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Jian Wang, Asmodeus, and Elena were all surprised when they saw Hecate in a pitiful situation after receiving Jiu Shen's attacks. They couldn't believe that a man of such caliber actually ended up injured to such a degree.

In particular, Asmodeus watched Jiu Shen with an incredulous expression on his face. He had seen for himself the power of Hecate and with the Impenetrable Crimson God Armor, he was practically an unkillable existence! However, this very man was now in a dire situation!

Suddenly, Asmodeus and Jian Wang clutched their heads as a wave of intense pain struck them abruptly.

'Spiritual attack?!' They both screamed in their hearts as they summoned their protective spells to prevent themselves from being killed.

Elena immediately noticed their situation and she hurriedly helped them by providing a supporting spell that alleviated the pain they were feeling. "Someone is using spiritual attacks! The two of you should be careful. I think Lilith has finally made her move!" She said in a solemn voice as she searched for the graceful figure of the Hall of Creation's Hall Master. However, she seemed to have vanished from the face of the earth as she didn't even see her shadow.

"Elyssier, help me protect these two from spiritual attacks!" Elena sent a mental message to Elyssier.

She couldn't find her position right away since she was using some of her power by protecting Jian Wang and Asmodeus.

"Yes, Sister Elena." She heard a gentle voice inside her head and a rumbling sound echoed beneath the sand as Elyssier came out from her hiding spot.

After showing herself, Elyssier summoned a spiritual barrier to herself and the two men before nodding at Elena.

Seeing this, Elena focused her spiritual power on searching for the traces of Lilith.

A wave of spiritual energy scanned the Desert Region, but Elena still couldn't find Lilith. 'Where is she?!'

Suu! Suu!

Hm?

Elena felt a chill above her.

When she raised her head, she saw hundreds of flaming arrows raining down upon her! She almost screamed in panic. Luckily, she saw Jian Wang appearing in front of her, casually destroying the congealed flaming arrows.

"We will protect you so go and search for that damnable woman!" Jian Wang's voice was filled with anger. The spiritual attack earlier was so painful that he thought his head would explode. If not for Elena's timely support, his soul might have been severely injured.

Elena nodded her head gravely when she heard his words. "I'll leave them to you guys."

Jian Wang and Asmodeus stared at Troy and Sebastian who were looking at them with gazes filled with wariness.

Sebastian summoned thousands of incorporeal fire birds that flashed towards Jian Wang and Asmodeus at breakneck speed.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Seeing this, Asmodeus threw a few dozen Protective Array Formations and Attack Array Formations.

The Protective Array Formations lit up and trapped the flaming birds, while the Attack Array Formations released powerful spells toward Sebastian.

Meanwhile, Jian Wang disappeared in his spot and lunged toward the archer, Troy. He could sense that this guy was more dangerous than the Fire Mage so he thought that he should kill him first.

Jian Wang released a series of sword strikes, summoning dozens of hundred-meter sword waves that flashed towards Troy. "Hundred Sword Wave." He muttered.

The archer felt all the hair on his body rising when he saw Jian Wang's sword strikes. He gritted his teeth as he evaded the sword waves, but he was still struck twice, leaving two deep cuts on his chest and his right thigh. He groaned in pain as he distanced himself from Jian Wang. "Dammit! How annoying!"

Elyssier was still protecting Asmodeus and Jian Wang from spiritual attacks, but she didn't remain idle. She was also providing support to the Heaven Sword Army and their allied troops.

Elena closed her eyes and focused her spiritual perception throughout the war zone. She could see everyone's movements and she could even detect the most minute details. Although doing this drained a lot of spiritual power, this was her only option to quickly find Lilith.

She was using a unique skill that only spiritual practitioners know. It is called Clairvoyance. A skill that enhances spiritual perception at the expense of spiritual energy.

"Found you!" Elena opened her eyes and she quickly congealed an invisible arrow, firing it towards her left side.

Suuu!

Lilith who was hiding sensed the invisible arrow and immediately put up a defensive barrier around herself. However, her position was also compromised when she summoned the barrier. "This woman has some skills." She muttered as she looked at Elena who appeared to be exhausted.

Swoosh!

The arrow congealed by Elena bounced off from the barrier erected by Lilith.

Elena didn't rest and summoned more invisible arrows towards Lilith's position.

Suu! Suu! Suu!

However, Lilith's barrier effortlessly deflected all the attacks thrown her way.

"What?!" Elena yelled in surprise. Each arrow she sent was filled with dreadful power comparable to the full strength of a peak stage Celestial! However, her attack didn't even manage to break the barrier erected by Lilith!

