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Chapter 451: Combined Ambush

Considering one's resources, Fang Yuan could only be considered average.

However, his early preparations with the support of Chinese Country and the fact that he had only focused his efforts on spying on the Demon Weapon resulted in him getting quite a lot of information regarding the Demon Weapon.

At this point in time, he held a few photographs in his hands. They were the images of the Demon Weapon's encounter with the Sea Dragon King. There was also news that she had visited East Continent and her whereabouts were unknown.

According to the spies from Golden Eagle Federation, The Demon Weapon's intelligence had shot up and was already out of control. It was now an unstable factor.

"Hmm... It seems that even if communication is being cut, the big countries will still be able to communicate with each other!"

Reading the documents in his hands, Fang Yuan scoffed. "Ye Yingzi and Zhao Daniu are unable to obtain this information because their authorities are too low!"

"Furthermore... It seems like someone has taken up the bait. Is it Elder Extreme Darkness?"

Fang Yuan was unsure of this.

After all, any dream masters from his own world would be free to possess the Demon Weapon. This is seen in the Ancient Realm where the water demon Wu Zhiqi could be possessed by Xiang Liu. As long as Extreme Darkness approved of it, anyone would be able to control her body.

"Regardless, everyone has their own style of doing things. Since there are changes now, even the dumb ones would be able to tell that something has changed..."

Although the dream masters from the Realm Alliance were considered to be on the same side as Fang Yuan, no one could be absolutely sure.

"I've plotted for this for such a long time. How can someone else come in and disrupt everything just like that? Even if Elder were to re-enter the realm, I wouldn't think that she will be able to disrupt my plans... Furthermore, if dream masters are to enter the realm, they should actively try and communicate with me. Such suspicious actions will only make me suspect their intentions!"

Fang Yuan sighed before smiling. "The enemy is in the dark and I am in the open. The situation is disadvantageous to me and the solution would be to turn the tables around!"

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After a few days, on the surface of the ocean in the East.

There were a few spots of glitter which swiftly transformed into the silhouette of Farquhar and two other people.

Farquhar had his 6 wings behind him while the two others beside him had mysterious spiritual auras. One of them had a pale skin, purple hair and bloodshot eyes. He had the vibes of a leader of a particular tribe. The other person was a well-built man with a rough spiritual aura resembling a wild beast.

"Chinese Country... It is an unbelievable country!"

The golden sparks gathered together as Farquhar closed his eyes. With that, he could sense the current situation in Middle Continent before speaking with excitement. "The adaptability of this country is much stronger than other countries! It is still able to preserve some of its elemental energy!"

Golden Eagle Federation was barely surviving while the Blue Star Alliance had already announced their disbanding. Comparatively, Chinese Country was doing good.

"That's right... I can sense the blood of the people here. They are good food for us..."

The pale and respectable looking man had his purple and gold hair stretching to his waist. He struck fear in those who heard him speak.

"Curtly, don't think of spreading your seeds here. After all, this place is the territory of the Hidden Cultivators Sect!"

The beastly man beside him exclaimed.

"Jon is right. As of now, we cannot offend the Hidden Cultivators Sect!"

Farquhar spoke solemnly before starting to raise suspicion. "I wonder... What did Extreme Darkness give the both of you to get you two to help out?"

"Hehe..."

Both of them exchanged glances and remained silent.

Even though they were allies now and even worked together to capture the 9 Headed Cerberus, they were still Dark First Ancestors and could not coexist with Farquhar.

How would they tell him such an important piece of news?

"It's nothing much. Lady Demon Weapon has admired us and gifted to us a technique on harnessing the essence of the sun and the moon..."

After a long silence, Curtly spoke. "You know about it... We are always interested in the cultivation techniques of the Middle Continent. However, those crazy people from the Hidden Cultivators Sect could not provide us with a suitable technique to train. Who would've thought that a lady like her could help us solve our problem."

"After all, she has the knowledge of another world, even though it might be incomplete."

The werewolf beside them licked his lips. "Now, we have to help Extreme Darkness to kill Fang Yuan. This person is not like Extreme Darkness. He is an otherworldly demon and we might even be able to obtain coordinates of another world from him..."

Although both of them were clear about Operation Grabstar, they were even clearer about the risks of this operation.

After all, not every plan would be able to have a 100% success rate.

Even though they would be able to increase the spiritual energy of Planet Earth to maintain its level at the peak throughout, they did not mind looking for a backup plan.

For instance... the coordinates of another world!

With that, even if they were to encounter any disasters, they would be able to learn from the Jade Palace Faction to live in the fabric of the space-time continuum.

Furthermore, with the coordinates, it would serve as a lighthouse in the dark, guiding them forward and allowing them to proceed on feeling much safer.

"I have once seen Fang Yuan before and it was just after the third occurrence... At that time, he was still in his other form, 'Lei', and was the number one mutant in the world! Needless to say, this person gives me a mysterious vibe... It seems as though I am able to see through him and at the same time unable to understand his thoughts. He is like an ancient book. With every page, I will discover more information and will seem to wander further and further from understanding his true self."

Farquhar felt a little confused.

In their discussion, the three of them transformed into asteroids as they infiltrated Chinese Country.

"This is great!"

Curtly scanned the surroundings and felt pleased. "We have not been stopped since we entered the country. It seems like they have kept their promise and that we have indeed gained the recognition from the Hidden Cultivators Sect!"

"Hehe... it is but a small bunch of people!"

The werewolf started to lick his white fangs. "The few of them are surely at odds with Lei but they want to act aloof and ride on our power."

"Most importantly, they want to obtain the secret as to how Lei managed to improve his cultivation in such a short period of time!"

Farquhar added on.

Everyone would suspect a normal person who would be able to become so powerful in such a short period of time.

This is especially so for someone who was able to achieve the Divine Returning Grade after the second occurrence to have the ability of a 4th Tier mutant and to be known as the number one mutant in the world.

Such a progress could not be explained by the mere possession of an otherworldly demon.

If it was as such, if the outside world were to keep releasing their demons, Planet Earth would be incapable of any resistance.

"Hehe... It seems like in this operation, we not only have to be wary of Extreme Darkness and the Golden Eagle Federation, the greatest problem could be from the old demons of the Hidden Cultivators Sect!"

From the Vampire's First Ancestor's laughter, a stronghold appeared before them.

The stronghold was built from metal and was as tall as 10 metres. The top of the wall was filled with machine guns and cannons and the entire stronghold resembled a huge armour.

"Look at this stronghold. It seems like preparations to build it have begun 10 years ago?"

Witnessing this, Farquhar sighed. "If the government of the alliance have such efficiency, I believe that so many lives in the Blue Star Alliance could be saved."

"Extreme Darkness! How's it?"

The three of them stopped and shouted as a beautiful young lady appeared before them. The black and white wings were glowing brilliantly.

"I have snuck into the city and have confirmed his location."

As Extreme Darkness spoke, she had an uneasy look. "However, something feels weird. He is always in his bungalow and rarely left it..."

"Isn't this good?"

The Werewolf's First Ancestor, Jon, started to reveal a layer of white hair as he slowly transformed into a wolf. He could not wait to take action.

However, Farquhar and Curtly started to hesitate. "Considering his ability, even if you use your most skilful ability to traverse through space, he should still be able to detect you. If this is how things are, then it seems that something is wrong."

"Who cares? No matter how scheming a plan would be, under absolute strength and power, any plan would crumble... our collective power should be able to overpower Fang Yuan, for he is a lone person. Even if he managed to kill Thousand Rock Lord, he could only at most deal with two of us. We will still have the advantage!"

At this point in time, Farquhar was resolute.

"That's right... if we let him off, we might be giving him more opportunities to do whatever he wants!"

Extreme Darkness was also clear on this. "I only have scattered memories from a foreign world. However, that otherworldly demon is completely foreign. After a period of time, he will surely grow stronger."

After the 4 powerful beings had come to a conclusion, it seemed as though a disaster was about to strike Huiming City.

"Squeak! Squeak!"

The first one to take action was the Vampire's First Ancestor. Under his control, the clear skies became covered with red-hued clouds. Black bats started to descend and circle the bungalow as they hungrily searched for their prey.

"Rumble!"

In the next moment, a holy light descended from the heavens. Angels were singing hymns and a huge cross appeared in the sky. Like a holy sword, it struck towards the bungalow.

There was a faint howl of a wolf as well, and a streak of white light struck down like an asteroid.

"Enraging Dark Winds, rage on!"

Compared to all of them, Extreme Darkness was much more well-versed in her skills.

Compared to how she had blindly used all her new abilities in the beginning, the current Extreme Darkness now knew how to harness her power properly. With a simple wave of her hand, dark winds started to form and the faint cries of grieving souls could be heard.

The ground shook and water gushed from the cracks on the ground, forming a strong current of water which swept everything into it.

Such a combined attack which complemented the three other attacks would push their destructive power to a maximum.

The combination of wind and water displayed her versatility in controlling her powers.

"Rumble!"

Under all the attacks, the bungalow could not even hold on for a single second. With that, it crumbled almost instantaneously.

The vibrations from the explosion and crumbling spread far and wide, and many other buildings were affected as well.

"Ahwooooo!"

Jon transformed into a white-haired wolf. His body broke the sound barrier as he pounced forward towards a particular silhouette.

"Chiii!"

The silhouette did not resist at all. It started to crumble and disintegrated, which disappointed Extreme Darkness. "Indeed..."

Chapter 452: The Chase

A truly powerful being would not be destroyed in a single werewolf swipe.

"Magical clone? Illusionary shadow?"

In mid-air, Curtly's voice spread throughout the entire city before he remained silent. "This is troubling..."

Although they were all powerful beings, it was not an easy task to locate someone in their vast world.

"This technique of magical clone is extremely powerful!"

Farquhar saw the other side of it. "His demonic prowess is indeed powerful to be able to go undetected under the Hidden Cultivators Sect and even under you, Extreme Darkness!"

"Ahwooo!"

As the howl of a wolf was heard, Jon's hair retracted and he transformed back into a well-built man. He gazed at Extreme Darkness with an impatient look. "All of this is due to your inaccuracy!"

"That's right, even I cannot distinguish between him and his magical clone..."

Extreme Darkness let out a bitter laugh.

At that moment, all of them were sure that Fang Yuan was in the bungalow.

If not, why would all of them use their killer moves? However, gazing at the Huiming City which was destroyed, the 4 powerful beings remained silent.

"What about..."

The Vampire's First Ancestor, Curtly spoke. "Do you think it will work if we capture his family members and friends to threaten him? I've heard that he has two adopted daughters..."

"Or we could announce our challenge to him. If he doesn't appear, we can kill our way city by city!"

The werewolf gazed at the bloodied city and was already in a state of excitement.

"That's impossible!"

Extreme Darkness thought for a while before shaking her head. "Since he has already escaped, it must mean that he has already expected us. By now, he would have moved his family members or even cut ties with them. Even if we torture his daughters in front of him, he would not waver the slightest bit."

"It is even more impossible to kill entire cities!"

Farquhar raised his objection. "If we were to repeat what we have done previously, we will surely attract the attention of the Hidden Cultivators Sect."

"Who's that?"

"Evacuate the people and activate the army!"

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At this point in time, the people started to become aware of the commotion. A few mutants rose up into the air and appeared as though they were willing to fight with their lives.

They knew that they were up against powerful beings who could destroy entire cities and that they did not stand any chance against these beings!

However, for their families and friends, or even for their faiths, they had to fight.

"Don't overdo it!"

Seeing this, Farquhar's expression changed. "After all, the array is still here!"

"Hehe... don't worry!"

Curtly was displeased at the fact that they had used all their powers but to no avail. With a chuckle, a dark-red cloud hovered in the sky before descending down, trapping a few unlucky ones in it. Not long after, cries of sorrow were heard.

"Rumble!"

Soon after, a few black dots appeared on the horizon. They were fighter jets flying towards the city at full speed.

"Could they be carrying atomic bombs with them?"

Witnessing this scene, Jon's eyes turned bloodshot and his expression turned into a ferocious one. "I've always wanted to test the limits of my regenerative powers!"

"It's impossible!"

Extreme Darkness shook her head. "Not everyone is as crazy as you to test their limits. They would not abruptly attack us, even after considering about the citizens in the city!"

"What should we do?"

Farquhar frowned.

