

## **Marvel 931**

### **Chapter 931: Not Working**

Hoo hoo!

“Hahaha!” Ghost Rider let out a wild, devilish laugh as he pulled on the iron chain.

Lin Rui struggled as he was pulled along by Ghost Rider, but eventually gave up trying to break free and focused on using his internal energy to resist the hellfire that was invading his body.

As a result, Lin Rui, who was now chained and dragged by Ghost Rider, soon arrived at his destination.

“Hahahaha...” Still laughing maniacally, Ghost Rider released the iron chain and stretched out his hands once Lin Rui was within reach.

Pū!

Lin Rui, who was caught off guard and didn’t have a chance to escape, was firmly grasped by Ghost Rider’s shoulders with two bone claws. He was lifted off the ground and held in front of Ghost Rider, his feet dangling in the air.

Ghost Rider then turned the skull on his head to face Lin Rui, staring at him with black, empty eyes. Lin Rui, who was not as tall as Johnny, was now at a disadvantage as he was suspended in the air by Ghost Rider.

“Feel the pain of your soul! Hahaha...” Ghost Rider let out a roar of anger as Lin Rui involuntarily looked into Ghost Rider’s eyes.

With Lin Rui captured, Ghost Rider finally had the opportunity to use his ultimate move: the Penance Stare. Despite Lin Rui’s efforts to avoid looking into Ghost Rider’s black eyes, he found himself unable to resist the special energy emanating from them and eventually met Ghost Rider’s gaze.

Boom!

In the next instant, a powerful psychic force surged from Ghost Rider’s black eyes and penetrated Lin Rui’s eyes. While Lin Rui was in a trance, the psychic force broke through the fog and delved deep into the core of his soul.

The Penance Stare is Ghost Rider’s signature move, which allows him to look directly into the heart of any living being with a soul and make them experience the pain they have inflicted on their victims.

Through this process, the infernal flames burn the souls of those who have suffered under the Penance Stare clean. Lin Rui is now experiencing the full effects of being stared at by the eyes of repentance, which are capable of directly targeting the soul.

Hoo~

However, as Ghost Rider stared at Lin Rui’s soul with his Penance Stare, he seemed to see something that surprised him. There was a hint of something other than emptiness in his deep eyes.

“How could this be!?!...” Ghost Rider whispered in disbelief after staring into Lin Rui’s eyes for two seconds.

Brush!

Just as Ghost Rider was caught off guard, Lin Rui snapped out of his trance and an azure light shone from his black and white eyes. A powerful psychic force burst from his mind, breaking through Ghost Rider’s control and the effects of the Penance Stare.

Upon fully regaining consciousness, Lin Rui wriggled out of Ghost Rider’s grasp and used a sudden burst of strength to break free from the restraints on his right hand.

Ka Ka Ka!

In the next moment, the iron chain wrapped around Lin Rui broke apart easily. Now free, Lin Rui lifted his leg and delivered a powerful kick to Ghost Rider’s chest, sending him flying through the air and putting some distance between them.

As Ghost Rider soared through the air, Lin Rui gracefully landed on the ground, his aura seemingly changed from before. Ghost Rider, who had been kicked by Lin Rui, stared at him blankly in shock.

“Your soul...is innocent!” Ghost Rider stared at Lin Rui for a few seconds before his skeleton mouth moved slightly to speak the words in his mind.

“Hmph! Even if my soul is innocent, you’ve really ticked me off now, and I’m ready to commit a crime!” Lin Rui snorted coldly in response to Ghost Rider’s words.

Boom!

Then, Lin Rui stepped forward and charged toward Ghost Rider. In the brief skirmish just now, Lin Rui had been at a disadvantage and the power of Hellfire was also greater than his internal energy. However, now he seemed to be stronger, which was highly unusual and very unreasonable.

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As he rushed toward Ghost Rider, Lin Rui’s right hand held a glowing azure long sword. It was this weapon that allowed him to cut through the chains that bound him and escape.

“You can’t withstand Ghost Rider’s anger!” Ghost Rider didn’t back down in the face of Lin Rui’s strong attack and picked up the broken chain from the ground, ready to face him.

“I want to see if I can bear it!” Holding up Azura’s long sword, Lin Rui shouted while waving the long sword and leaping to the top of Ghost Rider’s head.

Buzz buzz!

Boom!

At this moment, the turbulent Azura light gathered above Lin Rui’s head and quickly condensed into a huge Azura lightsaber. Then, as Lin Rui swung the huge Azura lightsaber, it slashed toward Ghost Rider below.

Rumble!

Ghost Rider, who had just picked up the iron chain and hadn't had a chance to attack, was overwhelmed by the massive azure lightsaber and his flaming figure gradually dimmed under the suppression of the azure light. Eventually, he vanished from sight.

A few seconds later, the smoke and dust created by the massive azure lightsaber cleared, revealing a large hole that had been cut straight through the ground and into the floor below. Lin Rui used this move to cut through the first floor.

Brush!

Lin Rui seemed a little surprised by this turn of events and quickly jumped out of the hole and onto the floor below. There, he saw Johnny, who had returned to his human form, lying in the rubble. The blow that Lin Rui had just struck had forced Ghost Rider back into his original form.

Lin Rui quickly made his way to Johnny's side and knelt down to assess his condition. As he bent down, Johnny suddenly coughed violently.

"Cough cough cough..." As he coughed violently, Johnny rolled over and prepared to stand up. It seemed that although Ghost Rider had been forced back into his original form, Johnny had not suffered much damage.

Call!

As Johnny struggled to get up, Lin Rui reached out and placed a hand on his shoulder.

"I didn't do anything to your friend. Blackheart and the fallen angels around him did it. If it weren't for me, he would be dead by now." Lin Rui quickly explained as Johnny subconsciously tried to resist.

"You!....."

"Also, Blackheart took your girlfriend away, and he is using Roxanne's life to coerce you into going to the cemetery to get the Contract of San Venganza." Before Johnny had a chance to speak, Lin Rui continued.

"Blackheart?! Roxanne!" Johnny shouted out in worry upon hearing Lin Rui's response.

"So, if you want to save your girlfriend, we still have to work together. This place has been surrounded by the police. #\*%&s7646, this is my address. You can find me there once I leave." Without further explanation, Lin Rui removed his hand from Johnny's shoulder as soon as he finished speaking.

Brush!

Before Johnny had a chance to react, Lin Rui had already transformed into a black shadow and quickly vanished into the underground ruins.

After Lin Rui left, Johnny could hear footsteps approaching from all directions. As he thought about what Lin Rui had said before leaving, Johnny felt a wave of heat wash over him again.

## **Chapter 932: The Falcon Leads**

The night after Ghost Rider had destroyed the local police station, he nearly blew up his own home in a fight with Lin Rui. When the police surrounded Johnny's house with a large force, Johnny transformed into Ghost Rider once again and summoned his mount, breaking out of the encirclement and disappearing into the dark night.

Of course, the process of Ghost Rider's escape this time was not without complications.

Because among the people surrounding his house, there were some fighters among the police who were clearly stronger than ordinary officers, and there was another powerful individual who almost managed to hold Ghost Rider back.

However, in the end, Ghost Rider broke through and escaped.

Agent Edward, standing behind a police car, was at a loss for words as he watched the flaming figure leave just as arrogantly as the previous night.

He and Captain Dolan rushed to the center of the battle a short distance away, where SHIELD agents had just fought Ghost Rider and it was unclear what had happened.

Crackling!

By this point, Johnny's home had been nearly reduced to ruins. In addition to the damage caused by Lin Rui's initial fight with Blackheart and his later fight with Ghost Rider, Ghost Rider had caused additional destruction as he broke through the police encirclement.

