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Tianming gave it a look and noticed that Yu Ziqian's forehead was bleeding. The stigma on his forehead absorbed the blood and glowed in an eerie manner. Even then, he wasn't able to open the formation.

"Back off."

"Got it."

Tianming stood before the Sky Palace Formation. He was fairly certain that almost anything was possible with his left arm. However, he chose to use his stigma instead. His had been given to him by the wooden house in the Sky Palace, after all, which had inherited the true will and intent of Sky Palace, while the other members had already been corrupted by the voidheart worm.

Everyone watched as he placed his hands against the formation. He brought his forehead closer and closer to it, causing the stigma to glow. Then a clear sound rang out at the moment of contact. It sounded almost like knocking on a door. After that, waves of white spread from the point of contact to the rest of the formation. It was completely unlike when Yu Ziqian had 'knocked' on it. Tianming had casually opened the entrance of the Sky Palace Formation. Just like that, the formation melted before them and turned into lakewater that was up to ten thousand meters deep and he fell into the water, vanishing before everyone's eyes.

"Huh?"

Everyone curiously got closer, but right as they were about to enter, the Sky Palace Formation was restored. They knocked on the formation and it felt like they were hammering against solid metal. It was no wonder that not even the full-fledged Divine Sun Palace could breach it.

"Did he enter?" Yu Ziqian asked, having recovered from his dizziness.

"Let's go. We have to ensure that the Myriad Solar Sects still exist by the time he returns," the Northdipper Swordsage said, waving his hand.

Tianming wanted as many of them to survive as possible, as he knew better than anyone that his power came from living believers. Only if they were alive would he have the power from his legacy.

"Let's go." The Saintdragon Emperor and the rest left without turning back. While they were still worried about Tianming facing the voidheart worm alone, they were confident in him.

"Hehe..." Yu Ziqian chuckled as he followed behind the rest. His eyes darted around wildly as his veins visibly pulsed around his body.

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After passing through the liquefied formation, Tianming felt like he was floating around in a dream. He was carried around by some kind of current in a river. At the end of that river was a dilapidated wooden house. He accelerated toward the house, but didn't think that he would be flushed outright before he touched it. Then he landed on the ground and found himself in a world of white fog. This was the Sky Palace. Ahead of him were countless snow-white buildings, between which lustrous plants could be

seen. He could smell a flowery fragrance in the air, as if he had come to a calm wonderland. In this tranquil world, even his breathing seemed to disrupt the serene atmosphere.

He immediately spread Yin Chens around when he arrived. At the same time, the Yin Chens that had been left behind and gone dormant were waking up, but they hadn't seen anything during their dormancy.

Looking up, he cast his gaze upon the tallest and grandest hall of white. That was where he had met the members of the Sky Palace the last time he was there. He flew toward it, but Yin Chen's butterflies and locusts flew faster than him.

"Someone is... coming here..." Yin Chen reported, and Tianming quickly saw them for himself.

A white figure appeared from beyond the cloudy fog. It appeared to be a woman in white robes. Her face was covered in thick powder and she looked even older than the Azure Dragon Emperor, yet she was the youngest member of the Sky Palace.

Tianming remembered her, as she was the one he had interacted with the most the last time he came. She used to be one of the Xuanyuan Dragon Sect's elders and was known as Granny Yuan Long. The sect had requested her help during the first invasion of the Myriad Dragon Mountains some time ago. After many years, Tianming had finally reunited with her.

Two of the seven members of Sky Palace were reported to have died, yet, while she was ranked the lowest among them, she had survived. When she saw Tianming, she didn't say a single word before attacking.

As a beastmaster, her lifebound beasts were her powerhouse. Five snow-white dragons that somewhat resembled Long Wanying's worldcleanse whitesoul dragons appeared. They looked like seven-star divine beasts and were called saintpath origin dragons. From the name alone, one could tell that they symbolized all things holy. Yet Tianming could tell from a single glance that something was off. Their scales seemed almost too pale, and their bodies were covered in long strands of hair. What was even more terrifying was how their eyes were pale and lifeless instead of the stern eyes that were normally found in dragons. Rather than dragons, they seemed more like worms. While Lan Huang was an oddly shaped dragon itself, it still exuded the aura befitting of a true dragon, one that was even purer than those of all dragons in the sun!

Granny Yuan Long immediately blocked Tianming along with her dragons and slashed her sword toward him.

"Why don't we chat for a bit first? I'm not much of a fan of fighting right after meeting," Tianming said as he backed off.

However, the old woman didn't respond and merely made an odd shriek before charging toward him again. Her dragons all used their abilities, shooting beams of pure white at him.

"Alright, I guess you're just a puppet at this point," Tianming said, powerlessly shaking his head. "Then perish." The voidheart worm would only show up after he got rid of its puppets. He didn't say any more and summoned his totems, exclusively fighting using them without using his own body at all. The swords

soared into the air and coordinated with each other in a complex fashion to go for the kill, immediately slashing the five dragons into multiple pieces.

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Dragon corpses rained on the ground, yet not a single one of them bled. Instead, fleshy white worms emerged from their corpses before they scattered and blended in with the white walls around them, leaving only Granny Yuan Long behind.

"I don't suppose you're any different," Tianming said, feeling a slight melancholy for her fate. However, he didn't show any mercy. She was weaker than the Northdipper Swordsage, so she would be far from enough to take care of Tianming.

The Godsins went flying, almost instantly eviscerating her body and causing even more white worms to crawl out. Only a single head balanced on Tianming's sword, which was as thin as an insect's wing. Her expression wildly contorted as large numbers of worms fell out. When they were all expelled, only an empty husk was left behind.

Tianming gave his sword a shake, causing the white powder to fall from her face. All of a sudden, her empty eyes moved. She opened her mouth and struggled to say something with great difficulty. "Run... away...."

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"Run away?" Tianming froze. He was certain that he had heard those words. After Granny Yuan Long said them, the husk of her head completely dimmed, drained of all life. "Who's the one that said that? Was it Granny Yuan Long herself or the voidheart worm?" He believed it was the former. Dead people usually had some kind of regret that would keep their soul tethered in this world. Before long, those regrets would cause them to turn into ghosts, though they could easily be scattered into nothing.

"She asked me to run away...." Tianming shook his head with a helpless smile. He knew that this was the lair of a voidheart worm, a dangerous cosmic wildbeast. Yet there was nothing he could do about it, caught up in a struggle between the celestial orderians and Skywolf as he was.

"Thank you," he respectfully said before putting her head down on the ground. He looked at the grand white building once more and flew toward it without any hesitation. "Two of the seven members of the Sky Palace have died, and Granny Yuan Long just joined them, so that should leave only four. Why did the rest not show up?"

It was too quiet, so quiet that his breathing sounded like thunder. When he let Ying Huo and the rest out, the noise they made echoed throughout the whole area. Then Yin Chen brought him some news. "You're saying that the remaining members of the Sky Palace have already left the formation and snuck toward the Greenvoid Abyss? They're trying to take control of it?"

"Yes yes!" Yin Chen said.

The death of Sovereign Greenvoid had stemmed from an accident. What followed was the capture of a divine astralship from Skywolf. While the formation core of the ship was with Sovereign Greenvoid, the sun emperor couldn't pilot it without the bloodline or techniques of a skywolf. Had he been able to, he would have brought it to stop the other divine astralship.