The four of them had combined forces this time, but none of them would have considered that they would end up in such an awkward situation.

In fact, they were all highly skilled in skills, predictions or even techniques to search people.

However, Fang Yuan was too cautious and did not leave any traces behind for them to search for him.

Now that he had covered all his traces up, the four of them had no luck even after performing their spells and techniques.

"Extreme Darkness... Since things have developed to such a stage, we shall leave first!"

After a long while, Farquhar gazed at the three of them and spoke.

This lady had once helped them to capture the 9 Headed Cerberus and had constantly provided them with benefits, which made them agree to help her out for once.

However, none of them had expected that their enemy would disappear just like that.

"Beautiful lady, don't you worry. We will stick to our promises!"

Curtly continued. "As long as you discover traces of the enemy, you just need to inform us and we will arrive in the quickest possible time!"

"Whoosh!"

As soon as he finished his sentence, he exploded into countless blood-hued bats which flew into the sky towards the East.

"I'm sorry, I cannot leave the Holy Mountain for too long as well!"

Seeing this, Farquhar shrugged his shoulders and left with Werewolf Jon.

"D*mn!"

Witnessing their departure, Extreme Darkness gritted her teeth.

She continued to wait in her spot in anticipation, even until the sun had set. Only then did she unwillingly left. Before leaving, she gazed in a certain direction as though she was warning somebody.

"Hehe..."

In a few moments, Xing Hezi's silhouette appeared as he shook his head. "Four highly skilled cultivators in the Divine Returning Grade and they are still no match to a puppet. This is a joke... It's a pity that the fight did not start. Also, it seems that that lady is still too inexperienced..."

By waiting, Extreme Darkness must have been trying to bait Fang Yuan out.

The 3 of them, being cunning, would surely be hiding somewhere and were creating an act to lure Fang Yuan out to deliver a killer blow to him if he were to appear.

It was obvious that this plan had failed since Fang Yuan had decided to be a coward.

"This lady doll is ruthless..."

Xing Hezi sighed as he gazed at the destructive scene. "Fortunately, they did not destroy the foundation of the array. After this blood sacrifice, we have enough grieving souls to allow the array to regenerate itself if it was destroyed. The array eye will mature without any complications."

"However... this Fang Yuan..."

Even Xing Hezi himself had a fear for Fang Yuan.

His secret identity as a suspected otherworldly demon was only one of the worries.

More importantly, Fang Yuan had displayed his attitude of not conforming to any rules.

Thousand Rock Lord had only spied on him once but was killed soon after. This time, against 4 powerful beings, Fang Yuan knew how to hide and react to anything that would happen.

Such a person was akin to a poisonous snake! If the snake was not killed in a single blow, complications would arise!

'Since this is so, I shall not go after the two adopted daughters. I shall leave this to others!'

Xing Hezi thought to himself for a moment before whipping his whisk. With that, night came and the stars glittered brilliantly in the night sky.

"The mortals are stupid and I am here to save the world!"

With a cold laugh, he executed a special technique before stretching forward.

"Rumble!"

The power of the stars descended and everywhere shook.

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"This is weird!"

In the prosperous land of the Jade Palace Faction, Fang Yuan opened his eyes and started to suspect something. "It seems like... it is not Elder Extreme Darkness!"

Although Fang Yuan was confident of his own ability to conceal himself, he was wary of the fact that his enemy might be an elder in the Illusionary Divine stage. Her powers were limitless and if she was desperate enough, she could surely find her way to Fang Yuan.

Therefore, Fang Yuan had chosen the prosperous land as the place for the final showdown.

With the foundation laid out by the Jade Palace Faction, Fang Yuan had adapted it to create a few powerful arrays. If he were to activate all of them at one go, the enemy would surely be caught off guard.

Furthermore, there was also a secret tunnel which he could control at will to use it to attack or defend.

"But now... none of them are here. What in the world is happening?"

Fang Yuan was dissatisfied at the fact that all his planning had come to a nought.

"The Spying Eye outside did not detect anything as well. It seems like this Extreme Darkness is not actively looking for others, but is unable to find me..."

Fang Yuan rubbed his chin and felt at a loss. "Could Elder really be this weak? Or could it be... that I am scaring myself, and that she did not even dream-traverse here in the first place?"

"If that is the case..."

To this point, he came to a decision. Swiftly, he left the prosperous land and rushed towards the West Continent at full speed.

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After a few months.

On the ocean surface just next to the Golden Eagle Federation, two streaks of light were flying at top speed.

"She is indeed not Extreme Darkness!"

Fang Yuan turned into a streak of lightning and his intent to kill was locked on the silhouette in front of him.

He had secretly arrived at Golden Eagle Federation and snuck into the government to wait. With a little patience and spells, he finally found traces of the Demon Weapon.

With that, his next cause of action was to directly strike her with a bolt of lightning.

Never would he have thought that as soon as he appeared, the other party would start to flee. This did not feel like Elder Extreme Darkness at all.

"Fang Yuan, I know... You are that otherworldly demon which everyone in our world hates!"

Extreme Darkness fled as she continued to speak. "I have already notified the alliance members of the Demon Alliance. They will come here as soon as they can. Once you are being surrounded, you will surely be killed."

Regardless of how she threatened Fang Yuan, Fang Yuan continued to chase her without giving her even a moment to breathe.

"You know my identity and you are skilled in a few weird secret spells. It seems like you are still the Demon Weapon I know. However, you have obtained a few memories and benefits after all these years... To speak the truth, I admire you for the fact that you are able to fight back."

Fang Yuan was starting to feel interested towards this young girl.

It would be a feat for Extreme Darkness to re-enter the realm, execute her plan and turn out victorious.

Furthermore, after destroying her spirit, Fang Yuan would be able to absorb some of the Demon Weapon's memories. Even if Extreme Darkness were to seal some of these memories, they would be parts where Fang Yuan would be interested in.

Furthermore, this young lady had the clone body of Extreme Darkness and even parts of Extreme Darkness's soul. What would this mean? This would mean that she would be almost identical to the actual Elder Extreme Darkness, like a magical clone out of control!

If Fang Yuan could control this magical clone, he would be able to obtain a lot of valuable information and secrets! If he were to bring these pieces of information back to Da Qian, he could even have the chips to bargain and deal with Elder Extreme Darkness.

"The bait which I have put in place has worked now that I have attracted such a huge fish."

As waves of spiritual energy rolled across the surface of the ocean, Fang Yuan was filled with satisfaction.

"Roar! Roar!"

At this point in time, a dragon's roar was heard from a distance ahead, and Extreme Darkness appeared relieved.

Chapter 453: Capture

"Sea Dragon King?"

Under the extreme speed, Fang Yuan could already feel an enormous spiritual aura in front of him.

Winds raged and clouds loomed as the contemptuous aura of a king could be felt.

Such a feeling was very familiar to Fang Yuan.

The emergence of a water dragon would bring about crazed winds and rain!

The support that was rushing over towards Fang Yuan was the king of the deep seas, Sea Dragon King!

"Even if every member of the Demon Alliance is present, I will still not let you off!"

Nevertheless, the glow in Fang Yuan's eyes became more resolute. He then suddenly stepped forward violently.

"Hruuu! Hruuuuu!"

Spiritual energy swept across as though it became a windstorm.

Extreme Darkness turned around and felt as though she saw a black hole.

"Rumble!"

Suddenly, the black hole broke apart and a giant silhouette stepped out.

He was extremely tall, huge and had strong muscles. It was as though he came from the wilderness as he was very rough looking and his body was violet in colour. He suddenly hollered, "Zha!"

Sonic waves swept across!

This one word of his was like the first voice that created the heavens and earth; it was extremely terrifying.

The rough waves on the seas calmed down at once. Even the clouds in the skies scattered as though they were scared.

Enormous! Pangu Eagle Body!

This was of course not the real body of a True Divine martial artist, but with Fang Yuan's strength now, it was already extremely close to his original body in his own world. Such a body being displayed was still incredibly awe-inspiring and formidable.

"No! The unity of light and dark, Mandala Enchantment, seal it!"

Young Girl Extreme Darkness saw the giant extend his hand and his fingers were like five mountains that crushed her. An extremely horrified and panic-stricken look appeared on her face and she immediately bit the tip of her tongue. Her face became red and she started casting her spell.

On her right hand, a holy light mandala appeared which was radiating a pure and holy white-coloured glow. On her other hand, it was extraordinarily dark and gloomy as it formed a queen of the night flower that looked like it came from hell.

Suddenly, the two light and dark flowers merged together and gave birth to something chaotic. The two forces from the extremes clashed together and immediately opened up an inexplicable and indescribably powerful enchantment that was enveloping towards the giant hand.

"Very good!"

Fang Yuan chuckled.

Extreme Darkness did not while away time. After she conquered this otherworldly body, it was as though her misfortune turned into good luck as she gained substantial benefits.

Furthermore, just with the large amounts of techniques and experiences left behind by Elder Extreme Darkness were enough for her to progress tremendously.

However, the body she possessed would seal off and destroy its important memories if it was defeated. Hence, this young girl did not obtain much and this explained why the enchantment appeared rather incomplete and deformed.

"If she really continues to grow further, she would be unstoppable since her body's physique was already not bad and she was further supplemented by the experiences from another world."

As Fang Yuan thought, his expression became extremely stern. The giant he transformed as then roared furiously again, "Roar!"

"Smack!"

In the enchantment of light and dark, even if the Five Fingers Mountain descended from the heavens, it would be sealed in the void too.

However, moments later, Young Girl Extreme Darkness' face changed drastically.

After she harnessed all of her strength, the attack merely sealed off one of the opponent's..... palm? Furthermore, the feeling it gave her was like as though she was catching a great white shark with a normal fishing net as the opponent could easily break free from it.

"Run!"

In that instant, the young girl made up her mind and fled towards the Sea Dragon King. She was very regretful.

If she knew Fang Yuan was so powerful, she would not have made enemies with him.

'Aren't people from other worlds who visit our world suppressed and restrained? Also... from the memories, this Fang Yuan isn't really someone to be afraid of...'

'Why... is it still like this?'

The young girl was incredibly puzzled.

"Kaboom!"

However, Fang Yuan gave her no chances.

Accompanied by a raging roar, lightning flashed crazily in the skies and struck all at once, tearing apart the light and dark enchantment.

The lightning bolts surrounded the giant hands like two dragons swimming around it. The giant hand then grabbed the lightning bolts again.

The enchantment broke and along with the power of the lightning escaping from it, it immediately caused Young Girl Extreme Darkness' face to turn ashen at once. Fresh, red blood then spewed out from her face as if she was a plum.

"Stop!"

"Sploosh!"

At last, the seas raged and a 100-yard-long blue water dragon charged out from it.

"No one can stop me from doing what I want to do! Scram!"

The Pangu Giant hollered and struck out his other fist.

"Splash!"

Water splashed everywhere as a fist landed on the seas. Its strength was like an entire mountain and brought about an indomitable might.

"Bang!"

Under the fist, even the 100-yard-long water dragon was sent flying back. The layers of water on its body were shattered one by one.

"No!"

Extreme Darkness' gaze was filled with despair. The giant lightning hand went for her without hesitation and sealed off the void at the same time. She could not even teleport away and was grabbed by the hand tightly.

"Kaboom!"

In the next instant, lightning flashed and brought about great pain and anguish to the young girl. Her body was now covered in large patches of burnt marks and even her bones and internal organs could be seen. She was then continuously restoring and regenerating her own body.

"Seal!"

After such great destruction, all the lightning bolts gathered and condensed into a lightning chain that entered the young girl's body. It then turned into a seal and immediately disappeared.

The young girl immediately lost her consciousness.

"You... humans! You have really enraged me!"

"Roar!"

The surface of the sea which was filled with rough waves immediately turned pitch black.

The currents moved continuously and brought about huge waves that were more than 10 yards tall. On the crest of the wave, the blue water dragon emerged from it. It had a single horn on its forehead, dragon claws on its abdomen and a plain looking dragon tail. It then began stirring waves.

"Hehe... a cross-bred water dragon dares to call itself the Sea Dragon King?"

Fang Yuan scanned the dragon with his eyes and revealed a disdainful look.

As Fang Yuan was a water dragon before, he could naturally feel that although this blue-coloured water dragon's power might have been higher than his own, its bloodline was not pure. Thus, it was not even comparable to his golden water dragon transformation and not to mention, a true dragon.