Ghost Rider's immortal body allows him to withstand all types of police fire attacks, and he is careful not to harm innocent people too severely, so he can only use Hellfire to deter the police. As a result, most of what was destroyed was burned by Ghost Rider himself.

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As Agent Edward and Captain Dolan rushed over, people were also withdrawing from the battlefield one by one. These people's equipment and clothing were different from that of the local police officers, and they were obviously more elite, and the person leading them was a black soldier wearing a set of high-tech combat gear.

If anyone present was familiar with SHIELD, they would recognize these fighters as SHIELD's special operations team, and the black fighter leading them would be recognized as Falcon from the Avengers, a superhero!

As Agent Edward and Captain Dolan saw Falcon emerge with the special operations team, they were unsure of how to approach them. Captain Dolan represents the local police, and there is not much connection between SHIELD and the local police.

While Agent Edward is a member of SHIELD, he is only a peripheral observer and not even a beginner agent. Therefore, there is a significant gap between them and people of Falcon's level.

"Uh... Agent Edward, aren't you from SHIELD? Why don't you go and ask about the situation?" Seeing that Falcon and the others were about to pass in front of him, Captain Dolan whispered in Agent Edward's ear.

“This...” Upon hearing Captain Dolan’s words, Agent Edward was a little embarrassed and didn’t know how to respond.

If it were an ordinary SHIELD team coming to provide support, Edward could go over and speak with them, but with such a high-level team present, he didn’t have the confidence to approach them.

However, as Agent Edward and Captain Dolan stood there awkwardly, Falcon, who had just walked past, suddenly looked over and stopped before he walked toward them.

“Are you Agent Edward and Captain Dolan?” Falcon asked calmly as he approached Agent Edward and Captain Dolan.

As Falcon approached and spoke to them, Agent Edward and Captain Dolan were excited but tried to maintain calm expressions.

“Well, I’m Edward, and this is Captain Dolan Police.” Then, Agent Edward replied immediately.

“I am Falcon, and you should all know who I am. Do you have any additional information about this incident?” Falcon continued to ask with a simple nod.

Initially, after Special Agent Edward reported the situation here, SHIELD didn’t plan to send any members of the Avengers.

After all, while the members of the Avengers weren’t seriously injured like some other members of the alliance, they still needed to pay attention to the current dynamics of all parties in order to respond to various emergencies.

However, after Ghost Rider blew up the police station later, SHIELD also analyzed that this incident was unlikely to be resolved by ordinary special teams.

That’s why the headquarters sent Falcon from the Avengers, whose special warfare team is second only to the K team. Falcon should be able to handle the strange situation here.

As soon as Falcon arrived, he immediately participated in the siege of a dangerous individual. The fighting process surprised Falcon. He has seen many amazing things since joining the Avengers, but what he encountered during the process still surprised him. That’s because the other party doesn’t look human.

“We don’t know much, and we’ve already reported all the information to higher authorities. If there’s anything you want to know then we’ll do our best to answer,” Agent Edward replied when Falcon spoke.

“I just want to know, are you sure that the skeleton guy is Johnny Blaze?” Falcon asked.

“Well... We’ve had doubts about this. However, Johnny was monitored at the police station last night, and although the footage isn’t very clear, it’s enough to see that the angry guy was conjured by Johnny,” Captain Dolan replied helplessly, knowing what Falcon was wondering about

Without the surveillance footage from the police station, it would have been impossible for Agent Edward and Captain Dolan to understand that the flaming monster was actually Johnny, who had been trapped and beaten by his cellmates and then transformed into a flaming killer figure. The difference between the two states was too great to discern without the video evidence.

“Okay, I got it. This incident will be completely handled by SHIELD from now on. Thank you Captain Dolan for your help and cooperation. However, in order to avoid the loss of the local police force, your actions may not be needed in the future.” After a brief understanding, Falcon looked at Captain Dolan as he spoke.

The situation involving Ghost Rider has become much more serious following Falcon’s encounter with him. While it has not yet reached the highest level of classification, it is approaching that point. Ghost Rider was able to escape from Falcon and a special operations team, even under sustained attack, demonstrating his formidable power.

Moreover, Falcon, who engaged Ghost Rider in combat firsthand, has a clear sense that his true strength is even greater than what was demonstrated during the fight. As a result, SHIELD has increased the threat level of Ghost Rider, a mysterious individual who appeared out of nowhere.

### **Chapter 933: Chat and Regaining Consciousness**

After organizing for SHIELD’s team to clean up the aftermath of the battle and gather any relevant information, Falcon left to report back to Captain America, who was his superior. Despite not having sustained any injuries in the battle, Falcon had used a lot of energy and needed to rest.

Boom!

Falcon climbed into the base vehicle at SHIELD headquarters and closed the door behind him. He then removed the damaged flying wings from his back, which had been caught by Ghost Rider’s hellfire during the battle. After taking off his equipment, Falcon grabbed a tablet and connected with SHIELD headquarters.

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After the tablet beeped to indicate that the communication connection had been established, Rogers’ profile picture appeared on the screen.

Rogers looked at Falcon through the video frame and asked, “Falcon, how’s it going over there?”

“Captain, the situation is somewhat unusual,” Falcon said, giving Rogers a serious look.

“Unusual? Why do you say that?” Rogers asked, pausing for a moment upon hearing Falcon’s response.

Rogers personally arranged for Falcon to be sent to Rochester as a backup for the mission, just in case the local police were unable to handle the situation.

He had anticipated that Falcon might be able to resolve the matter on his own, or that Falcon might need additional support if the situation proved challenging. However, Rogers didn’t expect Falcon to describe the situation as unusual.

“We’ve analyzed the surveillance footage of Agent Edward returning to headquarters and confirmed that it’s real. I also just fought against the target and, based on what I saw, I’m pretty sure he’s not human,” Falcon said seriously as he looked at the confused expression on Rogers’s face on the tablet.

“Not human? Are you certain?” Rogers asked, his expression becoming serious upon hearing Falcon’s response.

They had recently suffered heavy losses while repelling an invasion by an extraterrestrial civilization, and now the Mirage Knight was missing and his fate was uncertain. If they were faced with another non-human incident now, it would be very difficult to handle.

While aliens can be explained through science and their weapons can be countered, non-human beings present a greater challenge. Conventional weapons may not be effective against them, and SHIELD has not yet begun studying supernatural events.

It's imperative that SHIELD establish an investigation department to handle supernatural occurrences.

"I wouldn't be able to explain what I just experienced otherwise. My experience can't account for the existence of the target. Captain, if you saw him with your own eyes, I'm confident you would come to the same conclusion," Falcon replied in a serious tone, knowing that Rogers might still be skeptical.

"Alright, I trust you. Do you need any additional support? I can send Hawkeye or other Avengers to help you," Rogers said, accepting Falcon's words and inquiring about whether he needed further support.

"I don't need it for now. During the battle, I noticed that the target seems to be avoiding fighting us and trying to escape. There are clearly a lot of things we don't know about this incident," Falcon said, shaking his head and declining Rogers' offer of support. He then shared his thoughts on the situation.

"If you're certain, then go ahead. I'm confident you can handle it," Rogers said.

"Don't worry, even if the opponent is non-human, I can still find their weaknesses," Falcon replied.

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After discussing the situation briefly with SHIELD, Falcon ended the communication. He had declined Rogers' offer of support because he didn't want to divert too much of SHIELD's core combat power for this matter.

Furthermore, Falcon felt that there might be something hidden in the incident he encountered and he needed to investigate it carefully.