The Greenvoid Abyss was still near the Myriadragon Mountains. The celestial orderians seemed intent on stopping the trouble brewing at home first before taking care of this divine astralship. They weren't worried that anyone else would be able to pilot it right now, after all. Eventually, they would be able to crack its code and commandeer it for themselves. Such a thing was possible, much in the same vein as the celestial orderian elders forging a backup core for the Divine Sun Palace. Ingenuity was part of the human spirit, after all.

As for the voidheart worm, it didn't dare to directly take action itself. Instead, it sent the four Sky Palace members to steal the ship. It wasn't a bad plan, as the voidheart worm was part of the Voidsky Organization, after all, so it probably had ways to pilot the divine astralship. It was the perfect time, since the sun emperor would be busy for the foreseeable future.

"But they... forgot about... the other... sun emperor... at the... Greenvoid Abyss," Yin Chen said.

"Are you talking about my godfather?" Tianming didn't think that the red-haired sun emperor would remain within the Greenvoid Abyss. Perhaps he should use this chance to approach him? While it seemed unlikely that Li Wudi was still himself, Tianming still wanted to know what the deal was between him and the sun emperor. "Are they fighting now?"

"A fight... is ongoing."

Since he wasn't planning to return, there was no need to overthink what was happening there. "With those four gone, it's even better." Within the formation, it was just him and the voidheart worm. Where in the world could it be hiding? He recalled the platform he had seen the last time he was there. "Let's go!"

With the Greenspark Tower healing him and his carefree wonder containing the negative energies within his body, he had more or less recovered. His current constitution wasn't that far off from a mystician that had used their face reveal.

He entered the grand hall together with Ying Huo. Pushing the doors open, he saw that the inside looked like it hadn't been inhabited for a long time. A lot of pale dust flew around the place, and the air he breathed felt dry and musty. Even the ground was covered by the ash-like substance. One would mistake it for snow if they didn't look closely enough. However, unlike snow that clumped together, these particles were fine, but distinct. The air Tianming displaced by walking around was enough to disturb the dust.

He continued walking through the silent, seemingly abandoned hall.

"There!" He spotted a snow-white platform not long after. The last time he was there, the platform had appeared pure white and shone like some kind of crystal. But now it was covered in dust, making it look somewhat fuzzy. The seven seniors of the Sky Palace had tested Tianming and Yu Ziqian from that platform. Back then, the two of them had been forbidden from even stepping upon the platform. While things seemed to remain the same, the people from before were completely gone.

Tianming didn't feel any sentimentality for what had been lost. Holding the Gods in his hand and having his lifebound beasts prepare, he was ready to strike at any moment. His totems were armed within his bane-rings and his prime wonder could manifest at any moment to protect his beasts. He proceeded with full alertness, looking forward and back while having Ying Huo look around his flanks.

Beneath his feet, silver spiders spread out to the surroundings. The colliding Yin Chens produced a metallic clacking sound. The silver spiders went all over the place, disturbing the ash-like substance as they went. The hall was now almost a little foggy thanks to the powder that kept falling all over them. Some even pooled up on the manifestation of the Prime Tower.

Tianming quickened his pace and ascended the platform. Soon, he charged into a fog of white. He noticed that the fog was formed by dust, yet it seemed far denser. If it weren't for his prime wonder protecting him, he would be covered in the dust in no time. Oddly, he seemed to be scaling the stairs up the platform even though it should only take him a few steps. Perhaps he was already under the influence of some kind of illusory formation. Not to mention, the dust that covered the ground had piled up to ten centimeters deep. Stepping in it felt like stepping in manure, simply disgusting. He didn't want to do so anymore, so chose to fly up the platform instead. He flew even faster, but the fog in the air seemed like a cotton sponge that kept him from advancing very far.

"What in the world is this?" He pinched a handful of the cotton-like substance and kneaded it in his hands. After that, it turned into a pungent white liquid.

"Don't tell me this is wormshit.... It's all over the place," Ying Huo said.

"Keep the gross thoughts to yourself," Tianming said.

"Hey, that isn't gross. My Bug Bro is the king of bugs. Ask it."

Tianming turned to Yin Chen.

"Perhaps so... maybe yes... should be."

"Sheesh, shut up if you have nothing to contribute!"

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"No you... shut up!" Despite speaking in what seemed like stutters, Yin Chen didn't hold back when it came to arguing.

Yin Chen didn't seem like a normal insect, either, so the voidheart worm and Yin Chen might not even belong in the same category. Tianming put that thought aside and had Ying Huo use Infernal Armor on him. The crimson and black flames around him helped burn away the substance in the air. Using it and the prime wonder to clear a path, he quickly made his way ahead.

"We already climbed for so long, yet we're not at the end. The height of that platform feels like it might be tens of times the height of the entire hall. Won't we bump into the Sky Palace Formation if we keep going?" So far, Tianming had noticed nothing else apart from the dust on the steps and the cotton around him getting thicker.

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"Come out, voidheart worm!" Tianming couldn't be bothered playing its games. Not only did he have his Infernal Armor on, he had brought out all ten of his godswords before him as he ascended the platform. He turned into a shooting star as he charged through the cloudy fog.

All of a sudden, he saw nothing but a vast blankness, as if he had ascended past the clouds to a world of pure white. Nothing but masses of cotton covered his view. When he stepped on them, they felt rather sturdy. Farther ahead of him was the top of the Sky Palace Formation. He was close to the tallest point in the Sky Palace.

"Hey, turn back," Ying Huo said in an odd voice.

Tianming quickly turned behind him and saw a person standing atop the floor of cotton. It was a woman with perfect curves. Most of her skin was exposed, save for some parts that were obscured in the crudest manner possible. Every detail seemed perfectly crafted, with some parts filled to just the right amount and other parts polished to a glossy smoothness. She had a head of snow-white hair that stretched to her heels on the ground. Her hair glistened and looked like a waterfall that reflected sparkling sunlight.

However, that meant nothing to Tianming, nor did it inspire any goodwill in him. He knew that the only lifeform in there apart from him was the voidheart worm. A bug, even in human form, was still a bug. Perhaps worms would fall out of her body once it was cut open, just like Yuan Long, so her looks didn't matter.

Even so, he was quite surprised that she looked somewhat like a mystic. When he first saw her face, it was smooth and featureless. After that, the fog congealed around her and seemed to morph into eyes, ears, a nose, and a mouth, instantly crafting perfect features before Tianming's very eyes. She was now a perfect beauty that would cause the destruction of nations when unleashed into the world. It was a shame that her eyes were empty and soulless.

Tianming could tell that the worm was trying its best to emote like a beauty, channeling seduction and flirtation. It was too bad that his sense of beauty had been completely distorted thanks to spending so much time with Feiling. In fact, seeing its attempts made him even more certain that it was the voidheart worm, a wildbeast at the end of the day.

No matter how powerful they were, wildbeasts would never be able to match up to even simple lifebound beasts in terms of intelligence. While the voidheart worm had amazing survival skills and was able to adapt in a way that allowed it to control the members of the Sky Palace, it didn't really possess intelligence. Perhaps wildbeasts could eventually evolve to become beings like specters, the Archaionfiend, or Desolate Chaos Progenibeasts, but before that, they would just be normal wildbeasts.

"Stop with your senseless tricks. We're of different species and I'm not into bestiality," Tianming said, pointing the Godsins toward the 'woman' in its chain form.

"Save..." it pointed at him with great difficulty. "Save me...."