Such a dragon that dared to call itself the Sea Dragon King would be killed and shredded into pieces if it really met a true dragon.

A dragon's temperament was haughty.

As it saw Fang Yuan's disdainful look, the Sea Dragon King seethed with anger even more. It then violently opened its mouth.

"Whoosh!"

A beam of cold blue coloured light gathered in front of its body and immediately landed on the giant's body.

Freezing weather! Snow during summer!

In an instant, an extremely frosty feeling swarmed the area. The vast ocean turned into solid ice and encased the giant in it, becoming an ice statue.

The blue water dragon swam about and turned into a stream of blue light. It then arrived in front of the giant and swung its tail.

The water dragon had never hoped to freeze the giant to death directly, it only wanted to restrict the giant's movement for a more convenient attack.

"Smack!"

A divine dragon tail's smack would be nothing short of a thousand tonnes!

However, even though the shockingly immense strength landed on the giant's body, it only made the ice in front of its chest shatter. The giant's broad and sturdy chest was revealed and he did not even move back a single step nor flinch.

"How could it be?"

Seeing such, the Sea Dragon King finally let exclaimed in shock, "How could your body be so strong?"

As a mutated beast, its advantage against humans was its body that was tougher than steel. As the apex of mutated beasts in the ocean, the Sea Dragon King was very confident of its dragon body. It would never have imagined such an attack of his would be so useless and it could even feel slight pain from its dragon tail.

"Hmph, you're ignorant!"

Fang Yuan sneered.

The most powerful thing Fang Yuan had currently was his martial artist divine body of Pangu Eagle Body. Even though he was only showcasing a small bit of it, it could rival any ferocious beasts in this realm.

Under the attack just now, he even had the strength to protect the fainted Extreme Darkness who was inside his hand.

"Oh? Looks like the reinforcements are here!"

Fang Yuan looked at the prey in his hand. He then announced loudly, "I am a very fair person. Since you attacked me once just now, I will counterattack you once! If you can block it, you live! If you can't, you die!"

"How brazen!"

Sea Dragon King was fuming. Layers of sturdy ice appeared on its body and transformed into a solid defence.

At the next moment, it saw a fist smashing towards it.

What kind of tyrannical punch was that?

It was as though the punch opened the skies and split the earth, separated the good and bad, and crushed everything in front it. Against this fist, it was like going against an entire world!

This was a punch that was exceedingly close to the power of an area!

"Ahh!"

As the Sea Dragon King roared, blood oozed out from each and every scale on its body. The gigantic bloodied dragon dived into the sturdy ice which formed the strongest defence.

"Rumble!"

In the next instant.

The fist landed and the sturdy ice was crushed. It even forced apart the seawaters and revealed unseen pieces of land that were submerged for aeons.

How could the might of a fist be this powerful?!

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Moments later, a stream of holy light and a stream of bloody light arrived. As they looked at the ravaged surroundings, they had the same astonished looks on their face.

"Could Area Beings be... fighting here before?"

Farquhar mumbled.

Faced with such a scene, anyone would have thought of that possibility.

"Where's blue dragon? It can't be dead, right?"

Curtly looked at the large pool of fresh blood on the ocean and was salivating. He almost could not stop himself from guzzling it.

"Such precious dragon blood shouldn't be wasted!"

Curtly's eyes turned blood-red like a shiny crystal and a force of his mind emerged.

Streaks of blood were drawn out from the waters as he easily separated the seawaters from it. The streaks of blood then gathered in front of him and formed a large ball of blood. Its surface was uneven and a tinge of gold colour could be seen too.

"Tsk ts... what unadulterated dragon blood! Such a beautiful wine should be enjoyed during the grandest feast..."

The vampires' first ancestor muttered.

"Curtly! If you dare to do that, I guarantee you I will eat you up! I swear!"

"Sploosh!"

A portion of the sea split apart and the blue dragon king emerged from it.

However, it was now miserable and wretched looking. Not only were its scales broken and its dragon claws cracked, there was even a giant hole near its waist that went through its body. It was almost severed it into two halves.

"We received the call for help from Extreme Darkness and immediately rushed over! It was Fang Yuan, right?"

Farquhar waved his hand. A streak of holy light descended and sped up the healing of the water dragon's wounds.

"It's him indeed! That person... that person..."

The blue dragon king muttered and a look of fear appeared inside his giant dragon eyes.

"Not only are his spiritual techniques powerful, his physical body is not like that of a normal person too... He had already captured and brought away Extreme Darkness."

Although Farquhar and Curtly had already guessed and expected such, hearing it still caused them to heave a chilly sigh.

"You all can do whatever you all want to do by yourselves! I wouldn't be interfering anymore!"

The Sea Dragon King hollered. Its body then shrank into an appearance similar to that of a fish before it dove into the deep seas and disappeared.

Chapter 454: Magical Clone

"Where is... this?"

As soon as the young Extreme Darkness came to, she realised that she was already in a palace-looking building.

There were four white tall pillars around. Chains stretched from the pillars and restrained her in the middle.

"Don't try to struggle!"

Before her, Fang Yuan stood calmly. "I have already cast an array which will deplete the spiritual droplets around you, and another array outside. Even a Divine Returning Grade being will find it hard to escape."

"What do you want to do with me?"

Extreme Darkness quickly evaluated the situation she was in and calmly spoke to Fang Yuan in an attempt to discuss the conditions. "I know... you are not a powerful being in your own world. In my consciousness, I have a lot of memories and I can trade them with you... no! As long as you don't kill me, I can give all of these to you!"

"I am indeed interested in all these information. However, I can obtain all these information from you myself. Why do I have to trade with you?"

Fang Yuan snickered and stretched out his palm.

"Mmmmm!"

His palm was as smooth as jade and felt cold to the touch as he placed it on Extreme Darkness's forehead.

With that, the young girl's face was filled with an agonising pain as a weird look flashed across in her eyes.

The feeling of being searched through the soul was akin to someone smashing her skull open to forcefully open it before stirring the contents with a metal spoon.

"I know..."

After a few moments, Fang Yuan finally spoke. "You must have a ruthless strategy which can damage Extreme Darkness's soul. Therefore, you assume that I will let you live, right?"

"This is not good!"

A hue of silver flashed in the young Extreme Darkness's eyes.

At that moment, her consciousness started to shake and her mind started to expand, making her 10 times more powerful than her usual ability!

This was her killer move. It was a special ability which she did not know where she had absorbed it from. The effect of this ability would be to make her 10 times more powerful than usual by rendering her weak for the next three days. Although the effects would only last for a few minutes, it would be enough for her to do whatever she wanted.

Although this ability could only amplify the powers of the original mutant who had it by a little, it was a killer move for the Demon Weapon to protect her own consciousness.

This was one of the plans she had while she was fleeing from Fang Yuan.

Why could she still use this ability even after being restricted by the array?

This was because after receiving Extreme Darkness's memories and techniques, she had achieved a breakthrough in the limits of her special ability and began on her path of cultivation.

Although she was extremely weak now, she was still able to activate this small special ability of hers.

However, it was a pity that because of what Fang Yuan said, she could no longer stick to the original plan and unknowingly activated it at this point in time.

"Rumble!"

As a powerful 4th Tier mutant, even though Fang Yuan had a steadfast will with a clear mind, under such a powerful mind influence from the Demon Weapon, Fang Yuan's will collapse without a fight and left his consciousness.

Seeing this, Extreme Darkness appeared confused.

Her initial plan was to take the opportunity to counter-attack and channel all her mind powers into Fang Yuan's consciousness to destroy him!

However, since Fang Yuan was prepared, he would surely temporarily cut off ties with his mind. After the powerful blow, she would become helpless against Fang Yuan's attack.

Even so, she still glared ever so fiercely at Fang Yuan as though she was a female wolf looking at her prey.

"The resemblance... is uncanny!"

After Fang Yuan's ploy to make Extreme Darkness execute her killer move had worked, he gazed at the pale face before him and was stunned. "This look resembles Elder Extreme Darkness to a tee... Little girl, do you know what caused this?"

"Caused this?"

The young Extreme Darkness started to turn frenzy.

Suddenly, in her collection of memories, a figure appeared which slowly became increasingly clear.

That was...

Tears welled up in her eyes as fear filled her face. "No... save me!"

"Cough..."

Witnessing this scene, Fang Yuan was utterly speechless. "Even such a weak magical clone of Elder Extreme Darkness is not something which can be easily defeated... even if I were to become careless and fall into your trap, I can still survive in your consciousness... But now that you are helpless, do you feel that your memories are becoming clearer and clearer? Don't think about it. The more you think about her, the easier that will be able to reproduce on you!"

The more Fang Yuan mentioned about it, the worse the situation became.

As he mentioned the memories, the young girl would involuntarily think about it. She would think about the beautiful and captivating deity-like lady.

Furthermore, the scattered memories started to come together as though they had come to life. They were all fighting to control her as they made the silhouette of the lady clearer and clearer.

"No... I don't want to turn into another person, save me!"

Two streaks of tears rolled down her face and splattered as they fell to the ground.

With that, the young girl shut her eyes forcefully. In the next moment, as soon as she opened them, her expression changed. She now appeared calm and composed, which would strike fear in anyone who saw her.

"Fang Yuan!"

Her cold but composed voice made it feel as though the young girl in front of Fang Yuan was a changed person.

She was no longer the Demon Weapon, but the actual high-tiered Illusionary Divine dream master in the Da Qian world, Elder Extreme Darkness!"

"Let me go!"

With that, Elder Extreme Darkness spoke calmly as she demanded her release.

"I'm sorry... I cannot do it!"

Fang Yuan hugged himself and snickered.

"How dare you! Are you intending to be disrespectful?"

Elder Extreme Darkness gazed at Fang Yuan with an intent to kill. "Members of the Realm Alliance cannot kill each other. It seems like you are intending to betray the alliance! Do you want the Sage to go after you?"

"Hehe..."

Seeing this, Fang Yuan remained unmoved and even had a mocking expression on his face.

"Fang Yuan... If you release me, I shall owe you a favour. Once we return, I shall make it up to you. How's that?"

Seeing how Fang Yuan reacted, Elder Extreme Darkness changed her tone.

"Are you... really Elder Extreme Darkness?"

Fang Yuan finally said something which made Elder Extreme Darkness change her expression. "As dream masters, we dream-traverse and if our possessed bodies are harmed, our True Spirits would be damaged but we would immediately return to our own bodies. I've never heard of instances where one can leave their magical clone behind."

"This is a unique occurrence and I am trapped by this body. Fortunately, I was able to hold on to a shred of my own consciousness to remain aware of everything..."

As Elder Extreme Darkness continued, her voice became increasingly low-pitched as though she knew that even a kid would not believe her. With that, she became impatient. "Tell me, what do you want? No matter how weak I am, I am still a magical clone of my true self. Do you still want to harm me? Are you not afraid that my true self will realise it and deal with you afterwards?"

"Oh, is that so? I'm so afraid!"

Fang Yuan snapped his fingers and the array started to increase in its power.

Elder Extreme Darkness, who was trapped in the middle, felt even more stress on her shoulders as she started to kneel down. "What do you want?"

She had no idea how important this world was to Fang Yuan. Fang Yuan had already decided to himself that he would kill anyone who would interfere with his plans, even if a Sage were to enter the realm!

"I'm afraid that... you're just unlucky!"

Even though Fang Yuan had her under complete control, he was still cautious.

This was an actual magical clone of Elder Extreme Darkness and was different from the previous young girl. She would know all of Elder Extreme Darkness's secret spells and Fang Yuan had to make sure that nothing would go wrong.

To think about it, it was Elder Extreme Darkness's misfortune.

With her ability, she could possess anyone in the realm and would still stay safe.

However, her impatience made her tempted to choose the clone body of herself which was extremely suitable for her to possess.

After all, because of the restrictions of this realm, even a Sage would have to start his cultivation from the bottom, which was an extremely arduous process. Not everyone had Fang Yuan's special ability to possess fixed stats and therefore achieve breakthroughs without considerations.

Elder Extreme Darkness had already suffered a blow to her True Spirit once. Now, she was possessing a 4th Tier mutant. Even so, Elder Extreme Darkness could still pull it off and survive.