After losing contact with Rogers, Falcon began reviewing all the clues related to the incident.

He hoped to find some clues that had previously been overlooked. While Falcon was sorting through the clues on his own, Mack, who had been rescued by the police from Johnny's residence, was receiving the Recovery Serum in the intensive care unit.

Mack is Johnny's manager and friend, so he was at Johnny's house during the recent fight. The police recognized the importance of Mack and gave him the highest-end Recovery Serum, hoping to awaken him as quickly as possible and gather information from him.

SHIELD also provided a lot of assistance after learning that there were surviving witnesses, which helped Mack recover faster. In fact, although Mack's injuries were serious, they were not fatal.

The water monster's attack was also meant to control and threaten Lin Rui, rather than kill him. When Blackheart left with the three of them, he threw Mack down first and didn't harm him further, indicating that it was unnecessary.

Thanks to SHIELD's high-end Recovery Serum, Mack quickly regained consciousness. As soon as he woke up, SHIELD immediately notified Falcon and began questioning Mack about Johnny and the mysterious man. However, Mack had been unconscious when Ghost Rider arrived and didn't know what had happened to him. He did, however, witness the fight between Lin Rui and Blackheart.

"I'm telling the truth! That man is a devil! A real devil! His face can turn into a scary skull, and his eyes are full of black mist!" Mack emphasized to the police and SHIELD when asked about Blackheart, reiterating the image he had seen.

"We're asking you about the guy who was on fire, but you keep talking about the guy with black mist. Are you intentionally misleading us because of your loyalty to Johnny?" Both the police and SHIELD were skeptical of Mack's words.

The police and SHIELD had only encountered Johnny's transformed Ghost Rider so far and had not seen Blackheart or the fallen angels who can control natural elements. Therefore, it was natural that not many people were willing to believe Mack's terrifying descriptions of his experiences.

"I'm telling the truth! I really don't know the guy with flames you're talking about! But there really is a devil! He almost killed me! He can control the water and hide in the water!" Mack said anxiously while lying on his hospital bed.

The situation Mack encountered was so strange that there was no reason for him to lie for Johnny. He had almost lost his own life.

"I believe you!"

#### **Chapter 934: Clues**

Just as Mack was desperately trying to get everyone to believe him, a voice came from outside the ward. Then, Falcon entered the room, walking straight over to Mack's hospital bed and giving him a serious look.

"I believe you. Can you carefully describe everything that happened at Johnny's house? Especially for those people you've never met before, the more detailed the description, the better," Falcon said as he stared at Mack for a few moments before continuing.

Upon hearing Falcon's words, Mack glanced at the police officers who had been questioning him before, and he began to speak after seeing that they all nodded.

"I went to Johnny's house because I was worried about him after he was arrested by the police. Roxanne, who is a reporter and Johnny's first love, also came. By the way, where is Roxanne? She was with me when we were hurt by that devil. How is she doing now?" Mack continued to speak about what he had experienced, but suddenly remembered something and anxiously asked.

Mack had been controlled by the water demon with Roxanne and Bucky before he fell into a coma, so he assumed that everyone else had been rescued as well.

"Roxanne? We didn't find Roxanne at Johnny's, just you," Captain Dolan said while frowning upon hearing Mack's question. If what Mack said was true then there was now a missing person with a special relationship with Johnny.



“Only me?! That can’t be!” Mack shouted in disbelief upon hearing Captain Dolan’s answer.

Before Mack lost consciousness, he, Roxanne, and the strong warrior were all possessed by the water demon, while the powerful young man was fighting another demon.

If Mack was saved, then Roxanne and the soldier should have been saved as well. After all, the soldier and the formidable young man were together, so it would be unlikely for just one of them, an unrelated person, to be saved while the others were left behind.

“Don’t worry about where Miss Roxanne went, just continue telling us about the situation,” Falcon said, interrupting Mack’s surprised shout.

“Roxanne and I went to Johnny’s house trying to find clues about where he disappeared, but we couldn’t find anything...until...” Mack continued, anxious but under the watchful eyes of the police and other specialized personnel.

“Until that devil appeared! He suddenly appeared behind me and was about to attack me, but then a dozen bullets shot through the window and stopped him. Then a very powerful soldier rushed in. It was his sudden appearance that allowed me to survive. By the way, that soldier looked much stronger than you,” Mack said as he recalled his attack by Blackheart with fear but got excited again as he described Bucky coming to save him.

“A very powerful fighter... what did he look like?” Hearing this, Falcon asked as his interest piqued.

Mack had already described the appearance of the devil, so now Falcon was even more curious about the warrior who saved him.

Although Mack said that the current encounter seemed like a random fabrication, Falcon had already faced Ghost Rider and a few more devils were nothing to him.

“He was... tall, strong, with short hair and a black baseball cap...” Mack began recalling Bucky when he encountered him in response to Falcon’s question.

However, Mack’s simple description wasn’t enough for Falcon and the others to immediately identify this person. In order to get a more accurate depiction of the fighter, it would be necessary to find an artist to draw a sketch based on Mack’s description.

“And what happened after that? Was it this soldier who suddenly appeared and saved you?” Falcon continued asking after Mack finished describing Bucky.

“No! Although this soldier was powerful, he wasn’t a match for that devil. Just when he was about to be hurt by the devil, a young man rushed out. This young man was very powerful and was able to fight the devil head-on!” Mack shook his head and continued speaking in response to Falcon’s question.

“Another young man? Can you describe in detail how they fought?” Falcon wondered if Mack was exaggerating or fooling himself upon hearing this.

“Specific description? It’s hard to describe, it was like a fantasy movie. The two of them were like the villains and heroes in those movies. One was a Devil and the other was a magic warrior. One could transform into a terrifying monster and release black mist. The other could unleash the light of Azura against the enemy!” Mack used this metaphor to describe the battle between Lin Rui and Blackheart but

this is something that had to be seen with one's own eyes to fully understand the intensity and imagination-defying nature of it.

"Azura's light?" Falcon's trust in Mack was initially shaken, but upon hearing Mack's description of the young man's attack methods, a sudden realization flashed through his mind.

In Falcon's memory, there was indeed someone who could emit Azura light as a means of energy attack. However, that person was currently missing and it was uncertain whether he was on Earth or not. Nonetheless, Falcon knew that this person was indeed a young man.

"Can you describe that young man's appearance in more detail? More detailed than the soldier you described earlier?" Falcon asked with an anxious expression on his face, excited by the realization he had just had.

"Because the young man and the devil were fighting as soon as he rushed out, we hid in the corner. So I didn't get a good look at him, I only have a vague impression," Mack said, thinking for a moment before responding.

"I'll call the technology team right away. You need to help determine the appearance of that young man and that soldier as soon as possible," Falcon said, getting straight to the point.

"Okay, do you want me to continue?" Mack asked.

"Yes, continue," Falcon replied.

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While Falcon obtained the latest clues from Mack, the Ghost Rider, who had escaped the police and SHIELD's siege, had extinguished the fire on his body and turned back into Johnny. He then drove his bike to a motel on the edge of Rochester, following the address that Lin Rui had given him before the police's encirclement was fully in place. This was also the place where Johnny received more information and assistance.

Boom Boom Boom~

A moment later, the door opened, and Johnny saw a familiar face standing in front of him.

"Jackson!"

"Johnny!"

The two men greeted each other, then Johnny followed Lin Rui into the room.

### **Chapter 935: Saying Goodbye**

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Johnny knocked on the door a few times before standing there and waiting. After a few seconds, he heard a soft knock from the other side of the door. The door was then opened, and Lin Rui appeared.