"Save your ass." Tianming ignored her and thrust the Godsins toward it. The seven grade-eight divine hazards that were contained in the chain, coupled with the Galactic Godsins, blasted out as the chain stretched thousands of meters before instantly piercing the humanoid being's chest. Tianming pulled the chain back, revealing a hole that didn't bleed. Not to mention, there was no sign of destroyed organs. Nothing but a white liquid leaked out before the wound patched itself up at a rate faster than Tianming's Greenspark Tower healed him. It left no sign of injury behind.

"Is this really a human?" Even a fool could tell that much.

"I'll swallow my own shit if you aren't the voidheart worm," Tianming said, glaring at her. He was mustering the power of his Omniscient Threads. Even though he was a little far from his believers, he was still in Orderia so he could still use their power without issue.

The pandemonium and cyclic sacrosuns appeared around him. The bright glow from the imperial star pierced the fog around them. He also had all ten totems pointed at the so-called 'woman'.

"Hehe," she chuckled, despite facing such a huge threat. This time around, her expression seemed more natural, like she didn't even need to exert any effort to fake it. She laughed just like a beauty would, then started dancing and singing in the fog. Her performance sounded somewhat melancholic, as if she was telling a tragic tale. Throughout the song and dance routine, her expressions changed, but not in the mask-swapping way. Instead, her features morphed from one top beauty's to another's, all of them boasting immense charm.

Yet all of it was pointless. "Are you alright in the head? Do you think singing right before you're killed will earn you any mercy? Or is this some kind of self-exorcism?"

"Hehehe...." She seemed a little shy as she laughed. "Big Brother, did I sing well?"

"Not bad, I must say. You barely pass as someone with a mental disability," Tianming said.

"Is that so? Then should I keep singing for you, Big Brother?" she said in a weak voice without a hint of anger.

Tianming felt like she didn't seem to understand what he really said and was disgusted. This worm was just trying to mimic human speech and simply skipped over the sarcastic remarks if it didn't understand them. That had nothing to do with how powerful it was, but rather what its core being was.

"Big Brother... I... I want to become human," she suddenly said with a tear-filled expression.

"That's easy. I have a way," Tianming said.

"What is it?" she asked, delighted.

"Die and quickly reincarnate. You might become a human that way."

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She seemed to understand what he meant and turned somewhat eccentric. Her beautiful features contorted and pulsed and her hair suddenly flared apart like it was alive and dancing. Her eyes rotated and her mouth opened so wide that it tore from the sides, revealing the blood within. Her tongue looked like a vile leech that wriggled as she said, "You die! Die! Die!"

Just like that, she madly roared at him. Spikes appeared all over her skin, turning her into a complete monster. Tianming almost puked upon seeing the transformation. He tried to analyze the thoughts of the voidheart worm; it seemed to have only matured recently and didn't seem to possess much intelligence. However, it had great adaptability that allowed it to mimic behavior, yet something inside it seemed amiss or lacking, resulting in an awkward performance. But that didn't affect its ability to survive. It knew that it could infiltrate the Sky Palace, thereby controlling the solar core and the Sky Palace Formation. After doing all that, it no doubt turned its attention to the world. Perhaps it found humans interesting, so it tried to mimic them, and even become one.

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The voidheart worm was angered that Tianming asked it to die and reincarnate. Tianming was trying to understand it to find a way to defeat it. However, it was a cosmic wildbeast with a top bloodline. It had matured, and when it raged, Tianming felt the entire Sky Palace shake from its power. There was no way he could underestimate his enemy now.

"Be on your guard." Since he had become its target, he wasn't worried that it would run. He immediately jumped off the platform and the voidheart worm followed suit as expected. The endless cotton near the top followed it as it fell, pressing on him at the same time.

He slammed to the ground, where Lan Huang, Xian Xian, and Yin Chen would be able to fight at their best. With all of his beasts, totems, and divine wonders out, they surrounded Xian Xian in the middle.

Ying Huo had long felt annoyed by the voidheart worm. "Do you think a coward like you that only knows to hide is worthy of controlling the solar core?" Ying Huo enlarged itself and spread its wings, sending Infernal Blaze toward the womanly figure.

At the same time, the woman seemed to blend together with the boundless cloudy fog around it. Its lower body vanished in the clouds, while its upper body contorted beyond recognition. "You're a bad person! You're trying to trick me! You should die!"

Its train of thought was just that simple at the end of the day. The question was how it would be able to harm Tianming with such a small body. Ying Huo decided to take the initiative and find out. It used Skyscorch Featherblast, sending out sharp feathers that contained the power of Blazebane, Cosmic Blade. The girlish body was immediately pierced through and torn apart, and even the cloudy mass behind it had a hole burned through it.

"Is that it?"

The next instant, thousands of bodies appeared around the cloudy fog in the Sky Palace, reforming into the womanly figure from before. Every one of them glared angrily at Tianming and his lifebound beasts. "I'm not a human, but I won't let you be mean to me! You can't!" Millions of bodies shrieked that rebuke at the same time, much to Tianming's awe. Their conflict was far more than him being mean to her—it was an invasion from Skywolf and a threat to the solar core!

"Hehe, all of these are pretty women. If you didn't mind bugs, you'd have the largest harem in history," Ying Huo said.

"Stop messing around and be careful," Tianming said, furrowing his brow. He could tell that the humanoid figures weren't the voidheart worm itself, but merely a small part. The real worm was somewhere within the cloudy fog in the Sky Palace Formation. Perhaps everything, including the ash and powder-like substance was part of its body. All of it combined would have a hundred times the volume of all Yin Chen's bodies combined! Such a large body was thanks to it absorbing nova source from where it was densest for such a long time.

All of it came crashing down from above with terrifying momentum. Tianming tried blocking it with the mountainous prime wonder only for it to be sent flying away. Then his swords turned into a sea of millions, piercing a gigantic hole in the clouds with sword ki. However, even that seemed to have no

effect. White liquid seeped out of the clouds and recovered the whole. The voidheart worm seemed like a sea swarm that could endure any kind of damage like a soft sponge. As such, only abilities seemed to have an effect on it, which limited Yin Chen and Lan Huang's contributions in the fight.

Tianming and his lifebound beasts were sent flying from the crash. After that, a large amount of dust particles in the clouds flooded toward his nostrils. With the Prime Tower's defenses breached, there was no stopping them. Tianming hurriedly stabilized his body and pulled his sea of swords closer as a response. Meanwhile, Xian Xian tried properly taking root to resist the brewing storm in the cloudy fog. Thanks to it, the others were able to find their footing and prepare for a counterattack.

"This won't work. The enemy can't be killed. It's a little like mysterians in a way," Xian Xian said. Cosmic wildbeasts were eccentric by nature.

On top of all their worries, all the buildings in the Sky Palace seemed to collapse into ash, blending in with the cloudy fog and increasing its volume. In other words, even the Sky Palace itself had become part of the voidheart worm's body!

"Damn it!" Xian Xian cursed and shrieked. The ground under its roots was all a part of that pale white substance.

All of a sudden, the white dirt moved and the particles turned into large maggots while the gray dust turned into small insects, leaving Xian Xian with no place to take root. Everything within the Sky Palace Formation was part of the voidheart worm's body. In fact, it had probably devoured everything inside, assimilating it as part of itself.

Tianming recalled that Granny Yuan Long had begged him to run and understood why. They were in the lair of the voidheart worm, where it was at its prime. It wouldn't even fear the sun emperor if he were to come to it. It had made this battlefield to stack the odds in its favor, making fighting it here the worst choice possible, even if it was the only choice.