However, never would she have thought that after the Demon Weapon had absorbed all sorts of special ability, it would obtain an ability to increase its own mind power to turn the tables around.

This second blow would cause even more damage to her True Spirit and therefore, she would naturally return to her own body in Da Qian.

However, her soul was being trapped within the Demon Weapon. Since she was unwilling to let the Demon Weapon benefit from her knowledge, she entered into a deep slumber.

Now that the Demon Weapon was weakened, she could finally take control of it to create trouble.

"A cloned magical clone with a piece of soul from the owner and scattered memories... the result is an uncontrollable magical clone, is that right? Elder Extreme Darkness?"

Fang Yuan placed emphasis on the last few words as he mocked her.

Dream-traversing was still extremely dangerous.

Even a person as powerful as an Illusionary Divine dream master could fail twice and create an uncontrollable magical clone.

As soon as the magical clone matured, it would surely find ways to enter Da Qian world to absorb the true owner and become one with it!

"I am confused... if I destroy your magical clone, will your true self hate me or be thankful?"

Fang Yuan smiled before stretching out his palm. "Now, it's time for you to convince me. What value do you have?"

"..."

After an awkward silence, Extreme Darkness's magical clone finally spoke. "Although my true self had programmed for me to destroy my memories as soon as possession fails, I am still a magical clone of her and you can even consider me as a part of her. Therefore, my memories are not wiped out and I still have most of it... I have the secrets of Da Qian, powerful secret techniques and even the plans of the Realm Alliance. I can tell you all of these."

"Very well!"

Fang Yuan clapped his hands. "You know how to adapt when the tables have turned! Finally, how do you intend on allowing me to trust you?"

Chapter 455: A New Beginning

Time passed quickly.

In the blink of an eye, 10 years had passed.

Since the battle 10 years ago, Fang Yuan had disappeared from the face of Planet Earth. The Hidden Cultivators Sect from the Middle Continent and the Demon Alliance of the East and West Continents had searched the entire planet but to no avail.

In this 10 years, due to the changing concentration of spiritual energy, there were many shocking changes in the world. The surviving countries started to break down. There were traffic jams everywhere and wild beasts were flooding the cities. Mutants and cultivators took hold of this opportunity to rise to power as the authority of governments started to erode. Alliances began to replace the governments.

It was already the end of the Year 1023, and the fourth occurrence was about to come!

Just like before, the Spiritual King Comet would appear in the sky, which would represent the peaking of spiritual energy in the atmosphere. With that peak, the concentration of spiritual energy would go down soon after.

The period in which the spiritual energy would be concentrated would only be around a hundred years. After this period, the entire planet would enter a new cycle of another 1,000 years.

However, this time, the powerful beings of the Demon Alliance and the Hidden Cultivators Sect had already made their preparations. They would no longer resign to fate and would give their all to execute their plan!

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Huiming City.

The half-destroyed city was slowly being rebuilt and it was becoming increasingly prosperous by the day.

Tens of thousands of people now resided in the city, which meant that the city would be extremely congested and chaotic. From the outside, the entire city resembled a huge reunion of families.

The silver city walls, the scientific-looking weapons and the mysterious-looking arrays gave the city a unique vibe of its own.

Entering the city would give one the impression of arriving at a refugee camp.

One-storey houses were built beside each other. Rubbish and waste filled the air with an unbearable stench. Similarly, fightings, robberies and rapes were common here. Those with strength would have the power and rights to talk and there was almost no existence of laws in this place.

Further in the slumps, through another set of walls, one would arrive at the Elite Area. High-rise buildings were built from metal and the streets were clean. Police would regularly patrol the streets to maintain order. With the thick wall separating the slumps from this part of the city, the difference was vast, as though this place was heaven and the slump outside was hell.

Some mutants, military personnel and low-tiered scientists were designated to live here to enjoy a little peace and stability.

Those with merit and money would be able to upgrade themselves to live in the Elite Area. This was the dream for many living outside.

However, most of them were unaware that there was also a small Core Area in the centre of the city.

This place enjoyed treatment as to how Planet Earth was before all the chaos. Because of the arrival of doomsday, this place had become even more complicated and backwards than before.

This was the place that only the people at the top could live in. The people living here were mutants at the 3rd Tier and above and this place was the safest and most luxurious place in the entire Huiming City.

Considering their land sizes, the Core Area would be the smallest, followed by the Elite Area and finally, the Slump Area, which covered over 70% of the entire city.

This was the reality of doomsday!

"Chirp! Chirp!"

Suddenly, in the skies outside of the city, there was a group of black dots.

It was a flock of red-feathered vultures. They were ferocious and ugly-looking. Their wingspan was about 3 metres long and their sharp talons swiped the air around as they flew.

"Pa! Pa!"

On the top of the city walls, the various types of high-technology weapons were fired at the many ferocious vultures in a multi-coloured display of streaks of light.

A few occasional vultures would make it through the rain of ammunition firing at them but would crash into the protective array to become a pile of bloodied mess.

"It's another flock of Blood Vultures. It seems like we need to send the Risk Party to the cliff in the west to clear them up."

On the city walls, a few officers gazed at the scene coldly and thought to themselves.

At the same time, an entourage of vehicles arrived from outside which attracted their attention.

In such times, even the Risk Party would have to travel on foot. To be able to enjoy the luxury of a car meant that this person was a person of status!

"We have received the message. This person is an ambassador from outside. He has been cleared. Open the doors!"

An officer verified the information through a phone before ordering for the city doors to be opened.

"Kacha! Kacha!"

Under the whirring sound of machinery and gears interlocking, torque was created to slowly open the doors.

"Aha!"

"Finally home!"

"Haha... It's a new life!"

Similarly, a Risk Taker in tattered clothes witnessed this scene and exclaimed in excitement.

"Are those people... the previous Risk Takers? How fortunate it is for them to encounter the vehicles to return to the city together!"

The officer commanded without any expression. "Pass down the order to be stricter during the checks. Also, the Guard of Honour shall follow me to receive them!"

After 10 years of development in Huiming City, a unique culture and practices had been formed.

Technology was fused with special abilities, which created a new era of technology. Limitations were broken and now, it was possible to produce cheap manufactured food to meet the demands of the city. Although the food did not taste too pleasant, it was still good enough to ensure the survival of the people.

Furthermore, a few normal cultivation techniques were being spread around, which formed the basis of the Risk Takers.

They were the most active group of people in the city and were always dreaming about activating special abilities, achieving a high tier in the cultivation or even entering the rat race to earn money and food. With these goals, they would accept missions in Huiming City and would periodically clean up the ferocious wild beasts around the city to provide stability.

After every mission, the system in the city would record down the Risk Taker who had completed the mission. Once the Risk Taker would accumulate enough points, they would be promoted to a 4-star Risk Taker or even higher, which would give them the chance to reside in the Elite Area, a huge step from where they once were.

"Uncle Yu!"

At this point in time, a young Risk Taker was observing the entourage of vehicles with jealousy as the vehicles rolled into the city. "Who are these people..."

"It should be the ambassador of another city, right?"

Another well-built man in tattered clothing rubbed his chin. "Who knows what he is here for..."

"Someday, I want to become somebody like him!"

The young man watched as the vehicles drove out of sight. His uncle had to painstakingly convince the guards at the door to grant them entry into the city. Comparing the differences in their treatment, the young man clenched his fists tightly.

"I am Captain Sun Xingchen of Huiming City. Welcome, ambassador from afar!"

The entourage vehicles entered a car park and were parked before Zhao Daniu walked out of one of the cars. Looking at the changed city, his face was filled with mixed emotions. "Finally... we're back."

There was a look of pain in his eyes, for he could not forget what had happened 10 years ago.

When the city was under attack, almost half of the entire city was destroyed. With Xing Hezi of the Hidden Cultivators Sect taking over the helm of the city, Huiming City was the first city to slip out of the control of the government as it started on a new path of self-sustenance.

Till today, the intention to isolate this city was all too obvious.

"Welcome, Ambassador Zhao. Please enter my car and allow me to escort you to the Core Area!"

Sun Xingchen bowed and gave a military salute.

"Thank you!"

After 10 years of training, Zhao Daniu now had the look of a middle-aged man. He had grey sideburns. Controlling his emotions, he entered a black limousine.

"Welcome, Sir!"

In the limousine, there were already two ladies wearing seductive clothing waiting for him. As soon as he arrived, they started to surround him. These two ladies had similar looks and might even be blood-related.

Reclining in his chair, wine was served. "Do you want to drink with us?"

Zhao Daniu's heart wavered for a while. However, as soon as he thought of Ye Yingzi, he became resolute. "Don't get too close to me! Give me a cup of wine!"

Raising a glass of wine, he twirled the red wine in the glass.

He started to observe the surroundings outside. There were dark skies and uneven buildings outside. As soon as the people on the streets saw the symbol on the entourage of vehicles, they quickly made way in fear as they admired the car from afar. Zhao Daniu had mixed feelings looking at them.

Finally, he understood parts of it as soon as he entered the Elite Area.

Looking at the greened area and the various departmental stores around, Zhao Daniu felt as though he had travelled through time.

Such peace and quiet were rare in this period and it was worth it to protect with all their lives.

However, as soon as he thought about the situation outside, he felt a little unjust for the unfortunate people.

"Pa!"

Finally, as they entered the Core Area, Zhao Daniu could no longer hold in his anger. With a strong fist, he smashed the body of the car he was in.

The car was made from a special gold alloy and was claimed to be able to deflect guided missiles and special abilities of 3rd Tier mutants. However, in a single punch, there was already a distinct dent in its body.

The car continued to drive on and finally stopped in front of a bungalow which resembled a palace.

Sun Xingchen personally opened the door for Zhao Daniu. "You are indeed the powerful Rockman! Please!"

Zhao Daniu took in a deep breath as he walked along the red carpet and entered the palace.

White jade, silver and gold were embedded into the walls. The chandeliers hanging from the ceilings completed the luxurious scene.

Although the price of gold and metals had already drastically fallen in such times, the resources and manpower required to build such a palace were also worth a fortune.

With a single thought, Zhao Daniu felt a sharp pain in his chest as though there was a heavy rock.

"Hehe... I welcome you, my friend from afar!"

An old man walked out supported by two younger ladies. "Or should I say... the Ambassador from the capital, Mister Zhao Daniu!"

"Hello, Mister Li!"

After exchanging their greetings, Zhao Daniu quickly recalled information regarding the other party.

Li Rulong, together with 4 other old men, formed the authority and power of Huiming City - the Five Elders Association.

Of course, they were secretly under the control and influence of Xing Hezi from the Hidden Cultivators Sect.

"I am here because of the doomsday. That moment is about to arrive!"

Zhao Daniu went straight to the point. "We are both different from normal people and we know what this means."

The ignorant ones would think that this would be a period of affluence, with technology and cultivation working hand in hand, allowing anyone to become supernormal. If the city were to continue down such a path, a new unparalleled culture would be created.

However, Zhao Daniu was extremely clear that judgement day was about to arrive!

This would be a disaster of a worldwide scale and no one would be able to escape!

"Ambassador, I am clear of the purpose of your visit!"

Old Li revealed a bitter laugh. "But now... I will have to invite you to the banquet prepared especially for you!"

Chapter 456: A New End

On the top of the building in the Core Area, through a translucent glass, the entire Huiming City was in view.

Zhao Daniu stretched his hand out as though he was about to grab something before shaking his head in despair. "Even I would not bear to destroy such a city!"

"Mister Zhao!"

Li Rulong held on to his crutch and unknowingly arrived beside him to enjoy the view of the city together.

"Next up will be out private conversation! No hidden microphones or recorders!"

Old Li chuckled and slammed his crutch once.

"Clang!"

The top of the crutch opened up, revealing a small piece of gold foil.

"This is the most advanced 3rd Generation foil disruptor and even a cultivator's spiritual will will not be able to infiltrate this place..." Zhao Daniu became increasingly tensed. "Mister, what are you intending to say?"

"I know that you represent your country's intentions. However, the Five Elders Association will not be able to help you..."

A tinge of sorrow flashed in Old Li's eyes. "The few of us old men are only puppets. The real people controlling us is the Hidden Cultivators Sect."

"Do you know what the Hidden Cultivators Sect are preparing?"