"Your spiritual power is strong, but the way you manipulate it is beneath my level." Lilith shook her head with a voice filled with regret. Her spiritual power was similar to Elena's, but her ability to control spiritual energy exceeded her level!

Elena was a bit angered by her words. She could also feel the difference in how they manipulate spiritual energy. Lilith had already reached a masterful level whereas she was still below that. "Hmph! You've been training for billions of years while I have started later than you! Your words can't affect my heart!" She shouted furiously.

Lilith smiled underneath her veil. "So you noticed? I thought that you would fail to see it." She was using a hypnotizing spell to confuse her, but it seems like Elena noticed it.

Elena stared at her cautiously. This woman might look gentle on the surface, but her every action was filled with cunningness!

Chapter 572: Fifth Sword Dance

Lilith was sent here by the Lord of Asgard to support Hecate. Why did the Lord ask her to provide aid to Hecate? The man was strong enough to handle multiple Celestials on his own. Even Asmodeus wasn't his opponent.

However, Lilith would have never thought that a person capable of contending Hecate in terms of firepower actually exists!

Lilith concentrated on attacking Elena with her spiritual spears. This woman was way more dangerous than the others. 'This girl is quite skilled in spiritual manipulation. If she was given another billion years to train, she might even reach my level.' She thought to herself.

Wounds started to appear on Elena's body. Even her spiritual barrier could not block all of the invisible spiritual spears. Pain flashed in her gaze as a spiritual spear struck her shoulder, leaving behind a hole the size of a fist.

Elena gritted her teeth as she quickly closed the wound by wrapping it with her true essence. She then stared at Lilith who still looked pristine with no injuries on her body. There was a vast difference in their power and she finally accepted that she couldn't defeat Lilith all by herself. However, the others were still occupied in their own battles so she could only buy some time.

Meanwhile, Jiu Shen and Hecate moved further from the main war zone. Their battle was so disastrous that every move from them would take the lives of many soldiers, hence, they silently agreed to shift their position far from the rest.

Hecate's shield was now in tatters, but it was still usable so he didn't discard it.

'This guy's strength is already at the precipice of 'that realm'. He might even reach the Lord's level if he doesn't die! Is this the reason why the Lord asked me to kill him? Does he feel threatened by this man's potential?' Hecate thought deeply in his heart as he looked cautiously at Jiu Shen.

"Are you not planning to retaliate? Come. I'll give you the chance to attack me." Jiu Shen taunted with a smile. Although Hecate was much weaker than he thought, the man was still able to give him a great battle.

"In that case, don't blame me!" Hecate lunged himself at Jiu Shen and swung his hammer with great momentum.

SWOOOSH!

Jiu Shen narrowly evaded the hammer by side stepping to his left. He then pierced Hecate's exposed torso.

Puchi!

The Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword penetrated the defenses of the Crimson God Armor and eventually pierced through Hecate's tough muscles!

Jiu Shen's eyes flashed coldly. He then summoned a fearsome black flame that covered his sword.

AHHHHHHH!!

A blood-curdling scream came out of Hecate's mouth as the black flame burned his body and internal organs.

With a face full of sweat, he gave a mighty kick towards Jiu Shen, making the man pull out his sword from his body.

Hecate staggered in midair and he almost fell. He stabilized himself with great difficulty and his breathing became ragged. His face contorted in pain as he slowly lowered his gaze. In the lower portion of his right chest was a bloody hole filled with burnt marks and torn flesh. He could see his ribs sticking out and a small part of his right lung was visible. Luckily, Jiu Shen's sword narrowly missed it or he would have trouble breathing properly.

'It looks like I've overestimated myself. I think I can only last for another five minutes...'
Hecate thought helplessly as he willed his anma to hasten his regeneration.

"Do you know why we waited fifty years before we decided to fight you guys?" Jiu Shen's calm voice suddenly drifted to his ears.

Hecate looked at the man and saw him staring straight at him. There was no emotion on his face. Because of the painful sensation in his chest, he couldn't even reply.

"To tell you the truth, I told my subordinates that we would be training to have the strength to fight the people of Asgard. However, my true goal was to have the strength and the ability to stand against the Lord of Asgard who commands you behind the scenes." Jiu Shen grinned when he saw Hecate that Hecate was shivering.

"Y-You! You never placed us in your eyes from the beginning! All along you've been waiting for the sake of fighting against the Lord!" Hecate stared at Jiu Shen's face with utter disbelief. This guy was merely using them to sharpen his edge for his eventual battle with their Lord!