He watched as the ground collapsed and the clouds swirled. Every single particle of sand and dust was part of the voidheart worm. It had an equal, or even superior ability to disguise itself compared to Yin Chen. In fact, it won out in terms of size, being able to move about as inconspicuous specks of dust. The sight before him was far too impressive. Tianming and the rest completely blanked out as the fusion beast of mud, clouds, and dust sucked away everything within the Sky Palace Formation. He felt like he was fighting in a completely alien world. The voidheart worm had shed its skin and shell to reveal its true form.

"Is it really that terrifying? Does it have countless bodies and no main body like Yin Chen? That isn't possible, is it?" Normally, broodmother-type beasts should have main bodies, even cosmic wildbeasts. The particulates of the worm seemed like child bodies, rather than the main bodies of Yin Chen.

"It must... have a... main body!" Yin Chen said.

"Are you certain? Perhaps you're just not so special after all. The voidheart worm doesn't look much different from you," Tianming joked.

"Shut up! I'm angry!" Yin Chen felt its position as the king of insects was being challenged. What angered it even more was how the voidheart worm seemed to not notice it at all, not even regarding it as an enemy!

The various parts of the Sky Palace blended together and formed a gigantic pale giant that was twenty times the size of Lan Huang. "I am human!" Its roar shook the entire area in the formation. It reminded Tianming of his battle against Lin Xiaoting long ago, but the formation back then was completely different from the Sky Palace Formation, just like the enemy was completely different from Lin Xiaoting.

"That's right! I can vouch for you! You're human! Everyone in your family is, too!" Ying Huo said, trying to suck up to the worm after feeling dwarfed by it.

"Chicken Bro... chickened out..." Yin Chen scoffed.

Yet the giant completely ignored what Tianming and the rest were thinking and came stomping after them right away. Tianming saw Granny Yuan Long's head appear near its navel, making it look even weirder.

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"Wait!" Tianming suddenly realized something right as danger approached. During the fight, he had inhaled quite a bit of dust and cloud vapor! The particulates flowed through his body through his bloodstream. Tianming noticed that they were feasting on his body and growing into maggots!

"Dammit!" This felt just as terrifying as being infested by Yin Chen's bonegnaw ants, only even more effective, given how they were smaller and could infest others even more easily! No doubt that was how the Sky Palace members had been corrupted. The mere thought of the worms pouring out of Granny Yuan Long's corpse gave Tianming a start. He hurriedly used the carefree wonder to purge them. If it didn't work, he would despair....

"Hey, I have some in me too!" Ying Huo said. Along with Yin Chen, all of the other beasts were infested as well. "It's over.... We'll be dishes served up on a platter sooner or later..." it lamented.

"Dishes? Will there be meat?" Xian Xian said, its attention piqued by the mention of food.

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The bugs formed by the dust particles had grown rather large in number. Breathing in a single time would cause hundreds of millions of dust particles to enter one's body, let alone the particles that entered through pores or hair follicles in the form of fog. After the Prime Tower was shattered, the powder bugs flooded into their bodies and hid within their veins, absorbing nutrients to grow. In almost no time at all, the largest ones were already visible to the naked eye. It probably wouldn't take too much time for them to reach the size of the worms that had been in Granny Yuan Long's body.

Tianming finally felt the fear of being infested with bonegnaw ants. For now, the powder bugs weren't causing any pain, but they could easily consume him from within. Lan Huang and the rest were no different. The sheer size of the two-headed dragons' mouths easily sucked in countless dust particles with a single breath. The powder bugs were so terrifying because of their small size.

"What can we do? Will I be eaten clean by these bugs?!" Lan Huang spun around in a panic. When asked what it was doing, it said it was trying to make the bugs within it dizzy by spinning.

Even now, Xian Xian was still asking Ying Huo what dishes would be served. Normally, trees should be more afraid of insects invading their bodies, yet Xian Xian seemed to be reacting better than Lan Huang. The reason was that the Radix World Tree's dry and stiff body wasn't attractive to the voidheart worm in the least.

Even so, Tianming was still quite surprised by Xian Xian's reaction. It reminded him of his battle with the ghoulish kings at the Flameyellow Continent. Ghoulish King Xue Yi and Ghoulish King Si Yi both had broodmother-type lifebound beasts, yet Xian Xian had the perfect counter to them: the pollen from the Evernight Rose. They were just as fine as dust particles! If the powder bugs wanted to cause any real damage, they would have to grow, and if they did, the pollen from the Evernight Rose would work on them.

"The Evernight Curse is an ability that uses the Evernight Rose's pollen. It's effective against opponents whose souls are weak. Using it, we can identify whether the voidheart worm doesn't have a main body like Yin Chen, or whether it's a broodmother-type cosmic wildbeast with countless children!"

The child spawns of a broodmother-type beast were discrete beings that had no consciousness of their own. That even applied to broodmother-type lifebound beasts, let alone masterless cosmic wildbeasts. The reason the Evernight Curse wouldn't work on Yin Chen was that all of Yin Chen's bodies were practically identical, with none of them the master or slave. But if the Evernight Curse worked on the voidheart worm, it meant there was a main body somewhere, and all of the cloudy fog and powder it gave off were child spawns. Tianming chose to believe that Yin Chen was unique, as it was a Primordial Chaos Beast.

"Hmph! Time for me to shine!" As Xian Xian and Yin Chen hadn't evolved into a sovereign beast yet, unlike their siblings, they hadn't had a chance to perform for a long time. Xian Xian bloomed the dark rose on its body and swayed, scattering fine pollen all over the place. "Tortoise Bro, take a deep breath!"

"Alright!" Lan Huang was dizzily stumbling around from all the spinning. It stabilized itself and breathed in from two heads. "Whooooaa... that was refreshing!" It was as if it had taken a cold shower just as its skin was itching.

"Take a look at this!" Meow Meow turned into its Regal Chaosfiend form and huffed the Evernight Rose pollen with a look of delight. "See me? In me, the tiger sniffs the rose!" [1]

Tianming's lifebound beasts always had a jovial mood, even as death was staring them in the face. Despite knowing they were infested by insects, they acted as if a simple scratch would be enough to get rid of them.

"Hey, buzz off! I haven't taken a whiff yet! Oh Little Sis, give Chicken Bro here a whiff!" Ying Huo felt the itch in itself and was starting to lose it. It had already tried forcing the powder bugs out by raising its body temperature. That had worked, somewhat, but it couldn't resist after seeing how high Lan Huang and Meow Meow were as they inhaled the pollen.

"Chicken Bro, let go! Male and female beasts shouldn't be that intimate!" Xian Xian cried, wanting to beat the bird up.

"Nonsense! You're a tree! Since when did you have a sex?"

"Are you looking down on women? Women make up half the world! Everyone has a mom! Without one, how would you even be born?!" Xian Xian snapped, shutting Ying Huo up, though it managed to take a whiff before speeding off.

Seeing their pleasant expressions, Tianming knew that the pollen was working and killing the powder bugs. He could also feel the pollen in his bloodstream infusing into the growing bugs. They were many in number, but individually weak, and they quickly died as the pollen spread. Not to mention, all of them had the blood of Primordial Chaos Beasts, which was naturally resistant to corruption. The powder bugs were easily wiped out with a little bit of help from the pollen.