Zhao Daniu could no longer hold it in and was almost shouting. "This is a crime against the people! If the planet gets destroyed because of this, the all of you will be responsible!"

"No... that won't happen. It is only a comet."

Old Li appeared a little pale but forcefully stood in his place. "Furthermore, the comet will land in the deepest part of the oceans."

"That's right, a 'comet' with a diameter of over 10 kilometres. As soon as it crashes onto land, even the crater would stretch over a hundred miles, creating earthquakes and tsunamis. There would be natural disasters enough to wipe out half of all lifeforms on Planet Earth. This is your plan..."

Zhao Daniu scoffed as he remarked with sarcasm.

"We know that this is a gamble, but we have no choice..."

Li Rulong appeared dazed as he mumbled. "Almost all of the high-tiered cultivators and mutants are supportive of this plan. In doomsday, they are the people with power. Even the few of us old men can only wish that the spiritual energy would become more concentrated so that we have a path of cultivation to walk on, or that the Hidden Cultivators Sect would reward us with a longevity pill or something as a reward."

"Therefore, the 5 of you are willing to gamble the future of mankind?"

Zhao Daniu's eyes turned red.

Even though cultivation was now widespread, the ratio of supernormal humans to normal humans was only about 20%. Although this was already a shocking number compared to previously, it was still unbelievable and illogical to sacrifice 80% of the human population for their plan.

"Since things are at this stage now, the only we can do is to pray, right?"

Old Li took in a deep breath. The tired attitude of his made Zhao Daniu speechless.

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The next day, the entourage of vehicles left Huiming City.

"Chief of Bureau, the mission has failed. Huiming City has rejected the possibility of a cooperation!"

In the car, Zhao Daniu took out his phone and contacted the old Xi Menjian.

"Sigh..."

Receiving this news, Xi Menjian shook his head in the screen. "They are all traitors! How can they sacrifice the entire plan for the possibility of rewards."

With Fang Yuan's assistance and 10 years of investigation, they were clear of the Hidden Cultivators Sect's plan.

However, things were already at such a stage and were unlikely to be able to be salvaged.

"However... as long as we press on, there is still hope. I believe that Li Rulong of the Five Elders Association has a conscience in him. He even hinted to me that he will be providing us with information and assistance."

Zhao Daniu continued to report.

"Hehe..."

Xi Menjian was highly experienced by now as he chuckled. "He is just afraid and was merely trying to be on good terms with both sides... However, the fact that he is willing to help us would be better than nothing."

He sighed once more and appeared even more frail looking. "We have lesser and lesser allies now."

Transportation came to a halt everywhere in the world and people were only caring about their own cities.

The Hidden Cultivators Sect took this opportunity to expand as high-tiered mutants and cultivators snatched power in local areas and there was nothing others could do.

If not for the fact that only 10 years had passed since the invasion of the wild beasts, even the important military installations might just fall into the hands of the Hidden Cultivators Sect. By then, nothing could be done.

"The interview in Huiming City is completed. Next up, we still need to visit Yinduo City and Gucheng City... Let's hope for a positive result. We don't have much time left..."

Zhao Daniu sighed. "If the professor was here, everything would be fine."

He was always feeling guilty and felt that if Xi Menjian did not beg Fang Yuan to investigate the problem of the array, Fang Yuan would not have been attacked by a group of powerful beings and become missing since then.

"Don't worry, Professor Fang will be alright! In this 10 years, didn't he attempted to contact us through various means?"

There was a burning fire of passion in Xi Menjian's eyes. "If not for the information he provided, we cannot even achieve what we have today! We must be confident in the Professor!"

"That's right..."

Zhao Daniu sighed.

Suddenly, his pupils dilated as his skin became rock-hard.

"Rumble!"

In the next moment, there was a huge explosion and numerous guided missiles struck the cars, creating flames from the explosions.

"Someone is ambushing us!"

The survivors of the explosion retaliated with their own guns. A few of them released their magical equipment while some others even activated their special abilities.

"Who are you people?"

Zhao Daniu roared as he walked out of the flames. With a single punch, two mutants in the form of wild beasts flew out and broke a few bones.

"Alright! You're the powerful Rockman Niu indeed! A 3rd Tier mutant!"

A man in black clapped his hands and walked out. He had a ruthless look in his eyes. "It's a pity... you will not be able to live past today!"

"Are you people... from the Hidden Cultivators Sect?"

Wild thoughts ran through Zhao Daniu's mind as he soon understood everything.

"That's right..."

The man in black did not even bother to wear a mask. He had a pale face with a cocky look. "The Li Family will be wiped out as well. The Hidden Cultivators Sect will not require people who are disloyal!"

"You people are traitors of the country! Traitors of humanity! Traitors of the planet!"

Zhao Daniu was enraged to the point that he was shaking.

Never would he have thought that there would be such people in the world!

"Traitors of the planet? Hehe..."

The man in black snickered. "I climbed to where I am today with my own merits. What has it got to do with the planet? The path of cultivation would mean that as long as I become God, I will be able to enjoy longevity and become the ruler of all. By then, who would be willing to revert back to becoming a normal human?"

"I want the people of this planet to... become supernormal! All of them! Everyone should have their own path to becoming supernormal and not return to the bleak past... we are the true... path!"

"Whoosh!"

As he spoke, a sense of 'justice' surrounded him. With his outstretched hands, 5 streaks of dark glow shot out.

"Rock Crumbling Strike!"

Zhao Daniu hollered as he returned a punch. Even if machine guns were to land bullets on him, the bullets would merely deflect and cause sparks.

However, in the next moment, as soon as the dark glow landed on Zhao Daniu, blood started to spew everywhere.

"Wooooo..."

Zhao Daniu was stunned. Looking at the wounds on his body, he slowly knelt to the ground.

"You're outdated to be reliant on your special ability!"

The man in black took a step forward and the dark glows transformed into small knives which swam about between his hands like small fish.

"In times like this, the fusion of special abilities and cultivation techniques are the main thing. You're phased out!"

From above, the man in black spoke in a mocking tone. "Remember... the one that killed you is Feng Han of the Hidden Cultivators Sect!"

"I know about this... all along!"

Zhao Daniu spat out a mouthful of blood. Suddenly, he roared as he whipped out a huge gun from his waist. "Die!"

"Bang!"

Sparks flew.

A bullet flew out of the gun and in an instant, made it through Feng Han's forehead.

"Pa!"

Feng Han's brain fluid spewed everywhere as his head exploded like a huge watermelon. A tortoise shell fell to the ground and in the shell, there was a hole.

This genius could not even rebut a single word before dying.

Only a few people could see what had happened in the previous instant. Just as the bullet was about to hit Feng Han, he had already activated his tortoise shell magical weapon to receive the bullet.

However, it was no use. As the bullet landed on the tortoise shell, it struck through effortlessly and took Feng Han's life.

"Hehe!"

Zhao Daniu blew at the barrel of the gun and coughed. "This is the newest generation of Demon Restraining Gun. It is already worth it for me to be able to kill one person with it!"

There was something else which Zhao Daniu did not mention. Although the gun was being manufactured, the resources required to make it were rare and it could not be mass produced. Most importantly, it could only fire one bullet and was a weapon which should only be used in the most critical moment to save a life.

With a single use, the gun would be rendered useless.

"Kill him!"

At the death of their leader, the henchmen were in chaos but they could gather their thoughts together to come to a decision.

To such a powerful organisation, the loss of a small leader was nothing and could be easily replaced.

"Yingzi... I'm sorry..."

Gazing at the surrounding attackers, Zhao Daniu shut his eyes painfully as his right hand held tightly onto a golden pendant frame hung on his neck.

"Hehe!"

After a long while, his expected pain did not arrive. Instead, there was a familiar snicker.

With suspicion, Zhao Daniu opened his eyes and was in disbelief. "It's really... It's really you!"

"It's me!"

Fang Yuan laughed as he stood before Zhao Daniu. "Daniu... It has been so many years. Why are you still as unlucky as before?"

"Fang... Fang Yuan!"

Zhao Daniu started to stutter and was elated as he examined Fang Yuan who appeared 20 years old.

"You're finally back!"

"That's right! I've finally finished what I have to secretly do in the two other continents and the ocean!"

Fang Yuan replied before looking to the side.

A young female with a pair of black and white wings started to strike mercilessly, killing everyone in the vicinity.

"This is... the Demon Weapon!"

Zhao Daniu swallowed his saliva. "The rumours are true! Are you able to control it now?"

"It's merely working together!"

Fang Yuan changed the topic. "I'm back here to settle everything once and for all."

Chapter 457: It Has Begun

Huiming City.

Within an underground mansion not known to many in the Core Area, Xing Hezi looked the same as he held on to his whisk.

Suddenly, he stood up and his eyes glistened. "He has finally appeared... I knew that he would never give up on such an opportunity."

At this point in time, a talisman on his body started to burn up in flames. However, he did not pay any attention to it as he quickly retrieved a piece of jade rock to send a message. "Brothers, we have located traces of that demon!"

"Great!"

"We will rush here!"

From the jade, there were a few excited voices.

Xing Hezi stood up, examined his surroundings and activated a few arrays around before having a sigh of relief.

After the fight that year, the news of Fang Yuan being an otherworldly demon had spread. He was being investigated by the Demon Alliance and the Hidden Cultivators Sect and had to disappear without a trace.

To think about it, Xing Hezi had some feud with him and therefore had to put in more effort to trace him.

Through the talisman, he knew that Fang Yuan had also taken control over the Demon Weapon and was on alert. 'Considering my powers, I am no match for any single one of them. However, if I rely on this array and our previous set-up, I should be able to wait out until my reinforcements arrive.'

In the past 10 years, a few other seniors of the Hidden Cultivators Sect had also woken up.

However, most of them were still heavily injured and could not restore their original power due to the fact that the spiritual energy in the planet was not at its peak yet.

Once all the old demons were to gather together with the members of the Demon Alliance from the East and West Continents, what threat could a small thief possibly bring about?

Unfortunately, his thoughts only lasted for a while.

In the next moment, the defensive array over the entire city was being destroyed by an immense force. The defensive weapons were of no use and an ear-deafening alarm was being sounded.

"Ah!"

Xing Hezi exclaimed loudly as though the skies were being ripped apart.

From the tremor, his underground mansion started to collapse. The ceiling flew apart, revealing two weird-looking silhouettes outside.

"Fang Yuan! Do you really dare to take action?"

Xing Hezi shouted with vigour as the power of stars started to descend, forming an array around. Numerous blue glows started to gather together, forming a protective membrane. A few silhouettes of dragons were flying about on the surface of the membrane, roaring with life.

"The Xinghe 4 Spirits Array?"

Fang Yuan stood in mid-air and scoffed. "Old thing, who would think that you would reveal your killer move..."

"Fang Yuan, you otherworldly demon! How dare you go against the strongest force on the planet!"

Seeing how Fang Yuan was about to strike without hesitation, Xing Hezi's eyelid twitched.

As they spoke, the city had realised that something was wrong. All types of guided missiles and special abilities erupted into the air like fireworks.

"Go against you guys? Do you think you are worth it?"

Fang Yuan scoffed once again. He knew that his ultimate plan was to go against the world to perform a high-dimensional experiment.

How would such a lowly being understand his lofty goals? Ambitions? It was wasting his own effort to explain these to others.

With this, Fang Yuan struck his right fist out. A green-coloured illusionary shadow of a giant appeared as it roared loudly before landing a fist.

"Bang!!!"

Amidst the explosive force, the original membrane of the array started to flicker and the dragons on the membrane slowly dispersed as though they were being attacked.

"Rumble!"

After the first fist, there was a huge crater on the ground. Xing Hezi turned into a streak of starlight and retreated with embarrassment. "Fang Yuan, don't push it!"

"So what if I'm pushing it? Previously, you people from the Hidden Cultivators Sect had combined forces with the Demon Alliance to ambush me many times. Do you think I will let you guys go?"

Fang Yuan took a step forward and streaks of lightning landed on him. Suddenly, the streaks of lightning transformed into a lightning dragon which slithered around the giant's body. With that, the giant struck his palm out with the force of a mountain.

"Thousand Stars and Spirit, protect me!"

Xing Hezi roared as he transformed the day into night. The stars in the night sky scattered their light down towards him, blessing him with increased powers.

However, Fang Yuan did not care what Xing Hezi was doing. He was simply delivering punches like a reckless person.