Thinking about this, Hecate suddenly let out a sigh filled with complicated emotions.

"For the sake of peace, I have to end your lives. Your presence is placing a huge burden on my people. I'm sorry, but you have to die..."

"Fifth Sword Dance: Burning Heaven Bow..."

A burning golden bow suddenly appeared out of nowhere. It was so huge that it covered an area that was as large as two cities combined!

Looking at the giant golden fire arrow pointing at him, Hecate felt all the blood on his body suddenly draining. He knew at that moment that he couldn't block this arrow. Even the Crimson God Armor might be destroyed by this attack.

With a trail of blood leaking out from the edges of his lips, Hecate let out a smile. This was a smile filled with liberation. He had been fighting all his life for the Lord. Perhaps it was about time for him to rest...

Jiu Shen's expression remained calm as he uttered. "Release..."

SWOOOOOSH!!

The sky brightened as if a second sun has illuminated the world.

A huge burning golden arrow streaked towards Hecate with unstoppable force. The man didn't even bother to put up a defense. He even let go of his hammer and shield!

BOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOMMMM!!!

An explosion that was loud enough to crack one's brain echoed throughout the Desert Region. Even the surrounding regions heard the thunderous explosion. They wondered what was happening in the Desert Region.

Chapter 573: The Shock Caused by the Burning Arrow

Jian Wang held the decapitated head of the archer, Troy. This guy was so troublesome and it took him a bit of effort to kill the archer. He glanced at the head of Troy. There was a look of regret in his expression right before his death. "You're a tough one..." Jian Wang said before tossing the head to the ground.

He then stared at the remaining enemies. The Fire Mage, Sebastian was still alive, but he was about to be killed by Asmodeus' Killing Array Formations.

Sebastian's robes now has multiple holes and his exposed body revealed deep cuts and wounds. His face was also pale and his aura was unstable. It was only a matter of time before he would be killed by Asmodeus.

Meanwhile, Elyssier has now decided to support Elena in fighting the Hall Master of the Hall of Creation, Lilith. Looking at the bedraggled figure of Elena, Jian Wang was surprised. Luckily for her, Elyssier came in a timely manner to give her support.

"I should help them." Jian Wang dashed towards Lilith and brandished his sword as he muttered silently.

"One Point Sword Annihilation..."

A distinct sharp cry akin to the wailing of ghosts resounded as Jian Wang's sword suddenly turned into a thin dark blade that flashed towards Lilith.

SHIIING!

Lilith felt an impending sense of crisis and she immediately put up her strongest defensive barrier in front of her body.

BAAAANNNG!!

The barrier that Lilith created exploded into tiny motes of golden light and she was sent flying by the shockwave.

"Thanks." Elena wiped the blood trickling at the corner of her lips with the back of her right hand. Her aura was shaky and she was wobbling in midair.

Elyssier held the shaking Elena to her embrace and looked at her with worry. "Are you alright?" She asked while checking the wounds on Elena's body.

Elena was severely wounded and even her soul was partially damaged. The injuries on her physical body could be treated in a few months, but the damage to her soul might take more than several years before it could be fully healed.

"I'm fine. Jiu Shen has a wine that can rejuvenate the body and heal a damaged soul. Don't worry." Elena replied when she saw the look of concern on Elyssier's face.

Hearing this, Elyssier nodded her head and sighed in relief. She then moved her gaze to Jian Wang. "Is she still alive?"

The attack summoned by Jian Wang earlier was so strong that it almost depleted all his true essence. He might be able to summon the same attack with his remaining true essence, but that was all that was left of him. "I don't know, but even if she's still alive, she should be severely injured. Let's go look for her."

Ahhhhhh!!

Suddenly, they heard a blood-curdling scream as the Fire Mage, Sebastian was turned into minced meat under the fierce firepower of Asmodeus' Killing Array Formations.

The three turned their gazes and saw Asmodeus waving at them with a wide smile.

"Took you long enough!" Jian Wang grinned when he saw the man smiling at them.

His words immediately made Asmodeus upset. "What do you know? That Sebastian guy was so troublesome and he even destroyed many of my Killing Array Formations. Dammit!"

He only had a limited number of Killing Array Formations, but about sixty percent of them were destroyed by the Fire Mage during their battle.

Jian Wang chuckled as he patted the man's shoulder. "Let's go find Lilith. She might still be alive." He then turned his gaze towards Elena and said. "You should rest for now, Elena. With your current state, you wouldn't be of help to us. Take some healing pills and recuperate. Leave the rest to us."