"Looks like the ones inside of us are taken care of." It had looked simple, but that was because Tianming just so happened to have a way to deal with the powder bugs. Most people would be helpless to deal with the powder-fine bugs that could easily infest them and grow within them. While the Sky Palace members weren't weak—some of them had even rivaled the dreamless celestial emperor in strength—they had still fallen for this trick of the voidheart worm.

The fact that the Evernight Rose's pollen affected the powder bugs meant that it also had a main body, no matter how impressive it was. It was a cosmic wildbeast, after all, and wasn't comparable to Yin Chen in the least. All of the powder bugs were merely its child spawn.

Apart from that, there was another proof that it was a broodmother-type beast. The white giant formed from powder bugs actually began turning black when a wave of pollen washed over it, a sign that the pollen was invading it! Tianming saw the giant stop in its tracks, its 'face' contorting and twitching before it exploded, sending him and his beasts flying.

"What in the world?!" Countless powder bugs shrieked at the same time, producing a mind-numbing sound. The cloudy fog before them wildly swirled, as if the world itself was ending.

"Even though you're a cosmic wildbeast, the king of insects in the Mysterium Cluster, my immature lifebound beasts were still able to school you!"

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The voidheart worm was terrifying, thanks to its innate abilities, but the Primordial Chaos Beasts also had impressive abilities. Thankfully, the sun emperor didn't have anything to counter the voidheart worm, while Tianming's lifebound beasts didn't really have to fear it at all.

"It'll be far easier to deal with if it has a main body. That means it isn't really unkillable. We just need to find the main body and kill that." Tianming and the rest stabilized themselves in the storm.

"But where could it be?" Ying Huo asked. The broodmother-type beasts they had encountered before had obvious main bodies, while the voidheart worm's didn't show up, leading Tianming to think that it was similar to Yin Chen. Not to mention, while the pollen was working on its child spawns, there were still far too many of them. Wave after wave of powdery child spawn still posed quite a bit of annoyance to Tianming and the rest.

"I will... look for... its main... body body!" Yin Chen had long felt frustrated about another insect stealing its thunder. Many of its bodies crawled out of Tianming's lifebound space, turning into a flow of metal.

Some of them were immediately swept up by the storm, but Yin Chen let it happen and didn't resist. Perhaps that could also help it find the worm's main body.

"Let us hold on and wait." Tianming and the rest surrounded Xian Xian to protect it while it used its Evernight Curse and Trisoul Fiendsong, encompassing the entire Sky Palace Formation. The voidheart worm tried gathering its child spawn once more, only to be constantly disrupted by Xian Xian's abilities. The constructs collapsed before they could fully form, making it unable to deal with Tianming and the rest. Xian Xian alone was able to curb it so much.

In the air, stunning beauties eventually formed. "You're all the most delicious looking pieces of meat I've ever seen. Don't struggle too much. You're in my territory, and I'll eventually consume you whole!"

The beauties didn't get to speak much before they were shattered by Xian Xian's abilities. However, Tianming noticed that the number of child spawns within the formation didn't seem to be impacted much, despite so many being killed. It seemed like the main body of the voidheart worm was still birthing more and more of them.

1. This is a reference to Siegfried Sassoon's poem titled "In Me, Past, Present, Future Meet". It can be interpreted to mean that even a powerful and imposing tiger can appreciate the elegant, delicate rose, i.e., people are complex beings and may have unexpected sides to them. ?

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"Xian Xian managed to suppress it, but not completely eradicate it." In terms of bloodline, Tianming believed the Radix World Tree was far above the voidheart worm. However, symbiotic cultivation had limited Xian Xian's growth to match Tianming's cultivation level and the manna he gave it. It couldn't grow unabated, unlike the voidheart worm, causing their level of maturity to differ. If it weren't for that, Xian Xian and Yin Chen would easily trump the worm.

As the Evernight Curse continually flowed out, the giant mass of worms formed and collapsed a few more times. Raging storms tore at Xian Xian's tree, targeting the rose, but Tianming, his totems, Lan Huang, Ying Huo, and Meow Meow intercepted the attacks. The abilities and sea of swords combined swatted the giant's fist away, but not without cost. The terrifying power of the gigantic mass of worms had sent them flying into the ground.

"How terrifying." Tianming's current capabilities could just barely measure up to the sun emperor. He was probably stronger than Sovereign Greenvoid. And even while he was supported by the power of his Omnisentient Threads, the voidheart worm still managed to suppress him.

Their fight reached a stalemate. Tianming and three beasts protected Xian Xian and managed to hold on, since they had the Greenspark Tower. After some time, Yin Chen finally sent good news. "I found... main body!"

"Are you sure?"

"If you... don't trust... me then... don't ask!" it snapped.

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"Feisty one, aren't you?" Tianming didn't hesitate and charged toward the place as Yin Chen instructed. "Protect Xian Xian, you hear? If you don't, I'll strip off your skin!"

"Shut up! I don't need you to say that!" Ying Huo said before it launched a Sixpath Infernal Lotus to disintegrate countless powder bugs. Both Ying Huo and Meow Meow's abilities were rather effective against the child spawns of the voidheart worm, but there seemed to be an endless number of them filling the entire Sky Palace Formation. Even now, a lot of them were still flooding toward Xian Xian's branches and Lan Huang's flesh. They also formed storms that slammed down with impressive might, though Tianming was relieved that the three of them were around. If Yin Chen had really spotted the body of the voidheart worm, all of this would be a success. Tianming was already wrapped up in the powder bug storm anyway, so there was no turning back.

"Over here!" Yin Chen said, its bodies scattered far apart from each other by the storm, which increased its field of detection. "That human... head over... there is... the one!"

"Human head?" Tianming seemed surprised. The only head he saw in the whole area was Granny Yuan Long's husk. It didn't even have eyes or a tongue, how could it be the voidheart worm's main body? "You aren't joking, right?"

"The most... dangerous place... is the... safest place!" Yin Chen said as it mechanically chuckled, almost like it was constipated.

"In other words, the voidheart worm's main body is weak despite having powerful child spawns, so it has to hide it in the most unlikely place we'll search!" If Yin Chen hadn't reminded him about it, he wouldn't even have suspected that empty head. "But when I fought Granny Yuan Long and cut off her head, shouldn't that have ended it?"

"No because... it is... constantly transforming." In other words, the voidheart worm had taken Granny Yuan Long's head and made it its main body after the fight. "Quick or... it will... transform and... hide again!"

"Got it!" Tianming opened a path through the storm with the Godsins and his sword ki. A vortex appeared amidst the powder bugs as Tianming carved his way to his target with Yin Chen guiding him. As he needed to be fast, he struck without even seeing the target himself, sending the Godsins piercing toward where Yin Chen directed. He saw nothing but a mass of cotton-like powder bugs before him, so piercing a single head seemed difficult.

The decapath era godswords split into millions of providence swords and burst through much of the mass that obscured his view, allowing him to make his way to where Yin Chen pointed. There, he spotted the empty head for an instant.

"Without Yin Chen, I'd never be able to find its main body amidst all the child spawn!" How could a massive voidheart worm have such a small main body?

As the powder bugs scattered, the voidheart worm realized that it had been found. "Did these little silver bugs help you find me?" Surprisingly, it didn't sound panicked and attempted to speak with Tianming.

"Die!" He didn't waste any words and retracted the Godsins, then used his providence swords to seal off the entire area. Then, using the Godsins, he executed Saintdragon Annihilation on the head. All of his sword ki and divine hazards scattered the cloudy fog, vaporizing everything within.