"Crackle!"

The glow of lightning flashed across and all the stars disappeared.

"Rumble!"

Under a single punch, the night scene was being destroyed, revealing the actual clear skies.

Fang Yuan held his hands behind his back and stood by the side. Xing Hezi's clothing was filled with blood as he crawled on the floor with embarrassment. He appeared extremely pitiful.

"You... The Hidden Cultivators Sect will never let you go. I have already called for reinforcements..."

Xing Hezi attempted to struggle for the final time.

"Is that so?"

Fang Yuan appeared calm as though he didn't care. "Where are your reinforcements? What do you think they will do if news of your defeat were to spread..."

As soon as Fang Yuan spoke, Xing Hezi's expression changed.

"People only do things for their personal interests. Now that the plan is about to be completed, how many will be willing to put their lives on the line and sacrifice their optimistic future?"

Fang Yuan continued in a calm and composed manner. "Let's not talk about the fact that they would need to sacrifice a lot to take me down. Are you guys not afraid that I would escape once more and threatened the other array eyes like your worst nightmare? Look at the recent years! Even the Demon Alliance has given up on chasing me."

"What do you want exactly?"

Xing Hezi grunted.

"Don't worry, I will not disrupt your plans. I only want to see where you all will end up..."

Fang Yuan replied with much composure.

"Haha... Professor!"

At this point in time, there was a commotion in the Core Area.

Zhao Danu made his way towards Fang Yuan and his face was filled with happiness. "We have worked together to capture all the members of the Five Elders Association. Now, we are in the process of taking over their military. This city is now back under the control of the country. What do we do next?"

"What do we do next? We shall wait!"

Fang Yuan closed his eyes as he sensed the increasing concentration of spiritual droplets in the air. "The fourth occurrence might just come tonight!"

"What?"

Zhao Danu's eyes widened. "It's not right, there's still some time until the end of the year!"

"Who told you... that the occurrence will only happen at the end of the year?" Fang Yuan gazed at Zhao Danu with a look of pity in his eyes. "This is according to nature. Isn't it normal to have deviations once in a while?"

However, it was not at all normal for the occurrence to arrive so early!

Even Fang Yuan had only just detected it. It felt as though someone was impatient and wanted to rush things, accelerate the process and catch him by surprise.

"D*mn it!"

Zhao Danu was panicking. "We have many arrangements that have yet to be completed. I have not even talked to the other two cities!"

"It's too late!"

Fang Yuan gazed at the horizon with a look of anticipation.

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"Xing Hezi has been captured!"

In an unknown space, a few holographic images of powerful beings were gathered together as though it was a meeting between international parties.

One of the black shadows spoke first. "We have already found out the killer. It is Fang Yuan and the Demon Weapon, Extreme Darkness!"

Gazing at the screen in mid-air, the few holographic images remained silent.

"The few of you from the East, what do you think of this?"

An old man sitting in the centre broke the silence. His voice sounded mysterious.

"The Sea Dragon King has already declared that he will not be involved in this. Furthermore, we do not have any agreement with you guys on this..."

Among the people from the west, the imagery which represented Farquhar spoke. "Furthermore... Can the few from Hidden Cultivators Sect ensure that the array will continue to remain active?"

"More than half of the array eyes have already been operational for the past 10 years. Even if we want to destroy it now, I'm afraid that will be impossible!"

An elder of the Hidden Cultivators Sect shook his head. "Huiming City has been invaded, but that is a small issue. The few of us elders will personally guard the important array eyes. After all, according to our detection of the heaven's will, the fourth occurrence will arrive earlier than expected. This is a change that has not happened since thousands of years ago! We do not know what it means!"

Everyone remained silent for a little longer. They all knew that they had given up on Xing Hezi.

At the beginning of the new era, during the darkest hours before dawn, no one wanted to be left out.

What about the otherworldly demon?

As long as the two worlds coincided, everyone around would experience an increase in their cultivation to a whole new level. By then, dealing with the otherworldly demon would be as simple as squishing an ant.

"Eh?"

Suddenly, all the holographic images shook as though they had felt a powerful will of the world.

"Is it brought forward once again?"

One of them spoke. "Tonight?"

"Why would the will of the spiritual will change so suddenly?"

Curtly spoke solemnly. "Everybody... We should stop playing guessing games with each other. Just previously, I had detected the will of the Spiritual Realm. Not only did it remind me that the occurrence would be brought forward, it also wanted me to remove a threat for it."

"Why is it so coincidental to happen now, just when Fang Yuan invaded Huiming City... could Fang Yuan have done something?"

"To speak the truth, I have also received the same will and I have vaguely detected that the arrangements in Huiming City seem to be out of place. It seems like this trouble is created by Fang Yuan."

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As the 4th Tier powerful beings exchanged glances, finally, it was the person in the centre who made the decision. "Since this is so, let us do this together! This will be the first operation where the Hidden Cultivators Sect will work with the Demon Alliance. At midnight, we shall gather around Huiming City and attack all at once to remove the threat."

"Alright!"

Those around felt that this was a good idea.

After such a huge incident, they could no longer trust each other. Even when they were gathered, they were all observing each other to see if anyone were up to any tricks.

Furthermore, that otherworldly demon seemed suspicious. Since they were in this together, they would be able to remove the threat with their combined powers.

Among them, they could possibly even be a 5th Tier powerful being around. After tonight, their full powers would be restored!

With such a powerful alliance, how would a single otherworldly demon be able to fight back?

Chapter 458: The Arrival

"Today's night sky is really... bright!"

In the night, Within the Elite Area of Huiming City, Lin Ming stood on the balcony and admired the stars in the sky.

Looking at a carved figurine in his hands, he remained silent.

He was once a playful kid but now, he was a matured person with an established career. He now had a beautiful wife as well as a three-year-old kid.

Although the price to pay was for him to become a Risk Taker, he never once regretted his decision.

'Although I don't have any special ability, I can still cultivate myself to become stronger and bring peace and prosperity to my family!!'

Lin Ming clenched the carved figurine in his hands tightly as his eyes glistened.

This was a present given to him by Fang Yuan and was the thing which ensured his survive until today. He was in gratitude to the owner of the antique shop. Of course, the memory of the beautiful adopted daughter of the boss would forever be etched in his mind.

"Sigh... What's happening today? I can't seem to focus, for I keep thinking about the past!"

Lin Ming raised his head and gazed at the stars with much confusion.

Previously, while he was in training, he could feel his blood gushing about in his body and he found it difficult to compose himself. This was why he had come out to the balcony to relax.

As he stood on the balcony, he realised that he was not the only cultivator who was experiencing the weird feeling.

"What's happening? Could it be because something is changing? This is a problem for the boss of the Core Area and we are too far from it..."

As a high-tiered Risk Taker, even his body started to shake in fear and he could feel his pores on his skin starting to close up.

Within moments, he could feel that an immense change was about to happen.

"Quickly! In the sky!"

At this point in time, on the balcony opposite of him, another cultivator shouted loudly and pointed up.

"That is..."

Lin Ming turned his attention towards the direction where the other cultivator had pointed and was utterly stunned.

In his field of vision, he could see a green comet with a long tail. Like a giant broom, it was flying towards the planet and its glow started to intensify.

"Comet king... The Spiritual Comet King!"

As a cultivator, after Fang Yuan had published his theory on the occurrences, the name and appearance of this particular comet were already well-known facts.

Lin Ming could never imagine that the Spiritual King Comet would appear before him tonight without giving him any time to prepare. "It's impossible... there should still be a period of time before its arrival!"

Lin Ming held his head and turned frenzied.

He had already long planned to use the remaining time before the arrival of the comet to undergo a final task so as to gather as many resources as he could. Leveraging on the array, he would then attempt a breakthrough.

However, it seemed like his plans could not be adapted to the current situation already.

His personal problems were nothing compared to the chaos which the government and organisations were facing.

"What's happening?"

Xi Menjian grabbed on the collar of a researcher and appeared ferocious. "Didn't we predict that it would appear at the end of this year? Why was there such a huge discrepancy?"

"Chief of bureau..."

After a group of researchers had gathered to discuss the situation, they had quickly come up with a solution. "Although it sounds impossible, it seems that the arrival of the comet has been quickened!"

"Such a baseless conclusion! Do you want me to believe that a certain higher power is behind this?"

Xi Menjian glared fiercely at the researcher before turning around to enter the command room.

"Contact the leaders of the other countries! We shall begin the plan earlier and take action as soon as the 'sign' is spotted!"

"Yes, Sir!"

The command room was filled with military personnel in their military uniforms. They stood up straight, ready to receive their commands.

Looking at the silhouette of the researchers rushing about, Xi Menjian closed his eyes.

He did not know if his decision would be the right one and if he would cause even more deaths today. However, he knew something with certainty.

As the leader, he had to place the future of the humans as the priority to ensure their existence!

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The powerful beings like Fang Yuan were the ones who were most affected by the change in the concentration of spiritual droplets.

In the sky above Huiming City, Fang Yuan stood in mid-air and placed his hands behind his back. He gazed towards the emerald-green comet in the sky and paid no attention to others around him.

"I am Long Lizi, while these two are Venerable Moonchaser and Evil Killing Dhuta. We were originally relieved that there was a powerful being taking care of the Middle Continent. No one would have thought that you would be an otherworldly demon!"

The 3 Venerables stood around Fang Yuan as the wind blew at their sleeves.

Beside them, Farquhar, Curtly and Jon were also around. There were a few other unknown 4th Tier mutants surrounding all of them and observing from afar.

Needless to say, it would be unwise for Fang Yuan to go head-on with all of these powerful beings and the only choice he had would be to flee.

"Hmm... It seemed like something big has happened for all of you to illogically combine forces to deal with me!"

Fang Yuan continued to act composed. An illusionary shadow of a giant slowly appeared behind his back as it brought a great sense of threat. "However, is any of you willing to kill me and pay the price for it?"

Fang Yuan could roughly guess that the will of the Spiritual Realm had gathered all these powerful beings together!

Only the power of the entire Spiritual Realm would be able to accelerate the arrival of the Spiritual King Comet and gather the group of 'Rebels'.

"You're already one step into the coffin and yet you dare to sound so high and mighty!"

Long Lizi spoke with an emotionless tone.

"Let's not talk about who is the one who is halfway into the coffin. I can assure you that whoever would be the first to attack would also be the first to die!"

Fang Yuan displayed a pose as though he was willing to fight with all his life. As he scanned his surroundings, he made everyone feel conflicted as to who should attack first.

"Amitabha, what use will it be even if you can delay your death?"

Evil Killing Dhuta placed his palms together. "It seems like your actions are directed at disrupting the plan of the Spiritual King Comet but now, nothing will ever change!"

"Is that so?"

Fang Yuan smiled.

"Everyone, strike!"

Long Lizi spoke in a calm tone. "Let's activate the array first to trap the demon before guiding the comet to enter the planet!"

It was an extremely rare opportunity for the Spiritual King Comet to descend on the planet! Once the prime time was over and if the plan were to fail, all the powerful beings would surely be devastated.

Therefore, everyone would help out as soon as they spot the Spiritual King Comet.

"3 Emblems Giant Array!"

"Dark Blood Demonic Technique!"

"Holy Light!"

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The powers of the beings were combined as it formed something which resembled a huge cage, covering Fang Yuan and his giant silhouette in it.

"Farquhar!"

Long Lizi gazed towards the Seraph of Light.

"Don't worry, the arrays in the East Continent are just fine!"

Farquhar replied respectfully.

"There are no problems in the West Continent as well. How about the Middle Continent?"

"Although we have lost the professional array master Xing Hezi, any one of us will be able to manipulate the 9 Halls Flying Star Array, and the Sea Dragon King is supporting us from the oceans!"

As the landing point of the Spiritual King Comet, the ocean was of paramount importance. These powerful beings were not willing to risk it and accidentally destroy Planet Earth in the process.

Therefore, this time, regardless of the commotion on land, the Sea Dragon King would remain and guard the oceans to focus on receiving the comet.

"Great!"

Long Lizi turned his attention away from the array. With a look of excitement in his eyes, he crushed a jade talisman in his possession.

"Buzz! Buzz!"

In an instant, there were huge changes in the surroundings.

Within Huiming City, Lin Ming could feel his knees go weak as he slowly knelt towards the ground.