Elena nodded her head with a solemn look. The battle against Lilith destroyed her confidence, but she knew that she would day become as strong as that woman. "Alright. I'll monitor our soldiers and help them from the shadows." She replied in a soft voice.

Elyssier released Elena and nodded at her before she went with Jian Wang and Asmodeus to find Lilith.

However, just as they were about to move further, a blinding golden radiance suddenly illuminated the skies, stunning them in place. They also saw a burning giant golden arrow flying past them before shooting into the horizon.

They sensed a dreadful power behind the huge burning arrow.

"What the hell was that?!" Jian Wang uttered with a dumbfounded look.

"I have no idea." Asmodeus shook his head with a blank expression on his face.

"Wait. I think that arrow came from the direction of Jiu Shen and Hecate." Elyssier suddenly said and the group of four soon reached a silent agreement to check what was happening. They wondered who summoned that fearsome burning arrow.

A trace of worry and expectation covered their faces as they moved together.

Soon, they saw a lone man hovering in midair like a peerless god of war.

A handsome man with long silver hair. There was not even an injury in his body. He had an expressionless look on his face as he grasped his sword.

However, they noticed that he was holding an unconscious woman in her other hand.

"Jiu Shen!" They all shouted in unison. A look of relief surfaced on their faces when they saw him in great condition. They had so many questions in their heads, but they tacitly decided not to ask anything.

Jiu Shen unsummoned his Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword and turned his gaze to the woman in his arms. Her face was covered by a veil, but it was soon blown away by the fierce wind, showing a beautiful face that was out of this world. He then removed the cloth that covered the woman's eyes and frowned when he sensed something. "So that's why you're covering your face..." He muttered with interest.

This woman was even more beautiful than Elena and Theia! However, Jiu Shen felt no particular attraction to this woman. She was an enemy and his enemies are bound to be killed!

He only decided to spare her life since he still had some questions about the Lord of Asgard.

Chapter 574: Jiu Shen's Power

Asmodeus gasped when he saw the unconscious Lilith in Jiu Shen's arms. He had never seen her face, but he could tell that it was her based on the figure of her body and the aura she exudes.

'How did Jiu Shen capture her? And where is Hecate?' Asmodeus inspected the area and noticed the mayhem on the surrounding land. Even the sand which covered the ground was nowhere to be seen. Only a fissured earth remained of what it was before.

Soon, Asmodeus sensed a weak aura ten thousand meters from their location. He immediately used his spiritual perception to check this aura and what he saw made him dumbstruck. 'Bloody hell...'

It was Hecate. He was covered in bloody wounds all over his body and his rigid face had also become disfigured. If not for the Crimson God Armor he was wearing, Asmodeus wouldn't be able to tell that this man was the Hall Master of the Hall of Might!

The Crimson God Armor which was known as an impenetrable armor with godly defensive abilities had a huge crack in the chest area. Some parts of the armor were also broken and it had lost most of its former glory. The only silver lining was that it was still regenerating, albeit in a very slow process. From the degree of the damage, it might take years for it to fully regenerate back to its peak condition.

'The arrow earlier... Could it be...' Asmodeus could not help but glance at the silver-haired man who was holding the unconscious Lilith. His face was calm and he doesn't seem to have an injury on his body. His armor was in pristine condition and even his skin appeared to be flawless without even a cut or bruise.

In truth, it wasn't just Asmodeus who was observing the wreckage and the aftermath of the battle.

Jian Wang, Elena, and Elyssier were inspecting the area with their spiritual perceptions. And what they discovered made them renew their view of Jiu Shen. They all thought that Jiu Shen's strength was just around the same level as their own, if not a bit stronger. However, the evidence of his unparalleled might was laid in front of their very eyes.

"Elena, bind her spiritual power. I have questions for her when she wakes up so make sure that she doesn't kill herself." Jiu Shen handed Lilith to Elena.

"Alright." Elena glanced at the unconscious woman in her arms. She was so beautiful that Elena almost felt ashamed of her own beauty. This goddess-like woman was also stronger than her. Lilith's accurate judgment, the precise timing of skills, and deep knowledge about battle were above her own. Lilith was better than her in all aspects!

Thinking about all this, Elena sighed with complicated emotions.

"You guys should help the army. The Hall of Might and the Hall of Creation might have lost their leaders, but their overall combat prowess is still above our soldiers' level. There is no need for unnecessary casualties." Jiu Shen glanced at the other three.