"You made me mad! I'll kill you! I'll take your life!" it cried, the expression on the head contorting even more. Yet it didn't seem intent on dodging the strike.

What could a single head do to avoid it? Tianming furrowed his brow. Then the empty head opened its mouth wide, seemingly tearing itself apart. The mouth eventually opened so wide that it was half the size of the head, squishing the eyes and nose flat. The dust particles around it began flooding inside the mouth. All of them were its child spawns! It was ingesting its own child spawn!

"Can it suck back what it gave birth to?!" Tianming seemed rather shocked. Not even a fierce tiger would consume their young. Then again, the child spawns of a voidheart worm weren't really the same as the offspring of a tiger, as they couldn't grow and mature into other voidheart worms.

The powder bugs seemed like they were being summoned back as they flooded toward the head. As they were swallowed, a strong storm brewed, rapidly forming a vortex around Tianming that absorbed the Saintdragon Annihilation, neutralizing it. Countless powder bugs were also pushing him toward the vortex!

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"What in the world?!"

The voidheart worm had managed to pull it off. Tianming was separated from the head of Granny Yuan Long by an ever-growing vortex that threatened to suck him in. All he could do was to change the Godsins into its chain form and use it to latch onto Xian Xian and pull himself away from the vortex's opening!

"Oh no... I am... done for!" Even though Tianming could escape, many of Yin Chen's bodies were sucked in, almost forced in by the powder bugs that collided into it. Tianming wasn't able to do anything to save them. Fortunately, Yin Chen basically couldn't be killed; its bodies were expendable.

"How are you doing?" Tianming asked.

"I was... sucked in... but it... is fine... it can't... digest me!"

Tianming was relieved to hear that. The voidheart worm was probably trying to absorb all of its child spawn into its main body due to the threat. While he didn't know exactly how it would turn out, it would no doubt be harder to deal with if it succeeded.

"Wouldn't it be sucking in lots of Yin Chen eggs into itself? Can it even move with so many 'kidney stones' inside?" Tianming retreated back to Ying Huo and the rest and watched the situation change. The voidheart worm had expanded a lot after sucking in all the cotton-like matter in the Sky Palace Formation. This was its strongest and truest form!

"It is... really crowded!" Yin Chen cried. It was being compressed by the sheer mass inside the voidheart worm's body. "Oh no... I am... changing shape!" Despite that, Tianming believed that Yin Chen would be fine. The voidheart worm didn't seem to have a reliable way to harm Yin Chen.

The white vortex seemed to have been formed by powder bugs. Once they were all sucked in, the entire area inside the formation was clear. There didn't even seem to be a single speck of dust around. Eventually, even the vortex itself was swallowed, finally completing the true form of the voidheart worm. Now, its main body was no longer its weakness.

"Damn!" Tianming and the others were shocked to see the massive white bug that was ten times the size of Lan Huang. In fact, it was shaped rather like a spider, but with far more legs on both sides—thousands of them in total. Each leg was like a sharp silver blade with many spikes. The sharpest ones looked like terrifying needles. It was basically a demonic white spider creature.

From high above, a gigantic, beautiful face could be seen on the spider. It was just like the one that Tianming had seen earlier, down to every facial feature. It seemed alive, despite growing out of the spider's back. That seemed to be the true face of the voidheart worm. While the face of the beauty from before was empty and fake, this one seemed genuine.

Apart from that, the spider's abdomen was covered in tens of millions of spinnerets that produced spider silk. Normally, spiders only had one spinneret at their rear, and the same logic applied to Yin Chen's spider form. The number of spinnerets the voidheart worm had was a sign that it could release a lot of spider silk.

The next instant, white spider silk poured out of the countless spinnerets on its body. It quickly spun a network of webs to make the Sky Palace Formation its personal hunting ground. The fluttering webs reminded Tianming of the beauty's silky-white hair. As the spider form was only one of Yin Chen's forms, it was definitely not as powerful as the voidheart worm when it came to web spinning.

The voidheart worm didn't sit idle and kept spinning more and more webs after consuming all of its child spawns. The area within the formation had turned into something like a sealed-off egg. Every inch of the formation's interior, apart from where Tianming and the rest were, was covered in spiderwebs, upon which the beauty-faced white spider crawled, glaring at them.

"You're not bad! You forced me to use my strongest form! If you were more obedient, I could've allowed you to die in a pleasant dream. But now, only bloody gore awaits you." It wouldn't normally consume the child spawn that it had struggled so hard to produce. The fact that it had meant there was no other way this could turn out apart from violence.

"Oh no... Bug Bro was so young.... It'll be missed," Ying Huo said, sadly looking at that gigantic spider.

"Stop talking... crap idiot... Look at... your head!" said a bunch of Yin Chens from above Ying Huo's head.

"Stop messing around and be alert. It's looking troublesome," Tianming said. The voidheart worm's previous forms weren't as dangerous as it appeared now. It was showing off the threat it could pose to Tianming without holding back. While it wouldn't dare to face the sun emperor, as taking all the child spawns out of the formation wouldn't be easy, it had spent so much time in the Sky Palace Formation that it was basically invincible inside it. Now that it had devoured all of its child spawn, Xian Xian's abilities no longer worked on it. It was a pure cosmic wildbeast that thrived on blood and slaughter; the spider webs it had spun were even coated in poison!

"Be careful!" Tianming said once more.

"Got it!" Ying Huo stopped joking around, having felt real danger from the voidheart worm's current form.

"Do you see that glow in the middle of its abdomen?" Tianming asked.

"What is it?"

"The solar core is probably hidden deep within it." That was what they had come for. Before, they weren't able to see it as a cloudy fog had filled the place, but things had changed. The solar core had appeared, despite the increased danger.

"Leave it to me," Ying Huo confidently said. It was a bird, and worms were its natural prey!

As they were coordinating their defense, the voidheart worm rapidly moved about the webs it had spun, approaching Tianming and the rest. Lan Huang looked like a rat before its humongous body, let alone Ying Huo and the others. They seemed like nothing but flies to the voidheart worm, and Xian Xian was just a puny flower.

"I won't accept this!" Lan Huang yelled. Countless gigantic swords appeared all over its body, making it look like a porcupine as it charged toward the voidheart worm.

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"Cover Lan Huang!" The next instant, Tianming used all he had to defend it as Lan Huang slammed into the voidheart worm. As the area within the Sky Palace Formation was too clean, there was no mud for it to use its Primordial Wheel, so it could only crash into its foe, plain and simple. Despite the size disparity, Lan Huang still managed to injure the voidheart worm in the collision.

"You're the most delicious!" roared the beautiful face behind the spider. More silk came spilling out of its spinnerets, almost instantly binding Lan Huang in a cocoon. Then it pulled the cocoon high up into the air before suspending it there with even more webs, tightening them more and more as if it was trying to squeeze it dry. "This is my turf!"

"Nonsense! You're an alien bug! This is our turf!" Lan Huang roared.

Tianming and the rest quickly reacted. While Lan Huang was keeping the voidheart worm busy, the totem swords went shooting toward it as Ying Huo and Meow Meow used their abilities to free Lan Huang from the spider webs. The prime wonder also slammed into the face on the back of the spider as it was about to speak, causing it to curse with rage even more. Eventually, Lan Huang was freed, but it was bloodied and injured, a sign of the voidheart worm's impressive capabilities.