On the surface of the roads, runes started to appear and connect with one another, forming a huge array.

This was one of the 81 array eyes of the 9 Halls Flying Star Array!

This array was the hidden power of the Hidden Cultivators Sect. It was slowly being developed over the course of a thousand years and was a hidden backup plan placed here before the construction of the city even began.

From the point of the universe in outer space, one would be able to see another 80 array eyes scattered around the Middle Continent, all glowing with their own brilliance.

The situation was similar for the East and West Continents. The nodes lighted up and brightness fused perfectly with darkness.

Furthermore, the brightness from the nodes started to spread out over the ocean and in a few moments, the entire planet was being covered.

An overwhelming power formed an ultimate array with an irresistible attractive force being exerted on the Spiritual Comet King.

"Rumble!"

The earth shook.

The comet which appeared as though it was about to fly past suddenly slowed down as though it had flown into a bucket of glue. Its path was also being altered and it was now flying straight into the ocean.

Spiritual droplets shook violently around and in that instant, almost all cultivators could feel the spiritual droplets in the body vibrating in excitement.

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In an underground base.

Xi Menjian witnessed the entire scene and smashed his fists on the electronic screen. "They have revealed their fox tail! I command to activate the final attack!"

"Approved!"

"Approved!"

"You have the highest approval to go ahead!"

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In a secluded countryside, a few camouflage hills opened up, revealing many atomic bombs ready to be fired.

"The target is the comet. The countdown begins..."

"Pa!"

Suddenly, the entire base was flung into darkness.

"This is impossible! We have 9 backup sources of power in our base and an intranet of our own..."

Xi Menjian was devastated. "Who is it? A rebel who has taken on the form of a human?"

The base was extremely well-equipped. Within a few seconds, the power came back. However, the firing equipment was already being tampered with and Xi Menjian was about to vomit blood. "Execute our backup plan to destroy... all array nodes!"

He closed his eyes and forced himself to speak.

However, in the next moment, a huge explosion occurred in the underground base.

Everywhere was brightly lit and the heat from the explosion seemed to be destroying everything in its way.

The ground shook and a mushroom cloud slowly rose above the base.

This also happened in the East and West Continents.

The final effort of the humans could only destroy tens of array nodes. Compared to the hundred and thousands of nodes around the entire planet, it was nothing.

"This is the latest news. All resistance forces have been destroyed and only 3 minutes have passed... Do you see it now? Fang Yuan... this is the outcome of your efforts!"

Long Lizi gazed at the descending comet and transferred his voice to Fang Yuan, who was being captured in the array. He wanted to make him feel disheartened as he announced this piece of news. "We are the real victors of the war!"

In the next moment, a spectacular view filled the eyes of the powerful beings who were watching the comet.

A comet with the radius of 5 kilometres across carried a brilliant emerald tail as it broke through the atmosphere and flew down towards the planet! Into the East Ocean!

"Rumble!"

There was a huge collision!

Chapter 459: Devour

The arrival of the comet was miraculous!

Fang Yuan finally understood how the destruction of a realm tasted like.

"Poof!"

The moment the Spiritual King Comet crashed into the East Sea, almost every cultivator turned unconscious momentarily. They then immediately spat out a mouthful of blood due to the interference from the chaotic surge in spiritual energy.

"Kababoom!"

The earth cracked while the mountains and rivers roared!

Under the starry skies, one could see a gigantic white hole appearing far in the ocean. Land submerged for an extremely long time was uncovered and it was even expanding outwards continuously.

The resultant mega-earthquakes and tsunamis impacted the entire realm mercilessly and all big three continents were affected.

'In actual fact... with Planet Earth's endurance, a mere 10 kilometres wide comet would be nothing much. But to the ecology on its surface, it would be a catastrophe...'

"Kacha!"

The array cracked immediately. Fang Yuan stood firmly but did not do anything. As he felt the tremendous changes in the spiritual droplets in the surroundings, he sighed, "With this surge, I'm afraid there would definitely be great changes to the ecology and environment of the entire realm. The chances of normal people surviving this are extremely low..."

Long Lizi and Venerable Moonchaser felt slightly alarmed.

Previously, they thought Fang Yuan would have malicious intentions and would obstruct their grand scheme. But now, Fang Yuan did not even stop them nor did he appear exasperated too, which made them felt rather suspicious.

"Nevermind... haha! We have succeeded!"

Long Lizi suddenly exclaimed in a deafening voice.

As long as the Spiritual Realm could be connected, the amount of spiritual energy in Planet Earth would remain high. A mere otherworldly demon would then be of no threat!

However, Farquhar's face was solemn and the holy light on his body quivered.

Farquhar's life relied on religious faith. Faced with such a catastrophe, many of his believers were praying and there were even more believers who died. All these were like weapons which damaged the faith.

"Of course!"

Venerable Moonchaser replied and waved his magical weapon. A light screen then appeared which depicted the model of Planet Earth.

Through this model, the nodes of the array in the three big continents could be seen shining brightly. They kept converging in the vast ocean and with the Spiritual King Comet as their main body, they emitted a dazzling yet blinding light.

Within it, the slender silhouette of a blue dragon could be seen swimming around it. It had the purpose of mediating it.

"Now's the time!"

Long Lizi suddenly said that odd line.

"Such an array isn't even necessary to bring over the Spiritual King Comet..."

Fang Yuan stood up with his hands behind his back and exclaimed, "What's next is your real motive, am I right?"

"That's right!"

At the next moment, Long Lizi, Venerable Moonchaser, Evil Killing Dhuta and several other high-tiered cultivators suddenly bit the tip of their tongues to activate the array with their blood.

"Sacrificing the natural source to connect with the Spiritual Realm!"

"Kacha! Kacha!"

The moment after they spoke, grey clouds loomed in the sky. Thunder and lightning flashed rapidly, the purple coloured storm eye of heavenly tribulations appeared and brought about violet lightning bolts!

This was the heavenly punishment! It was from the anger of the natural source of this realm! It was enraged as it was betrayed by its own people!

"I... Farquhar!"

"I... Curtly! Jon!"

The powerful beings at 4th tier from all over the East Continent and West Continent swore their oath, "With our holy names, we sacrifice the natural source of the East and West Continent to contact the Spiritual Realm!"

"Rumble!"

Under the influence of the array, earthquakes kept happening in the three big continents.

The numerous nodes formed a giant network which was like a giant invisible net that enveloped everything. It then suddenly condensed and dove deep into the earth and began extracting streaks of that mysterious natural source of the realm. The streaks of energy then gathered atop the Spiritual King Comet.

By making use of the large impact caused by the crash of the comet, the will of Planet Earth was severely damaged. Furthermore, by sacrificing its natural source, the lightning in the skies became weaker at once and was barely striking down.

"How ruthless indeed! They first severely damaged the will of the realm before extracting its natural source! They are so familiar with their ploy!"

Fang Yuan's eyes widened as he saw such and he was also continuously collecting data from the surroundings.

It would be very foolish for Fang Yuan to strike back against all these powerful beings who joined hands. Thus, it was wiser for him to silently observe first.

"Kacha!"

"Kaboom!"

Nevertheless, although the realm's will was already severely damaged and weakened, a few heavenly punishments still struck down mercilessly.

However, it was no longer the violet coloured lightning just now! It was now the purple-gold thunderbolt of heavenly punishment!

Although the lightning's grade was now slightly lower than before, even Long Lizi still fearfully whipped out his magical equipment and scapegoats as he began to cautiously tide through the tribulation.

"Crackle! Kaboom!"

This time, they had certainly crossed the line and enraged the realm. Purple-gold coloured thunderbolts struck continuously and it even struck nine times in a row at the start. The weakest 4th tier cultivator was severely injured and blood gushed out from his orifices.

"Great opportunity!"

Fang Yuan's eyes lit up and he immediately turned into a stream of light before arriving in front of this cultivator at once. Fang Yuan's giant Pangu Eagle Body appeared behind his back as he violently punched this cultivator.

"Bang!"

A giant mist of blood erupted in mid-air. This unfamiliar 4th tier cultivator turned into dust at once as its body and soul ceased to exist after being attacked by the lightning and Fang Yuan's fist.

"You are courting death!"

Long Lizi and others were furious. However, they had a more important task on hand and obviously had no time to kill Fang Yuan!

Fang Yuan moved backwards and slowly appreciated the feeling he was currently feeling.

Originally, when the heavenly punishments struck, since Fang Yuan was an otherworldly demon, he felt numbness on his head and skin as though he was stared intently by the will of this realm.

However, since Fang Yuan had never harmed this realm before and even killed its enemy which displayed his loyalty to this realm, he was let off by the lightning at last.

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Deep within the seas.

The blue dragon king's body was surrounded by glowing light. His body had already expanded to over 1000 yards long.

At that moment, the waters nearby him had already become a sea of blood. Broken limbs and bones could be seen everywhere.

These were all the dragon king's loyal subordinates. As their cultivation was insufficient, they were killed by the collision of the Spiritual King Comet forcefully brought about by the array.

"Giant tsunamis are crashing onto the continents, I guess not even 10% of living things can survive?"

As the blue dragon king pondered, he did not seem very bothered by it and instead, he rushed towards the Spiritual King Comet.

"Has it succeeded?"

A bizarre spiritual aura suddenly appeared on that spot. It brought about an indescribable sense of attraction that made the dragon king want to go after it even if it risked its life.

The closer he got to the crater, the spiritual energy in the surroundings became even denser. It almost became a liquid that filled the entire ocean.

Just by submerging in it, the Sea Dragon King felt as though it could break through the bottleneck of his water dragon body and begin transforming into a true dragon. He was excited. "Indeed... only the Spiritual Realm is the real home for us!"

As the dragon king hollered, it went to the core of the giant crater like a piercing arrow.

At that spot, the strange position of the Spiritual King Comet could be seen. Half of it was above the ground and streaks of green coloured vessels extended from it which fused with the gigantic array of the three big continents. It was like humans' blood vessel systems as it continuously pulsed and absorbed energy.

The space surrounding the comet became misty. This was the aftereffects of such a powerful impact, whereby the space surrounding was on the brink of collapsing.

"Kacha!"

At last.

After absorbing an unknown amount of energy from the natural source, a stream of green coloured light appeared on top of the Spiritual King Comet. The stream of light then shot up the skies and broke through space like an extremely sharp sword.

The sound of glass shattering could be heard.

Lots of cracks appeared in the surroundings and they suddenly shattered at once. It was as though a funnel was broken and large amounts of spiritual energy surged over.

"This is... breaking the boundaries of a higher dimension!"

Tears began to well in the blue dragon king's eyes as it watched, "Spiritual Realm! The Spiritual Realm... is arriving!"

In the shattered space, the image of a world appeared.

This was a vast and blue-green coloured world. Its sun, moon, stars, mountains, valleys, grass and trees all had spiritual properties. Suddenly, a corner appeared and extended from this image which then connected with this realm.

"Rumble!"

Rocks and soil appeared out of thin air and with the Spiritual King Comet as its core, an island was formed in this realm. The island was continuously expanding and becoming larger as time passes.

In this realm, even a 5th Tier Divine Refining Grade powerful being could only create a prosperous land at most.

To be able to appear in this realm and create the intersecting points of this two realm was already way beyond the Sea Dragon King's imagination.

"Kacha!"

The moment this island appeared, Planet Earth Realm was livid.

The surroundings stagnated at once and hundreds of purple-gold coloured lightning struck at the same time. It was as though it was trying to annihilate this entire island.

"It's too late!"

A mighty and horrifying thought emerged from the Spiritual King Island. Accompanied by a holler, large amounts of green coloured lightning appeared on top of the island and struck together with the purple-gold lightning bolts. At last, they even spread to the outsides of the island.

"The might of the heavenly tribulation is weakened..."

The Sea Dragon King was elated. "Indeed, once the two worlds coincide, the will of the Spiritual Realm will have an overwhelming advantage! Thus, we are not traitors but pioneers of new land!"

The dragon king did not hesitate any longer and charged towards the island, "The Sea Dragon King pays his respects to the Spiritual Realm's will! We obeyed the will of the heavens and spent a thousand year planning for it! It has finally succeeded today..."

"Kacha!"

What answered the dragon king was a blue-green coloured bolt of lightning.