"Were you being followed?" Lin Rui asked Johnny as he looked at him standing at the door.

"No, who could keep up with me like that?" Johnny frowned and replied.

“Well, come in then.” Lin Rui nodded and stepped aside to let Johnny in.

Without hesitation, Johnny walked into the room and Lin Rui closed the door behind him smoothly.

“What did you mean by what you told me at my house before?” Johnny turned to look at Lin Rui and asked as soon as he entered the room.

During a recent battle between Lin Rui and Ghost Rider, Lin Rui appeared to be unaffected by Ghost Rider’s Penance Gaze, suggesting that Lin Rui has not committed any evil deeds.

However, after being hit by the Penance Gaze, Lin Rui’s strength suddenly increased and he was able to retrieve the Beheading Spirit Sword, which should have been in his portable space, and use it to defeat Ghost Rider.

And after Ghost Rider was beaten back to his original shape, that is, after he turned into Johnny, Lin Rui also noticed the police surrounding him, so he hurriedly whispered a few words into Johnny’s ear and left quietly, leaving Johnny alone to face the police and the support from SHIELD led by Falcon.

In order to break through, Johnny could only transform into Ghost Rider again, but at this time, Johnny could already control his actions after the transformation. Therefore, he kept his hand when breaking through, and did not cause many casualties to the police and SHIELD.

“If you’ve come to see me, it means you heard everything I said clearly before. I didn’t hurt your friend, I saved him from Blackheart,” Lin Rui replied lightly to Johnny’s questioning.

“Then you said that Blackheart captured Roxanne, is that true?!” Johnny asked, not doubting Lin Rui’s words.

“It’s true. After you turned into Ghost Rider and caused a disturbance at the police station last night and then left, I think Blackheart realized that you and Miss Roxanne have a complicated relationship. So, before you returned, Blackheart had already appeared at your home. At the time, Miss Roxanne and your friend were looking for you at your home,” Lin Rui continued to explain, knowing that Johnny was still suspicious of him.

“I believe when you returned, you saw a cloud of black mist in the air, which was transformed by Blackheart. I was waiting near your house to stop Blackheart, but while I was able to stop him, another fallen angel who can control water elements captured your friend, Roxanne, and Bucky. Blackheart threatened the lives of those three and eventually left with Roxanne and Bucky,” Lin Rui explained before Johnny could ask any more questions, telling him everything that had happened.

“So, now Roxanne and your friend are both in Blackheart’s hands?” Johnny asked with a cold expression upon hearing this.

“Yes, he took Roxanne and Bucky as leverage. Blackheart needs the Contract of San Venganza and the old Gravekeeper should know where it is. We need to go to him and get the contract before Blackheart runs out of patience or else Roxanne and Bucky will be in danger,” Lin Rui explained.

“Then what are we waiting for? Let’s go find the Gravekeeper!” Johnny shouted upon hearing this.

“I was also waiting for you to come. Otherwise, I would have gone to find that old man by myself. You want to save your first love, and I want to save my friend,” Lin Rui said as he walked towards the door.

Click!

Lin Rui opened the door and he and Johnny quickly walked out. This time, instead of driving his own jeep, Lin Rui sat on the back of Johnny's motorcycle. The speed of the jeep was not much slower than Johnny's motorcycle.

Rumble!

A few seconds later, the sound of engines roaring could be heard outside the motel and Johnny quickly took Lin Rui to the cemetery, where he had just returned from.

Not long after Lin Rui and Johnny left Rochester,

After Lin Rui and Johnny left the motel room, a strange and cryptic message was emitted from a small metal device on the bedside table. The device then exploded and was completely destroyed after sending the message.

As the metal device exploded, JARVIS, who was caring for the injured Tony and others in the underground base of the New York Stark Industries building, received a mysterious waveband message.

JARVIS quickly began to decode the encrypted message and, after some time, was able to successfully decrypt it. This unexpected success brought a rare moment of happiness to JARVIS, who has been in a low mood recently.

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Johnny was driven by anxiety. He then drove Lin Rui back to the cemetery before dawn and parked his bike inside. Johnny went straight to the little shack, while Lin Rui stayed outside and did not follow him.

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As Johnny approached the Bourne, the door opened and the Gravekeeper emerged. The Gravekeeper had visible wounds on his face, possibly from a previous encounter with Blackheart.

When the Gravekeeper saw Johnny approaching with a worried expression and Lin Rui standing behind him, it was clear to the Gravekeeper that something had happened. The gravekeeper's eyes changed as he realized that his fears had been confirmed.

It is not specified what the Gravekeeper was worried about, but it is clear that Johnny and Lin Rui's presence and demeanor have caused the Gravekeeper to become concerned.

"Did you come here to retrieve the Contract of San Venganza?" The Gravekeeper asked calmly as he walked in front of Johnny.

"Blackheart has taken Roxanne! I need to exchange the contract for her release!" Johnny said anxiously as he looked at the Gravekeeper.

"You must understand that if Blackheart obtains the Contract of San Venganza, he will gain almost unstoppable power. The entire world could become a living hell. Are you sure you want to give him the contract?" The Gravekeeper asked, not surprisingly.

The Gravekeeper is warning Johnny about the consequences of handing over the contract to Blackheart and is questioning whether Johnny truly wants to take this risk.

"I'll do whatever it takes to stop him, even if it means risking my own life. But Roxanne shouldn't have to suffer because of this!" Johnny replied seriously upon hearing the gravekeeper's question.

"If you've made up your mind, I won't try to stop you. People who are driven by love can harness the greatest power of Ghost Rider. I've always believed this." After hearing Johnny's response, the Gravekeeper looked at him seriously for a few seconds before speaking.

The Gravekeeper then walked over to a tree in the cemetery and retrieved a shovel that was stuck in the ground.

In front of Johnny and Lin Rui, he separated the wooden handle of the shovel and took out a scroll from inside it. The Gravekeeper had apparently hidden the scroll inside the shovel handle for safekeeping.

### **Chapter 936: Knight Charge**

As the old man unrolled the obviously ancient scroll, Johnny and Lin Rui, who were standing behind him, fixed their gaze upon it.

"Is this the Contract of San Venganza? So it really is with you!" Johnny exclaimed in surprise as he looked at the scroll in the old man's hand.

Originally, Johnny had only heard Lin Rui mention that Blackheart wanted them to come to the cemetery to retrieve the contract. He had assumed that the cemetery only knew the location of the contract, but he didn't expect it to be in the old man's possession all along.

This made the old man's identity even more mysterious, as Johnny wondered how he came to possess the contract. Could he be a descendant of a previous Ghost Rider? These questions raced through Johnny's mind as he considered the possibilities.

"Yes, this is the Contract of San Venganza that allows Blackheart to collect the souls of countless evil spirits. I am entrusting it to you now, in the hope that you will be able to stop Blackheart." The grave keeper nodded as he handed the contract to Johnny.

"Don't worry! I will definitely stop Blackheart!" Johnny replied seriously as he reached out to accept the contract.

After accepting the contract, Johnny turned anxiously and prepared to leave immediately for the village of San Venganza, where Blackheart was waiting for him. However, the Gravekeeper held out his hand to signal for Johnny to wait.

"Do you know how to get to San Venganza?" The old grave keeper asked with a smile when Johnny hesitated.

"Uh..." Johnny was taken aback by the old man's question. He had to admit that he had no idea where San Venganza was. He was embarrassed that he had to ask for directions.

"Jackson, do you know?" Without waiting for the old man to speak again, Johnny turned to Lin Rui, who had been standing behind and had not approached. He hoped that Lin Rui might know the way to San Venganza.