"Dammit! Dammit!" The voidheart worm scuttled away on its thousand legs as the face on its back bellowed like a witch gone wild. It randomly sprayed the entire place with spider webs, even shooting some on Tianming's face. Its powerful legs were also able to cut off Xian Xian's branches. "I want to eat you up until not a single leaf remains!"

It swatted Lan Huang away and held Meow Meow back before extending its countless legs toward Xian Xian. The worm's sheer power was quite troublesome for Tianming to handle.

"This won't do. We'll be wiped out if this goes on... I don't have a counter for that..." It was far harder to handle than they had imagined. "We can still escape in time, but nothing will change if we don't obtain the solar core."

They had no other choice but to continue the fight.

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The voidheart worm had filled the entire area with spiderwebs to seal off the battlefield. The countless spinnerets on its abdomen continually spat silk. In time, Tianming, his totems, divine wonders, and beasts wouldn't even have the room to move, let alone fight.

More and more webs came flying their way. The huge Lan Huang and Xian Xian were once more wrapped up in webs. While Lan Huang could cut its way out of them, Xian Xian's many branches were bound and there wasn't much it could do to struggle. Doing so would even break some of its branches off.

Tianming used his totems to free Xian Xian from the webs while moving the prime wonder to track the location of the voidheart worm. More and more spider webs came to replace the ones that were cut, littering the entire place with webs. The voidheart worm was an impressive producer; whether it be child spawns or webs, both seemed endless.

"Don't run!" Ying Huo's entire body burned with Infernal Blaze. Using its Infernal Armor and Skyscorch Featherblast, it burned through the webs around it as it gathered nova source. Beside it, black lightning bolts were flying as Meow Meow used its array of abilities to bombard the voidheart worm.

No matter where the bug went, Genesis Bolt and Chaos Fiendbolt seemed able to catch up to it, slamming into its body and causing it to foam from the mouth due to electrocution. Paralyzed, it came falling from the sky. Angered, it gave up on pursuing Tianming and turned its attention to Ying Huo and Meow Meow, shooting countless webs at them. At the same time, it rapidly dashed around the webs like a shadow, leaping at Meow Meow with its thousand sharp legs. While it didn't use any battle arts, the sheer brute force it was capable of threatened to impale Meow Meow with a thousand holes.

"Meow?!" The beast was shocked at the savagery of the enemy. It would be completely skewered if the hit connected. It opened its eyes wide and roared with the full might of the Regal Chaosfiend as if it was going to engage head-on, yet in the next instant, its huge body shrank back to that of a small black cat, completely eluding the voidheart worm!

"I'm off!" Like an agile rat, the black cat zipped away. While its Regal Chaosfiend form was easily inhibited by the webs around it, its original cat form was impossible for the voidheart worm to grasp.

"You dare mess with me?!" the voidheart worm raged, causing the face on its back to twitch and contort. That was the mouth it'd foamed from when lightning bolts had zapped it before.

It roared as it suddenly caught sight of a palm-sized chick; Ying Huo had learned from Meow Meow and shrank until it was even smaller than the cat. However, it had been gathering terrifying amounts of nova source, making it look like a sun in the sky. The crimson and black ball of Infernal Blaze slammed into the face on the voidheart worm's back and exploded.

After absorbing power from Tianming's pandemonium sacrosun, Ying Huo's destructive capabilities were raised a whole notch. Light instantly filled the Sky Palace Formation. Most of the spider webs were immediately burned away and there was a bloody hole on in the back of the voidheart worm. It shrieked as it fell all the way to the bottom of the formation.

Then Meow Meow followed it with Triworld Afterlife Halls while Xian Xian rained down Bloodrain Swords and Demise Greenloti on the creature. Lan Huang also used Dragonprison Hell as Tianming's mountainous prime wonder came crashing down! The entire formation shook from the explosion, accompanied by a shriek of pain and anger from the voidheart worm, its wrath growing more and more in the process.

It no longer cared about Ying Huo and Meow Meow after the bombardment and instead came straight for Lan Huang and Xian Xian. The previously white spider was now black and charred, and the face on its back was completely disfigured, seeming even more like the face of a vengeful wraith. Enraged, it reverted back to its bestial instincts, losing all semblance of reason and intelligence in exchange for pure destructive power. It used half of its legs to press Lan Huang down and the other half on Xian Xian. Then countless webs shot out from its abdomen to form a cocoon that enveloped even Tianming.

The legs were powerful enough to endure the abilities of Ying Huo and Meow Meow. In fact, they even threatened to impale the lifebound beasts. A few of the legs managed to break through their skins, drawing blood from Lan Huang and green sap from Xian Xian. The two beasts were incredibly tough and hardy, but that kind of damage wasn't something to be shrugged off. Tianming was quite anxious!

Lan Huang and Xian Xian struggled to break free from the cocoon. Even with all of Lan Huang's spikes extended, it still wasn't able to break free. But Tianming didn't idle around, either. His totem swords were all embedded within the back of the voidheart worm, and the weight of the prime wonder forced them through its body, causing a few to pierce through to the other side. But the voidheart worm stubbornly held on and continued tearing away at Lan Huang and Xian Xian.

"Just die already!" Tianming broke out of the cocoon and charged into the voidheart worm's body with the Godsins, only to find that it was entirely filled with spider silk.

"We're coming!" Ying Huo and Meow Meow followed him through the hole he had made in the voidheart worm's body. Eventually, the bug healed and sealed them within.

"Dammit!" Tianming couldn't take them back into his lifebound space, so all he could do to save them was fight with his all.

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The totem swords that had pierced into the voidheart worm's body went wild once more, splitting into a hundred thousand providence swords and tearing the spider apart from within. Ying Huo and Meow Meow, who were also trapped inside, expanded in size. The phoenix used its flaming wings as blades, burning everything around it as it charged toward the voidheart worm's head alongside Meow Meow. The inside of the spider was a complete mess.

Tianming used the prime wonder to defend Lan Huang and Xian Xian, deflecting some of the worm's sharp legs. The two beasts snapped off the legs that were within them, then Lan Huang used its Primordial Wheel to burrow a hole through the cocoon. While Xian Xian remained within, its black roots

had managed to stretch out of the cocoon as well. In fact, the roots were the most terrifying part of the Radix World Tree, as they were its mouths!

"Hmph! I'm not allowed to eat lifebound beasts, yet a mere wildbeast like you dares to try consuming me?!" Xian Xian was flipping out with anger. It had always been spoiled and protected its entire life, yet it was being hit so hard this time. Xian Xian was a carnivorous plant, not a crop grown to be eaten! It stretched its roots toward the spinnerets of the spider right away.

The spinnerets were still generating the toxic spider silk. Xian Xian's roots dug their way inside the spinnerets, its black roots mixing with the white silk. However, the voidheart worm hadn't detected it yet, having its attention wholly occupied with killing Lan Huang. Additionally, Tianming, Ying Huo, and Meow Meow were wreaking havoc within its body like invasive insects. While the voidheart worm was large, the pain it felt within its belly was so strong that it could barely attack Lan Huang or Xian Xian. Both sides felt that the other was just as difficult to deal with.

"Hiiiiissss!" The voidheart worm seemed to have entirely given up on speech and only made gruesome noises. The spider silk within its body increased more and more, blocking off the paths of Tianming and the other two. Even with all the abilities burning the silk away, more just took its place. The voidheart worm was probably celebrating their eventual doom.

