire room.

"Very good... I can't believe you have such luck to obtain the inheritance of something from other worlds! When the opportunity arises in the future, please teach me about it!"

This voice was transferring over a thought which could not be misinterpreted.

"I merely received some foreign spirituality. From this angle, both of us are the same kind of person, only that Fang Yuan is the one that is truly different!"

Extreme Darkness replied in a solemn manner.

"Of course, those who are not our kin are sure to be different!"

The voice from the jade pendant was sharp and decisive, "You all can take the plunge and do whatever you all want, I will help you keep everything stable at Hidden Cultivators Sect's side."

Moments later, the communication disconnected. A cold smile appeared on Extreme Darkness' face as she thought, "Yet another shady guy, greed will be your cardinal sin!"

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Huiming City.

"The overall plans are already laid out! We can only silently wait for the arrival of the Spiritual King Comet!"

Fang Yuan laid on a chair and watched the skies quietly. "Even I... eagerly wish to see all of this unfold. Just that..."

As a dream master, a sudden warning suddenly emerged inside his heart that kept lingering inside his mind which represented some sort of immense danger.

"Although the Hidden Cultivators Sect does not have a good impression of me, after settling it with Xing Hezi, no one would go after me... the amount of benefits they would gain for the amount of effort needed to take me down is just not worth it."

"Whereas, for the other two continents, I don't really have any nemeses..."

"Am I targeted by the will of Spiritual Realm? No, it can't even target me! The time is not ripe yet. If it forcefully comes for me, it would be attacked by this world's realm..."

"Then... where exactly is the danger from?"

Fang Yuan stroked his chin and began to eliminate the options.

At his position and strength, there were not many people in this entire realm that could pose a threat to him. After Fang Yuan eliminated them one by one, the most inconspicuous ones became the largest possibility.

"Other dream masters? Or could it be Elder Extreme Darkness?"

The coordinates of this realm were directly displayed on the Realm Alliance's mission board. As long as one's level of rights and position was high enough, any dream master could obtain it and come over to this realm.

Of course, with a big war impending and with the dangers of this realm, not many dream masters would dare to traverse to this realm.

Therefore, the most likely dream master would then be Elder Extreme Darkness!

After suffering such great losses the previous time, how could she not come back for revenge?

Even if she was not back to take her revenge, she could still silently observe to prepare for her comeback.

Perhaps she might not come over personally, but she could still easily post new missions and command her disciples to come over.

"Lorita!"

As Fang Yuan thought of such, he did not hesitate anymore and immediately stood up.

"Adoptive father! What's the matter?"

Lorita came over and bowed.

"Immediately mobilise your people in Golden Eagle Federation to collect and send over all information about that Demon Weapon! Especially the recent ones !"

When Fang Yuan spared the life of the Demon Weapon that time, it was for him to have a clear target this time!

After all, the Demon Weapon was a cloned body and had sufficient powers. If Elder Extreme Darkness were to really come to this realm, it would definitely choose to possess that body to save a lot of trouble.

Fang Yuan had sent people to spy on it. As long as he were to compare the current Demon Weapon to the past, he would have a clue.

"Understood!"

Seeing Fang Yuan's serious expression, Lorita did not behave cheekily anymore and immediately agreed with a serious tone.

Fang Yuan's gaze deepened as he watched Lorita leaving.

The experiment in this realm was related to the future of Da Qian. It was a preview! Thus, Fang Yuan paid close attention to it and would not hesitate to eliminate any interference, even including Elder Extreme Darkness!