"I don't know either," Lin Rui replied flatly after hearing Johnny's question. Despite this, Lin Rui seemed unperturbed, as if he knew the issue would be resolved soon.

"So, you need a guide," The old grave keeper continued.

"You mean...do you know where San Venganza is?" Johnny asked in surprise, looking at the old grave keeper.

"Well, wait for me for a while," The old man nodded without further explanation, and then turned and walked towards his stable.

After standing next to the bike and waiting for a while, Johnny and Lin Rui saw the old man walking over leading a steed that seemed quite old.

"Is this your mount?" Johnny asked after examining the horse.

"Yes, it's still very strong," the old man replied as he easily mounted the horse.

"Do you think you can keep up," Johnny said as he mounted his bike.

"Don't worry, I won't hold you back," The grave keeper replied with a smile, adjusting his cowboy hat.

Boom!

Huh~

As soon as the Grave Keeper put on his hat, a fiery red flame erupted from his body, just like the hellfire that appeared on Johnny's body when he transformed into Ghost Rider. The fiery red hellfire centered on the old man quickly spread to the horse beneath him, transforming it into a hellfire horse under the influence of the hellfire. The horse looked extremely cool with its fiery red aura.

"Carter Slade!" Johnny finally recognized the old grave keeper's identity after watching his transformation in front of his own eyes.

Johnny was about to transform into Ghost Rider as well, but he suddenly remembered Lin Rui standing next to him. If Johnny transformed, his bike would also be enchanted and infused with hellfire energy, making it unable to carry Lin Rui. As a result, Johnny hesitated for a moment, wondering what to do.

"Don't worry, I have my own ride," Lin Rui said with a smile, understanding what Johnny was thinking as he stopped and turned to look at him.

"What? Didn't you come here on my bike?" Johnny asked in disbelief upon hearing Lin Rui's answer.

As Johnny and Lin Rui were talking, Carter Slade, the former Ghost Rider, watched Lin Rui with his black eyes. Despite having left after hearing the story earlier, Carter Slade had always known that Lin Rui was not an ordinary person.

He wasn't surprised to see Lin Rui following Johnny when he returned. However, he was curious about whether Lin Rui would really be joining them on their journey to San Venganza.

"Although my means of transportation is not as cool as yours, it is sufficient enough and I shouldn't hold you back," Lin Rui answered as he reached his hand across his waist.

Buzz~

As Lin Rui's right hand slid across his waist, a slight spatial fluctuation emerged. Both Johnny and Carter Slade, who were sensitive to various special energies, noticed it and were surprised by what they saw next.

Brush!

After the burst of spatial fluctuations, a futuristic-looking object resembling a metal surfboard appeared out of thin air on the ground in front of them, following the swipe of Lin Rui's hand. If Johnny or Carter Slade were familiar with New York's vigilante or SHIELD's latest mobile suit, they would recognize the black metal surfboard as a Hoverboard.

"Jackson, your identity is becoming even more mysterious to me now!" Johnny couldn't help exclaiming as he watched Lin Rui conjure such a large object out of thin air.

Huh~

As Johnny spoke, Lin Rui stepped on the Hoverboard that he hadn't used in a long time.

"You can go now!" Lin Rui said as he stood on the Hoverboard, looking at Johnny who hadn't transformed yet.

"Then...you have to follow closely!" Johnny didn't waste any more time after hearing Lin Rui's words. He twisted the accelerator on his bike and took off. Carter Slade followed closely behind on his hellfire horse.

Boom!

The next moment, Johnny burst into flames and transformed into Ghost Rider. At the same time, his bike also quickly changed into Ghost Rider's exclusive mount.

"Hahaha!" Johnny let out his signature laugh as he released the brake and sped off.

Boom!

"Rein!!" At the same time that Johnny rushed out, the Hellhorse ridden by Carter Slade let out a cry and its flaming hooves began to gallop.

As Carter Slade had indicated earlier, Johnny didn't need to worry about being left behind. The hell horse ridden by Carter Slade was not any slower than Johnny's flame bike, and it was even cooler.

Lin Rui's eyes flickered as he watched the old and new generations of Ghost Riders race out of the cemetery. He lightly stepped on the Hoverboard, activating its power system and launching himself into the air. He then chased after Johnny and Carter Slade in the lead.

## Chapter 937: Arriving at San Venganza

Huh~

Da Da~

Brush!

On a dark night, three unique figures were quickly traveling across the wilderness on their way from the cemetery to San Venganza. The two figures on the ground left trails of flames behind them as they moved, while the third figure flew through the air, occasionally circling the two flaming figures below.

After transforming into Ghost Rider, Johnny and Carter Slade both had exceptional speed, but Lin Rui, who was riding on an advanced Hoverboard, was able to keep up with them. In fact, his speed was only slightly slower than Iron Man's.

So as Johnny and Carter Slade used all their power to race forward, Lin Rui was able to effortlessly fly through the air.

Finally, as dawn approached, Carter Slade slowed down and came to a stop at the edge of the wilderness, where Johnny and Lin Rui joined him. Ahead of them was a swamp, and beyond that lay the village of San Venganza.

"We've reached the swamp. The village of San Venganza is on the other side," Carter Slade said as he sat on his flaming horse, addressing Johnny and Lin Rui. "I can only take you this far."

Huh~

"Won't you be coming with us?" Johnny asked, extinguishing the Hellfire on his body as he turned to Carter Slade.

"I've used up the last of my energy and can no longer fight with you," Carter Slade replied, the flames flickering on his body.

Huh~

After speaking, the flames on Carter Slade's body also quickly went out, revealing the weak old grave keeper underneath. Unlike Johnny, who was able to control and extinguish the Hellfire on his body with ease, Carter Slade no longer had the energy to maintain his Ghost Rider form.

Upon seeing Carter Slade's obvious exhaustion, Johnny understood that he had done his best. Additionally, Carter Slade was the previous generation's Ghost Rider, which meant that he had lived for over 200 years.

When Mephisto gave the position of a Ghost Rider to another one, Carter Slade's energy began to wane, and it had been a struggle for him to remain active until now.

"Don't worry, I won't let Blackheart destroy this world," Johnny reassured Carter Slade as he looked at him.

"I know you can do it. Take this, it might come in handy," Carter Slade said with a smile as he pulled out an old gun from his waist and tossed it to Johnny.



As Johnny caught the gun, he felt as though he was receiving a kind of inheritance, the legacy of the previous generation of Ghost Riders. The gun felt heavy in his hand. While Carter Slade and Johnny spoke, Lin Rui hovered nearby on his Hoverboard, unsure of what to make of the situation.

“I wish you a smooth journey and I will look forward to hearing the good news,” Carter Slade said as he finally offered his blessings before sending Johnny and Lin Rui on their way.

“Let’s go, old friend!” Carter Slade then pulled on the reins, signaling for his old horse to turn around and head back.

Da Da Da ~

As they watched Carter Slade and his old horse ride off into the distance, Johnny and Lin Rui both had indescribable expressions in their eyes.

“Let’s keep going!” Watching Carter Slade Sley leave on his old horse, Johnny turned his gaze to the swamp ahead and said to Lin Rui who was suspended in mid-air.

Call!

The next moment, Johnny drove his bike towards the swamp again. This time, he didn’t transform into Ghost Rider. And Lin Rui also flew in the air without saying a word. He was faster and more flexible than Johnny, and his speed and agility made him an excellent scout.

Soon after, Johnny and Lin Rui entered the misty swamp. Once inside, they both became highly alert, as the environment was perfect for the appearance of the fallen angel water monster.

If they encountered one of these creatures in the swamp, it would likely be quite a challenge. As a result, both Johnny on the ground and Lin Rui in the air slowed down to be more cautious.