"Dammit, we can't get out now!" Ying Huo didn't think the burned silk would be replaced so quickly to the point that it stuck to its wings. The area around them filled up so much that it was forced to turn into a little chick, and even then it felt crushed.

"I finally know what Bug Bro meant when it said it was being crushed!" Meow Meow said. Outside, it could fly freely and unabated, yet it had come into the spider and been trapped inside. If this went on, they would be completely crushed, and the voidheart worm would no longer feel the pain and would be able to kill Lan Huang and Xian Xian. Even Tianming's sea of swords were caught up by the webs and weren't able to move.

"Dammit, it really knows how to clench!" Tianming felt quite helpless against this foe that could even crush them while they were inside its body. The voidheart worm seemed to sense its impending victory and roared even fiercer. It turned its attention to the two beasts outside once more and rapidly crawled toward them.

Tianming had done everything he could, but to no avail! There was nothing but spider silk inside the voidheart worm's body. There was no way for them to orient themselves, let alone fight their way out.

Then he suddenly heard Yin Chen's voice. "Time to... shine now! Behold my... impressive entrance!"

Tianming almost cringed to death from hearing its declaration during such a desperate moment. He wondered who it had learned to speak like that from. Then again, he was also relieved that it had found a way out of this. "Hurry up!"

"Don't panic... young one."

Even though Tianming didn't know what it had done, he could sense the voidheart worm's frustration as it wildly jumped around. Eventually, Tianming heard the plan from Yin Chen. "You're a genius!"

Yin Chen had been forced to flee when the spider silk inside the voidheart worm's body threatened to crush it. Eventually, it had made its way to the spinnerets, which were densely packed together. It then had the bright idea to use its bodies to clog up the spinnerets from within.

"Let's see... you shit... out more... spider silk. I'll make... you constipated!" A bunch of silver eggs chuckled somewhere within the voidheart worm's body. Tianming would never have been able to come up with such a plan, no matter how hard he tried. Yin Chen was a genius.

The voidheart worm was confused that its spinnerets could neither release nor suck in its webs at all. The only reason it had been able to trap Xian Xian and Lan Huang within a cocoon was that it had been spinning webs around them nonstop. With that interrupted, the two had a chance to break out.

Lan Huang was the first one to burst out of the cocoon and it immediately swatted at the spinnerets on the spider's abdomen with full force. "It took me a lot to hatch from that egg, yet you tried to stuff me in another one!" It came charging, leaving countless holes in the spider's body and flipping it over with sheer force, exposing its abdomen. Xian Xian also burst out of the cocoon, then used its roots that were latched onto the voidheart worm's spinnerets and planted itself there. A gigantic tree sprouted from the body of the voidheart worm.

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"Little buggies, let Big Sis squeeze inside too!" Xian Xian urgently cried.

"Call me... handsome one," Yin Chen said.

"Handsome buggy!"

Yin Chen felt like it had soared to the moon from the praise and immediately transformed, making way for the black roots to enter the spinnerets. They spread through the voidheart worm, searching for flesh to consume.

"Does it even have flesh?" Lan Huang asked while fighting.

"It does! I got a taste!" Xian Xian excitedly said.

"No, that's my flesh! Mine!" Ying Huo cried.

"Oh, sorry, Chicken Bro! Teehee!" Its roots continued spreading as quickly as the spider silk while Lan Huang kept the voidheart worm pressured from the outside. Tianming and the rest had finally made some space for themselves.

"This is our chance!"

Xian Xian eventually found some flesh that truly belonged to the voidheart worm. It wasn't completely made of spider silk, after all; at least a third of its body was proper flesh. "You tried to eat me, huh?! Let's see who's the one getting eaten now!"

The Radix World Tree unleashed its full terror on the worm through its black roots. They pierced into its flesh and drained away so much life force that the worm howled outright. It seemed like a debilitating blow for the voidheart worm.

"My turn!" Lan Huang wouldn't give it a chance to extract Xian Xian from its body. It kept the worm occupied, giving Tianming and the others within time to act.

"Kill it!" It was time for their counterattack, all thanks to Yin Chen. Tianming's totems cut up the spider webs around them as they returned, then he swapped to wielding the Grand-Orient Sword and unleashed the divine hazard sword ki strands from his body once more. The millions of providence swords now formed a sword formation around him.

He used the Eightdragon Tribulation with the power of his people, fusing the other seven moves with Skydragon, Skysword Apotheosis as the core strike. Eight dragons appeared and fused into one gigantic one that shot toward the clouds, leaving a bloody hole in the neck of the voidheart worm. The providence swords then shot out of the hole along with Tianming.

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Shrieking even louder, the voidheart worm's face contorted even more. Ying Huo and Meow Meow were still inside its body, destroying everything they could see. The wound that Tianming had created near its neck was about Lan Huang's size. Tons of spider silk threads spilled out of it. Like cotton, they were completely useless after leaking outside as they weren't controlled by the spinnerets, which were the core of the voidheart worm's combat capabilities. Having them sealed shut by Yin Chen was crippling its performance, and the new hole in its body made it feel even worse. The worst thing was the tree on its abdomen that was rapidly sucking away the fleshy parts within its body, which it had consumed child spawns to generate. Xian Xian was absorbing all of them into its tree form, robbing it of its life force.

"Die! Die!" The voidheart worm tried to crawl away and escape, only for the prime wonder to once more slam down on its head. On its back, the two-headed dragon rampaged like a rabid dog, biting countless holes into its body. Tianming was even more terrifying; he flew skyward and had his ten totem swords remanifest from the sea of swords before using them to cut off the many legs of the worm. All it could do now was slide and helplessly spin around on the ground.

"This is fun!" Lan Huang said, despite going dizzy from the spinning.

Tianming rolled his eyes. Not a single one of his lifebound beasts could be called normal. "Did I make them this way?" He suddenly wondered if he was the most laughable one among his lifebound beasts. That aside, even though their troubles might be ending soon, it didn't mean they could let their guard down.

"Quick, kill it!" Tianming reminded them, causing them to mess around less.

The voidheart worm lost more and more of its legs. Eventually, it was flipped over by Lan Huang and couldn't even flip itself back upright. The face on its back was flat on the floor and Xian Xian on its abdomen kept eating, growing even more verdant after recovering from its injuries. While spider silk remained in the voidheart worm, it was fast becoming an empty shell.

"Don't stop!" Tianming and the rest kept fighting to buy Xian Xian even more time.

The voidheart worm could do nothing but shriek as it was firmly pressed down. "Die! Die!" While it wasn't that intelligent, it was clear from its words that it felt utmost rage, but there was nothing left for it to experience apart from a drawn-out death.

Xian Xian could kill it there and then, while Ying Huo and Meow Meow set it on fire from within. Outside, Tianming, his totems, divine wonder, and Lan Huang relentlessly attacked, piercing it full of holes. Eventually, it was decapitated, its head staining the ground with green blood. It had taken fifteen minutes to finally defeat it.

"A cosmic wildbeast is vigorous indeed." Tianming still couldn't calm himself down after dealing the killing blow. The fight had been far too close for comfort.

"I won't ever die! One dies, I'll eat all of you up! My comrades will swallow this nova source world! Nothing awaits you but doom!" the face said before finally falling silent. The spider silk within its body had been burned clean, while the flesh was all eaten by Xian Xian. The husk that remained was quickly shattered by Tianming and Lan Huang's attacks. If it wasn't dead after all that, Tianming wouldn't know what to say.

All that remained in the voidheart worm's body was a glowing object: the solar core.