Under this flash of lightning, even the Sea Dragon King could not dodge it. The dragon corpse was severed into two halves and landed on the island with blood gushing out. It was then immediately devoured by the island.

"Why... I'm a... pioneer..."

A soul appeared and the Sea Dragon King's dumbfounded expression could be seen.

However, at the next moment, another bolt of lightning struck mercilessly and turned the soul into ashes.

After it devoured the Sea Dragon King, it was as though the Spiritual King Island just ate an extremely nourishing pill as it began to expand.

The humongous island devoured the seawaters, space and everything in this Planet Earth Realm as it rapidly expanded outwards.

"Impossible!"

"How could it be?"

High above the skies of Huiming City, after the Spiritual King Realm really appeared and severely injured the will of Planet Earth, the heavenly tribulations were greatly weakened and slowly disappeared.

As Long Lizi and others watched the scene where the Sea Dragon King died, they all had the same stunned expression on their faces. There was no grief as great as despair.

"Just as I expected. In order to take, one must first give..."

On the other hand, Fang Yuan's eyes sparkled as he appeared cheery, "No matter how abundant spiritual energy is inside the Spiritual Realm, it would not easily give it to others nor allow others to take it easily. By providing this realm with spiritual energy, it was merely casting a bait. Now that the bait is taken up, it would obviously harvest it all! The natural source and powerful beings of this realm are merely just... food in the eyes of this Spiritual Realm!!!"

Chapter 460: Truth

"This so-called resurgence in spiritual energy is actually the invasion of a lower dimension realm by a higher dimension realm!"

Fang Yuan looked at the lifeless expression on the faces of Long Lizi, Farquhar and others, it was as though their parents had just died. Whereas, Fang Yuan had a sudden realisation.

Even if the Spiritual Realm had boundless amounts of spiritual energy, it was still brought about by its natural source, so why would it give them away for no apparent reason?

This was what the phrase "in order to take, one must first give" meant.

That Spiritual King Comet might have been a powerful invader at first, but after it was counteracted and repelled by Planet Earth, it could only adopt a more indirect method. Every millennium, it would increase its investments on Planet Earth by increasing the spiritual energy in Planet Earth and thus, attracted the "Leading Party".

Due to the unique and rigid nature of Planet Earth's will, it could not reject such great foreign benefits. Hence, Planet Earth was successfully changed peacefully.

After a few cycles, a large number of members were accumulated into the Leading Party before the heavenly will announced its "truth". As they sought after longevity or breakthroughs or simply because they wanted to continue to satiate their desires of being high above everyone else, naturally, these people willingly betrayed this realm!

"This is the truth behind why the Spiritual Realm is invading this realm!"

Fang Yuan was enlightened at once. He then felt a chilly and ominous feeling, "If Planet Earth Realm is like this, what about Da Qian?"

This was similar to the transmission of dream master's energy and how it cultivated the powerful dream masters.

Furthermore, how would the high-tiered dream masters' ideas be any different from Long Lizi's bunch's ideas?

At most, the dream masters were stronger, had wilder ambitions and more experienced.

Or perhaps, the dream masters had long guessed it and they did not mind if Da Qian World were to be devoured by the dream master's source world. However, they would definitely care about their own life and death!

But, from how the Spiritual King Realm was looking like now, the outcomes of these Leading Party members would be tragic!

"Kill!"

"The Lord of Heaven commands to kill every single living thing in this world! Don't leave even a single one!"

"This is a battle between worlds, devour their everything!"

At that moment, changes occurred yet again on Spiritual King Island.

Several white jade doors appeared out of thin air and it was as though they were conveying arrays.

Accompanied by shining lights, numerous divine and sage-like immortal cultivators emerged and swarmed the surroundings like a swarm of locust.

"In order to hook this world up as a bait, the Spiritual Realm had already lost 10% of its natural source. It must be recovered!"

"How could these low-class pariahs enjoy the purest spiritual energy from the superior spiritual meridian?"

"Pillage them! Massacre them! Plunder this world's everything! Their powerful beings devoured large amounts of spiritual energy, they would make great tonics! Make all of them into human-like spiritual pills using demonic pill-making techniques!"

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Lots of spiritual wills and shouts could be heard which made everywhere felt uneasy.

"Why is this happening?"

Long Lizi's face turned ashen and all his thoughts disappeared. It was as though he was going crazy, "We sacrificed the entire world, shouldn't we become the heroes of the Spiritual Realm?"

These powerful beings present had already expected the destruction of Planet Earth.

However, they would have never imagined that even they themselves would be the Spiritual Realm's targets.

The locust-like army of immortal cultivators were all elites that were at the 3rd Tier or above. The ones leading them all had 4th Tier cultivations and the generals all had the power of an area. Long Lizi's bunch were totally no match to them.

"Haha... no wonder I can't find the two pieces of land, it is here!"

Moments later, the dull noise of thunder crackled.

A red cloud floated up at lightning speed from the depths of the oceans and quickly covered the entire sky above Huiming City.

The red cloud's scary and deep spiritual aura along with the vague sight of a small plane in the depths of it brought about an overbearing might. It immediately obliterated everyone's power of the arena below it.

"I am Ancestor Red Cloud! You all should be honoured to die by my hand and become my food!"

Within the red clouds, a red-haired elder sat with his legs crossed and calmly made his move.

"Rumble!"

A giant scarlet coloured palm extended from the red clouds and its target was evidently the Evil Killing Dhuta.

The Dhuta shouted and whipped out his magical weapon. A swastika symbol facing the giant palm immediately appeared.

"Bam!"

The moment the giant palm swiped, cracks appeared on the black-coloured swastika. It then grabbed the Evil Killing Dhuta with no hesitation.

"The kind of people I hate the most are donkey monks like you!"

Ancestor Red Cloud chuckled strangely and streaks of scarlet red spiritual aura entered the Evil Killing Dhuta's body which began to continuously extract something.

After three breaths, lots of blood red streaks finally dispersed, revealing an extremely old and feeble Evil Killing Dhuta.

"You..."

All of the Evil Killing Dhuta's divine techniques and magical powers disappeared. Even his Essence, Spirit and Magic were sucked dry too. He was now incredibly aged and weak, and if not for the red cloud below his feet, he would have collapsed and died.

The Evil Killing Dhuta then raised his trembling right hand and pointed at Ancestor Red Cloud. Suddenly, his eyes dilated as he stared at Ancestor Red Cloud and his breath stopped.

"A 5th Tier Divine Refining Grade immortal cultivator?"

Long Lizi closed his eyes, he already knew how frightening Ancestor Red Cloud was.

"What a powerful Essence Theft Technique to be able to suck this Dhuta dry and cause him to die from old age!"

Whereas, Fang Yuan saw another side of Ancestor Red Cloud.

Fang Yuan was very sure that this Evil Killing Dhuta had died from an old age. Even if his body was checked again, it would still be the same pile of useless bones and rotten flesh.

All the vital elemental energy, spiritual energy and such that used to be inside the Dhuta's body had all been sucked out and used up by Ancestor Red Cloud. Ancestor Red Cloud left the Dhuta with a measly life, which meant that he would not trigger a killer tribulation nor bring about attention from the heaven! It was such an ingenious trick!

"Sir!"

Seeing how the Evil Killing Dhuta's life got sucked away so easily by Ancestor Red Cloud, Venerable Moonchaser lost his composure too.

"We followed the heavenly will and opened up the world! We are meritorious! Meritorious!"

"Venerable Red Cloud, all of us are elites of this world, we are willing to submit to you!"

Long Lizi immediately shouted as his thought changed immediately when he saw a glimmer of hope for survival.

"Submit to me? Hehe!"

Ancestor Red Cloud sniggered coldly. The red clouds in the surrounding kept on expanding. Suddenly, the red clouds swept the two of them to the side and devoured them as they tried to flee.

"Such a pity... I can't leave you all alive, this is the heavenly will too!"

Ancestor Red Cloud pointed to the skies and the smile on his face turned sinister.

"Firstly, you all are the elites of this world and are Energy Souls, but all of you have traces of this world! Even if your blood is changed, such traces cannot be erased!"

"Secondly, after you all devoured large amounts of spiritual energy, you are all extremely nourishing spiritual pills in my eyes!"

"Thirdly, you all are indeed meritorious for sacrificing one entire world, but, the natural source of the Spiritual Realm is precious, how could it be shared with others so easily? Now that the two worlds coincide, the heavenly will is not around and it is the perfect time to clean up you all!"

"See, with all these reasons, how could I keep you all?"

Ancestor Red Cloud's gaze turned extremely savage.

Actually, there was something he did not mention.

The outcomes of the members of such Leading Party would usually not be good. Unless they had an agreement with the powerful forces in the Spiritual Realm beforehand, even if they were favoured by the realm's will, they would still be annihilated by the Spiritual Realm's powerful beings during the special period when the two realms were merging whereby the Spiritual Realm's will was in chaos.

Nevertheless, there was one point which was well said.

Such a Leading Party comprised of the elites of this entire realm and they possessed great fate energy in them. Their qualifications would be above anyone else and they could become powerful beings even in the new realm.

If the natural source of the Spiritual Realm could not even supply sufficient spiritual energy to the sects and powerful beings of its own realm, how could it supply it to others so easily?

Hence, those who conquered other realms would definitely kill such powerful beings they face in the other realm in order to remove any possible future threats.

However, if these powerful beings could survive this period of time and wait for its realm to be entirely devoured by the Spiritual Realm, they could become immortal cultivators and receive rewards from the Spiritual Realm's heaven.

In the Spiritual Realm, there were a few such powerful beings. The way they rose up were through numerous victories in bloody battles.

At this stage, all the powerful beings in the Spiritual Realm already had a common agreement to work together and attack other realms. Furthermore, they agreed to maintain the stability of the upper management and would not easily allow others to vie for their authority.

"Since that's the case..."

Fang Yuan suddenly opened his mouth and spoke, "The natural source of the Spiritual Realm is deficient too? This explains why it must devour other realms to nourish it? Furthermore, the normal people at your side cannot easily absorb spiritual energy too? Is this just the privilege of sect members?"

"You are rather smart, eh? Even if it's true, so what?"

Ancestor Red Cloud answered in a slightly surprised tone as he stared at Fang Yuan.

Even the Spiritual Realm would be short of spiritual energy?

Although it sounded absurd, it was actually reasonable.

After all, the sects and powerful beings it supplied to were very horrifying, they were like swarms of locusts and it was a heavy burden.

Thus, the Spiritual Realm had to devour Planet Earth Realm's rich natural source to replenish its own elemental energy.

All the spiritual energy the Spiritual Realm supplied over to this realm were heavy expenditures that were painfully squeezed out from the big sects and the elders.

"Sigh..."

After Fang Yuan received the answer, he sighed and was rather desolated. "I can't believe even the deities and divine beings of a higher dimension Spiritual Realm cannot achieve immortality and live forever!"

"Little kid, you are smart! If you are from the Spiritual Realm, I would not mind accepting you as my disciple, but unfortunately..."

Ancestor Red Cloud waved his arm and a small world pressed down from the red cloud.

All the powerful beings in this realm felt as though there was a 1000 ton thing crushing them at once. Under the suppression of such a high-tiered power, they could not use any of their techniques.

Just with his own power, he could suppress numerous 4th Tiers; this was the mighty and ferocious power a 5th Tier powerful being! The difference between one tier was worlds apart!

"Slow down, Ancestor Red Cloud!"

"How could such great benefits be reaped by you yourself only?"

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Loud noises came from two other sides. It was obvious that other Divine Refining Grade powerful beings were rushing over quickly.

"I'm so dead!"

At this stage, even Long Lizi gave up on the hope of resisting and closed his eyes.

"Cough cough! Everybody!"

Suddenly, a whisper could be heard in their ears. The source of the whisper was Fang Yuan.

Even under the area, Fang Yuan still stood firmly and stared at Ancestor Red Cloud, who was on top of the clouds, with no fear.

"If you don't want to die, immediately hand over the command of the arrays of the entire Planet Earth to me!"

Fang Yuan secretly sent out his spiritual will to urge them.

"There's no use!"

Long Lizi smiled miserably, "Once the array is activated, there's no possibility of turning back..... Also, those array eyes have already automatically combined together, no one can destroy it..."

"Who says... I am going to stop the array?"

Fang Yuan returned a surreptitious smile.