Johnny and Lin Rui remained vigilant throughout their journey across the swamp, but they were not attacked by any water monsters.

It’s possible that the death of the Earth Demon and Wind Demon had made the Water Demon afraid of Ghost Rider, or that Blackheart had already captured Roxanne and Bucky and saw no need to set up obstacles for Johnny and Lin Rui. Either way, they made it across the swamp without any incident.

Upon safely making their way through the swamp, Johnny and Lin Rui saw the abandoned village of San Venganza in the distance. This ruined land had been neglected for over a hundred years, but it was home to countless sealed evil spirits that, if released, could cause great harm to the world.

As Johnny and Lin Rui left the swamp and rushed towards the ruins of San Venganza, a figure emerged from the swamp behind them – it was the remaining fallen angel, Wallow (the Demon of Water). It turned out that it had been hiding in the swamp the entire time, but didn’t attack Johnny and Lin Rui as they passed by.

Abigor (the Demon of Wind), and Gressil (the Demon of Earth) were already dead, and Wallow (the Demon of Water) didn’t want to risk facing Ghost Rider again. Moreover, this time, Ghost Rider had someone who could hold their own against Blackheart by his side.

“Blackheart, you may be strong, but these guys are not weak. If you manage to get the contract and become the king of all ghosts then I’ll come back and serve you,” Wallow (the Demon of Water) said to itself as it watched Johnny and Lin Rui quickly depart.

Huh~

Wallow (the Demon of Water) then turned back into an invisible pool of water, sinking into the swamp and disappearing.

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After crossing the swamp, Johnny and Lin Rui walked for about ten minutes before reaching the ruins of San Venganza just before dawn. Johnny parked his bike outside the ruins and walked inside, holding the gun that Carter Slade had given him before departing. Lin Rui, meanwhile, flew into the ruins on his Hoverboard.

Upon entering the ruins, Johnny and Lin Rui quickly spotted Blackheart, along with Roxanne and Bucky who were under his control. Blackheart was standing in the middle of the ruins, with Roxanne and Bucky lying at his feet, clearly trapped by some kind of magical technique.

“You guys are fast! Did you bring the contract?” Blackheart asked with a forced smile as he saw Johnny and Lin Rui appear in front of him.

Hoo!

“The contract is here! Let them go first!” Johnny shouted as he placed his left hand on his chest.

“Hmph! You don’t have the right to negotiate!”

### **Chapter 938: Fighting Once Again**

Upon hearing Blackheart’s words, Johnny frowned but didn’t move. However, Blackheart then raised his hand and pointed it at Roxanne and Bucky, who were lying on the ground.

Buzz~

Under the influence of a strange burst of dark energy, both Roxanne and Bucky showed pained expressions on their faces and they let out muffled, painful moans. It was clear that Blackheart was using them to threaten Johnny and Lin Rui.

“Just give it to him. We’re at a point of no return now,” Lin Rui said as he slowly landed from his Hoverboard, seeing Blackheart attack Roxanne and Bucky.

“Stop! I’ll give it to you!” Seeing Roxanne’s pain, Johnny couldn’t help but shout out loud in response to Lin Rui’s words.

Huh~

“It would have been better if you had done this earlier. They wouldn’t have had to suffer as much. Don’t try any tricks and throw the contract over,” Blackheart said with a smile as he withdrew his hand.

“Here!” Johnny yelled as he pulled the Contract of San Venganza out of his arms and tossed it at Blackheart in an effort to get him to release Roxanne and Bucky sooner.

However, Johnny’s throw was too strong and the direction was not very accurate. The Contract of San Venganza flew over Blackheart’s head and landed at the rear of the ruins. Upon seeing the contract fall behind him, Blackheart ignored Roxanne and Bucky, who had collapsed on the ground, and walked towards the contract.

In Blackheart’s eyes, as long as he obtained the contract and the countless evil spirits sealed within it, he would be invincible. Ghost Rider and the young man with strange strength would be insignificant to him after he had devoured those souls.

“Roxanne!” As Blackheart walked towards the contract, Johnny rushed to Roxanne’s side.

“Johnny! I’m fine, let’s go. That guy is a devil!” Roxanne said worriedly as she stood up with Johnny’s help.

Bucky, who was lying next to Roxanne, had also gotten up by himself by this point. Bucky was in much better physical condition than Roxanne and had always been very level-headed, so he wasn’t injured.

As he looked at Lin Rui who had also walked over, he felt that something about the young man seemed to have changed, but he couldn’t quite put his finger on what it was.

“Are you all right?” Lin Rui asked after examining Bucky’s condition.

“I’m okay. How did you get that thing?” Bucky nodded to show that he was fine and asked as he stared at the Hoverboard behind him.

“I’ll explain it to you later. For now, let’s focus on solving the current situation,” Lin Rui said, avoiding Bucky’s question and looking at Blackheart.

Brush!

After speaking, Lin Rui pulled out a machine gun from his waist and threw it to Bucky, which he had left in the jeep earlier. Bucky quickly took hold of the gun and prepared for battle.

“Roxanne, you get out of here first. Let us deal with him!” Johnny pushed Roxanne out of the area as Lin Rui and Bucky prepared for battle.

“Johnny, be careful!” Roxanne shouted as she ran out of the ruins. It was clear to her that Johnny was not a normal person, and she wanted to make sure he was safe.

Johnny reached for the old musket that Carter Slade had given him before he left and aimed it at Blackheart, who was standing in front of him holding a contract and singing to release the seal. Johnny raised his hand and pulled the trigger, and Lin Rui followed suit.

Boom!

Blackheart was hit in the chest by the first gunshot and was knocked back a half step, interrupting his singing. Before he could continue, the second shot was fired, hitting him again and causing him to stumble.

Despite his injuries, Blackheart tried to maintain his grip on the contract and continue his ritual, but it was clear that he was struggling to keep going. Johnny and Lin Rui continued to shoot, determined to stop Blackheart from succeeding in releasing the seal.

Boom!

Da Da Da!

As Johnny fired the second shot, Bucky was already unleashing a barrage of machine gun fire at Blackheart. The machine gun may not have had the same power as Johnny's musket, but it made up for it with its rapid rate of fire, allowing Bucky to shoot more than a dozen rounds in an instant.

Johnny couldn't match that rate of fire, but together, the two of them were able to put a significant amount of pressure on Blackheart.

"Roar! You are seeking your own demise!" Johnny and Bucky interrupted the process of releasing the Seal, causing Blackheart, who had already been struck by numerous bullets, to bellow in frustration before pocketing the contract.

Hoo!

In the next moment, a cloud of black mist spewed forth from Blackheart as he charged toward Johnny, Bucky, and Lin Rui. It would take some time to break the bond, and with these individuals present, Blackheart would not have the opportunity to break the Seal peacefully. As a result, he had to deal with the three pesky individuals in front of him first.

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"Hmph! Excellent timing!" Seeing Blackheart approaching in the form of black mist, Johnny's eyes glinted with a cold light and he let out a low shout.

Boom!

As he shouted, hellfire erupted from Johnny's body and he transformed into Ghost Rider. He then charged toward Blackheart, who was attacking him. This marked the first time that Ghost Rider and Blackheart had engaged in combat.

Boom!

However, as soon as they engaged in battle, Blackheart easily knocked out Johnny's Ghost Rider form. Desperate to quickly put an end to Lin Rui and the others and to stop them from interrupting the unsealing process of the Contract of San Venganza, Blackheart was fighting with all his might at this point. Moreover, Blackheart was not afraid of Ghost Rider's Hellfire, as it had been given to Ghost Rider by his father. How could he fear it?

"Hahaha! Ghost Rider, is that all you've got? This is my father's most powerful soldier?" Blackheart, who had transformed into black mist and revealed half of his body in midair, laughed maniacally after easily knocking Johnny away with a single blow.

Da Da Da!

As Blackheart was laughing triumphantly, another round of bullets hit him. However, due to his transformation into black mist, these bullets had no effect on him and Bucky's harassing attack only served to infuriate Blackheart.

"I should have killed you a long time ago!" Blackheart snarled cruelly as he turned to stare at Bucky, who was still firing at him. He then charged toward Bucky and Lin Rui.

Shout!

When Blackheart jumped down, Lin Rui had already stopped in front of Bucky, and at the same time, a ray of Azura light burst out from him. Then, a long sword appeared in Lin Rui's hand, which was the Beheading Spirit Sword.

"Chop!" As Blackheart approached, Lin Rui quickly swung his right hand twice in front of him, letting out a low shout as he did so.

Buzz!

In the next moment, two crosses formed by Azura's sword energy, one horizontal and one vertical, swiftly sliced toward Blackheart as he charged forward.

Since being irradiated by Ghost Rider's Penance Gaze, Lin Rui seems to have become more proficient in using the internal energy within his body, and he is now able to use a variety of sword techniques.

### **Chapter 939: Unsealed**

Boom!

The next moment, the two intersecting sword energies of Azura collided with the charging Blackheart.

Clearly, Blackheart did not expect Lin Rui's strength to have increased so much in just a few hours. Under the attack of the cross-sword energy, he roared and transformed into a cloud of black mist, flying backwards.

Pū!

After pushing back Blackheart with a single move, Lin Rui stepped forward and launched himself into the air, chasing after the cloud of black mist.

As he flew through the air, he also swung the Beheading Spirit Sword in his hand several times in quick succession, releasing several streaks of Azura's sword energy toward Blackheart.

Hurrah!

Blackheart, who had just easily defeated Ghost Rider with a single move, was now at a clear disadvantage after just a few moves from Lin Rui.

This sudden change in the situation stunned Bucky, who stood next to him with a machine gun, his eyes wide with surprise.

Johnny, who had gotten back on his feet a short distance away, was also a little shocked. He could not believe that the young man possessed such immense strength.

However, although Lin Rui pursues Blackheart, he did not manage to cause much damage to him.

After all, Blackheart is a devil from hell, and Lin Rui's internal energy is still weaker than the dark energy of hell. As a result, Lin Rui can only attack Blackheart with sharp sword moves, causing immense pressure on his being.

After being stunned for a few seconds, Johnny rushed forward once again. This time, he took out the musket again. Under the influence of hellfire, the musket also ignited with hellfire.

Aiming at Blackheart, who was locked in combat with Lin Rui in mid-air, Johnny pulled the trigger.

Boom!

A loud gunshot echoed through the ruins, followed by a burst of flames erupting in the black mist in midair. Blackheart, who had been forced to constantly dodge Lin Rui's agile sword moves, was hit directly.

Chi Chi Chi~ The flames that exploded in the black mist burned away a portion of the black mist, and the power of the hellfire also began to consume Blackheart's hellish dark energy.

"Roar! You Insects!!" Blackheart bellowed with a mouth full of fangs, revealing his terrifying face in the black mist.

Da Da Da!

Just when Blackheart was roaring and preparing to continue to magnify his moves, a barrage of bullets from Bucky hit him in the face again, distorting his skeletal face and jaw. After Bucky shot, Lin Rui's sword energy struck him again.

At the same time, the enchanted iron chain from Ghost Rider has also been drawn. At this moment, Lin Rui and the other two didn't care about Blackheart's roar at all, and they joined forces to attack him.

Pū Pū Pū!

Rumble!

Lin Rui and Blackheart were locked in combat, with Blackheart using his powers to create a black mist that hovered in the air. However, Lin Rui's attacks were able to disperse the mist, causing it to spread out in all directions and become denser.

The mist filled the ruined land, and it did not appear to be dissipating or reforming into Blackheart's actual body.

As the black mist filled the ruined land, Lin Rui and the others heard Blackheart's cruel and arrogant laughter echoing through the area. "Hahaha!~~" he chuckled, seemingly unaffected by Lin Rui's attack.

It was unclear what he was planning, but his laughter did not bode well for the group.

It seemed that Blackheart had chosen to trap Lin Rui and Ghost Rider because he knew they were a threat to him.

Now that he had obtained the contract he needed, his primary goal was to unlock the seal in the ruined land and access the power of the souls contained within. It was clear that he was willing to do whatever it took to achieve this, even if it meant fighting Lin Rui and Ghost Rider.

Blackheart's voice echoed through the ruined land as his figure seemed to spread out in all directions, making it impossible to locate his real body. "In this way, can you still stop me?" he taunted, confident in his ability to evade Lin Rui and Ghost Rider's attacks.

It was still being determined how they would be able to defeat him in his current form, but they would have to come up with a plan quickly if they hoped to stop him.

As Blackheart's voice echoed through the black mist, he began to recite the contract that would unlock the seal in the ruined land.

Lin Rui and the others were unable to locate Blackheart's real body, and they knew they had to act fast if they wanted to stop him from accessing the power of the souls trapped within the seal.

They would have to find a way to disrupt his ritual and prevent him from succeeding.

Lin Rui and Johnny tried to attack the black mist that covered the ruined land, hoping to disrupt Blackheart's ritual. However, no matter how many times they dispersed the mist, it seemed to just reform itself again.

Blackheart was clearly willing to endure some injury in order to complete the ritual and unlock the seal, and he was not going to let Lin Rui and the others interfere. They would have to find another way to stop him.

Lin Rui watched as Johnny released waves of burning hellfire in an attempt to disperse the black mist that surrounded them. He wasn't sure what Johnny was thinking, but he knew they had to find a way to stop Blackheart before it was too late.

Lin Rui was protected by his internal energy, and Johnny was protected by his hellfire, but Bucky had no way to defend himself against the dark energy emanating from the mist. They needed to come up with a plan to protect Bucky and defeat Blackheart.

Lin Rui saw that Bucky was in danger and quickly moved to help him block the dark energies emanating from the black mist.

As he stood next to Bucky, releasing the light of Azura to protect him, Bucky looked at him with a strange expression. "Jackson, why did you become so powerful all of a sudden?" He asked, clearly surprised by Lin Rui's abilities.

Bucky's question seemed to catch Lin Rui off guard, but he quickly recovered and responded with a twinkle in his eyes. "It seems that I suddenly became enlightened," he said with a smile. "Maybe I was just really good before."

Bucky seemed to be deep in thought as he looked at Lin Rui, who was calmly defending against the dark energies emanating from the black mist. "You used to be so powerful... It seems that your identity is much more mysterious than I guessed before!" He said, clearly puzzled by Lin Rui's abilities.

## **Chapter 940: Lin Rui Vs Blackheart 2**

Lin Rui seemed to be focused on the task at hand, and he quickly told Bucky what they needed to do. "Bucky, there should be a way for Blackheart to unlock the seal," He said. "There will probably be a lot of evil spirits appearing soon, so you should hide outside the ruins with Miss Roxanne. Johnny and I will take care of Blackheart."

Bucky seemed to hesitate, but Lin Rui assured him that they would be able to handle Blackheart. "Are you sure you can deal with him?" Bucky asked, clearly concerned.

"Don't worry, I'm sure," Lin Rui replied confidently. "Besides, Ghost Rider has a solution."

Satisfied with Lin Rui's assurance, Bucky nodded and quickly made his way out of the ruins. Lin Rui's internal energy protected him as he rushed out of the center of the ruins and away from the range covered by Blackheart's black mist.

It was clear that he wanted to get as far away from the danger as possible, and Lin Rui and Ghost Rider would have to handle Blackheart on their own.

Huh~

As Bucky escaped from the range of Blackheart's black mist, the villain's chanting came to an end. The mist that had permeated the entire ruined land quickly shrank back, and Blackheart's body reformed in the centre of the area.

It seemed that he had successfully lifted the seal on the evil spirits trapped within the contract, and they would now be unleashed upon the world.

Blackheart stood in the centre of the ruined land, cackling with glee. "Hahaha! Sealed souls! Come out! Come to me!" he shouted, clearly pleased with himself for having unlocked the seal and released the evil spirits.

Pū Pū Pū!

As Blackheart laughed and shouted, the ruins of San Vangonza seemed to come alive. There was a sound of stones breaking and falling as a wave of evil energy emanated from all around them.

Lin Rui and the others could feel the malevolent energy swirling around them, and they knew they had to be ready to face whatever was coming their way.

As the evil energy continued to swirl around them, dark gray streaks of energy surged out from the ruins and the ground. Each streak took the form of a skeleton, resembling the evil ghosts often depicted in horror movies.

However, these skeletons were even more intimidating and terrifying than anything that had been depicted on screen.

Lin Rui watched as the evil spirits emerged from the ruins, taking the form of terrifying skeletons. He seemed to be deep in thought, and he muttered to himself, "So there are really ghosts in this world? Or are they just special energy bodies with special forms?"

Hurrah!



Lin Rui and Johnny stood together, prepared to defend themselves against the evil spirits that were rushing towards them.

They made no move to stop the spirits from heading towards Blackheart, as it seemed they were more interested in defending themselves against the malevolent beings.

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Brush!

“Woo~~”

Occasionally, malevolent spirits would fly past Lin Rui and Johnny, emitting piercing screams, but they did not attack the two living beings.

As Lin Rui observed, Blackheart opened his arms and embraced these malevolent spirits into his body, causing Lin Rui’s eyes to become brighter and brighter.

“Johnny, do you remember the technique I mentioned earlier?” Lin Rui said to Johnny, who was standing beside him in his recovered state. Lin Rui noticed that Blackheart had absorbed most of the evil souls and decided it was time to take action.

“I remember, but are you sure that technique will work this time? As I recall, it failed on you not too long ago,” Johnny replied, looking at Lin Rui with a concerned expression on his face.

“If everything goes according to plan, it should be successful. But the dawn is approaching and I’m not sure if you’ll be able to transform smoothly. If you can’t transform, it could complicate matters,” Lin Rui said, understanding Johnny’s concern. He was now more worried about whether there would be any issues on Johnny’s end.

“Dawn does have an impact on my transformation, but it’s not a guarantee. Plus, we’re in the dark right now, so it shouldn’t be a problem. As long as you confirm that the technique is effective, I’m ready to take him down,” Hearing Lin Rui’s words, Johnny said in a serious tone.

“You need to have confidence in yourself. Ghost Rider is much stronger than you realize,” Lin Rui said as he patted Johnny on the shoulder.

Blackheart had absorbed all the evil souls of Seal into his body, causing a strong black energy to surge within him. His body was unstable and it seemed as if it couldn’t withstand the energy he had taken in.

His once human-like face was now contorted with protruding, terrifying teeth and his eyes shone with a blood-red light. Lin Rui and Johnny watched as Blackheart struggled to contain the immense power within him.

“I am called the Ghost...because there are so many of us,” Blackheart said, his voice distorted after absorbing so many malevolent spirits. At this moment, he had become something else entirely.

Shout!

With his eyes shining with blood-red light, Blackheart looked at Lin Rui and Johnny with newfound strength after absorbing countless evil souls. He no longer felt the need to restrain himself around them, as his power had increased significantly.

With a newfound confidence, Blackheart began to walk towards Lin Rui and Johnny, his steps steady and determined.

Brush!

Facing Blackheart's approach, Lin Rui unsheathed his swords and attacked Blackheart without hesitation, using the same crossed sword aura as before.

Despite having faced this kind of attack from Lin Rui before, Blackheart didn't even attempt to block it and allowed the swords to collide with his body.

Pū Pū!

The next moment, the two cross-shaped Azura sword qi struck Blackheart's body, causing his flesh to be split into four pieces in a burst of black mist. However, the four pieces of flesh soon came together again to reform a complete Blackheart. It was clear that Blackheart, who had absorbed so many evil souls, no longer cared about this level of attack.

Boom!

After Blackheart's body was able to reform, Johnny attacked with a burst of flame, causing Blackheart's head to be blown away. But under a burst of black mist, Blackheart's head quickly grew back.

Speaking of it, Blackheart's ability to quickly regenerate his body is similar to that of a certain talkative mutant, except that it is enhanced by the dark, hellish energy and powers of the evil souls within him.

"It seems that these attacks have no effect on him. It's up to you now," Lin Rui said as he looked at Johnny after the results of their tests.

Boom!

Without a word, Johnny rushed towards Blackheart and burst into flames, transforming into the Ghost Rider.

Hoo Hoo!

As he charged towards Blackheart, Johnny swung the iron chain in his hand towards him. Although Lin Rui had previously told Johnny how to handle Blackheart, they would still need to engage in a fierce battle to achieve the desired outcome. Controlling Blackheart would be crucial in this battle.

"Hahaha~~" Faced with the rushing Ghost Rider, Blackheart, who had already transformed into a group of ghosts, let out a piercing laugh and reached out to grab the flaming iron chain.

The next moment, Blackheart easily caught the iron chain and pulled it, causing the powerful Ghost Rider to be yanked off the ground and thrown toward the ground in a parabolic arc.

Boom!

There was a loud noise as Johnny's body crashed into the ground hard. Although Ghost Rider is said to be immortal, the impact still made Johnny a little dizzy, especially since Johnny was independently controlling the transformation and could feel what was happening to Ghost Rider.

"Ghost Rider, you are too weak!" Blackheart, who had always feared Ghost Rider, was now feeling especially arrogant after Ghost Rider was unable to cause much damage to him, either before or after he absorbed the evil souls.

Brush!

As Blackheart grabbed Johnny's iron chain and threw him to the ground, Lin Rui flew over Blackheart's head. He had taken the opportunity to attack while Johnny's attack had distracted Blackheart.

Lin Rui, who flew above Blackheart's head, held up the Beheading Spirit Sword in his hand, and bursts of powerful internal energy rushed into the Beheading Spirit Sword. Then, a burst of dazzling Azura rays of light burst out from the top of Lin Rui's head, and these Azura rays of light burst out and quickly condensed into an enlarged Beheading Spirit Sword, which was composed of countless sword energy.

"Cut!" After the huge Azura sword energy converged into one, Lin Rui shouted and swung the Beheading Spirit Sword towards Blackheart through the air.

In the next moment, the huge Azura sword energy appeared above Blackheart's head and descended upon him.

Rumble!

There was a loud noise as the huge Azura sword energy enveloped Blackheart. As the energy of the sword qi exploded and scattered in all directions, streaks of black energy were continuously shattered by the Azura sword energy.

Huh~

As Lin Rui landed and the energy shock dissipated, the area that had been hit by the Azura sword energy became visible once again. However, Blackheart was nowhere to be seen and the black mist that had surrounded him was also gone.

"Hmm, could it be that I just wiped him out?" Lin Rui muttered in disbelief as he looked at the large crater that had been blown out by his attack.