Jian Wang and the others nodded their heads in agreement. They also didn't want more of their soldiers to die needlessly.

"We have a lot to talk about later..." Jian Wang glanced deeply at Jiu Shen. They had grown close after all these years and he wanted to know more about the battle earlier. To be specific, he was curious about Jiu Shen's current level of strength.

From his perspective, Jiu Shen's prowess had already exceeded the level of Celestials. After all, he was able to defeat both Hecate and Lilith whose powers were at the very peak of the Celestial God Realm. Both experts were hanging at the precipice of the next realm, the Boundless God Realm. A level that only one man has reached, the Lord of Asgard.

According to Asmodeus, the Lord of Asgard had long since exceeded the constraints of the Celestial God Realm. His power could overturn the skies and render space with a mere flick of his hands! From the perspective of mortals, he could be referred to as the 'One True God.

The Lord of Asgard was a man of mystery. His very being was veiled in mist and fog and no one even knew his real name.

From how Asmodeus described him, the Lord of Asgard always wore a mask and even his hair was covered by the mask. He rarely stepped out of his throne since most tasks were carried out by his subordinates.

Jian Wang wanted to find out if Jiu Shen was now confident enough to confront such a figure.

Jiu Shen stared back at his friend and nodded his head calmly. "Sure. I'll answer all of your questions later."

It was fine to tell them about the extent of his power. Although he was now confident that he could fight the Lord of Asgard, he still needed the help of his friends. It wasn't a good idea to create friction between them at a time like this. Besides, he already planned to tell them about his power.

After getting his answer, Jian Wang left with a satisfied look on his face. He led the others to the battlefield of the two armies.

With the destructive power of Celestials, the Hall of Might and the Hall of Creation were bound to be destroyed. Everyone just couldn't believe that such major powerhouses would actually end up being annihilated so easily... Jiu Shen's strength was truly beyond their expectations.

Meanwhile, inside a huge throne room in a castle erected in Asgard, a masked individual seated on a throne suddenly chuckled. "Ho. As expected of something created by me. It's actually able to produce a character of unequal caliber. Not bad! Hahaha!"

"Jiu Shen. Jiu Shen. Jiu Shen. Come up here quickly! I've been waiting for you all this time! I even invested a huge fraction of my wealth just to create that system for you! The time you come up here is also the time that I will collect payments! Hahaha!"

Chapter 575: Eternity Is A Curse

After losing their leaders, both the Hall of Creation and the Hall of Might were defeated. With Jian Wang and the others joining the battle, it became a one-sided slaughter with the soldiers of both halls falling one by one.

The massacre lasted for about a few hours before the last enemy soldier was killed. Not even one of them was spared!

"Victory!"

"We won!"

The warriors of the Heavenly Sword Tower cheered with flushed faces. Some of them even cried as they screamed at the top of their lungs.

The bitter training that they underwent for more than fifty years was not for naught. They managed to defeat two of the strongest forces ever known to exist! Their victory would certainly be written in the annals of history and their names would never be forgotten by the next generation to come!

Jiu Shen took the Crimson God Armor from Hecate's corpse. This item was severely damaged but it could still be used once it regenerates back to its peak state. Without this armor, he could have killed Hecate effortlessly. The defensive abilities of the armor were critical during their fight and it proved to be useful in combat. The only issue was its long duration of regeneration.

"From the looks of it, this armor could not be used for a few years." Jiu Shen muttered as he stowed the Crimson God Armor inside his space earring.

From his position, he could already hear the excited cheers of his soldiers, but their victory didn't make him happy. His true enemy was still alive and kicking. Furthermore, this man wasn't like Hecate who was only proficient in body strengthening. This mysterious Lord of Asgard was said to be an expert in all fields and even Asmodeus couldn't find one fault in him. Hopefully, Lilith would give him valuable information the moment she wakes up. That was also the reason why he spared her for the time being. If she could not even offer a piece of information, then he would execute her immediately. There was no room for mercy towards their enemies!

Jiu Shen had no idea why he was so adamant about killing the Lord of Asgard. There was this feeling of profound fear and trepidation inside his heart that he couldn't explain. He didn't know where this terror came from, but he knew that this sensation would be washed away once he kills the Lord of Asgard.

Inside a castle in Asgard, a man wearing a white wolf mask can be seen sitting on a throne. He gave off a lazy aura, as if unbothered by worldly affairs. Only his eyes were visible, glowing with a mysterious light.

"At least the Universal Fragment wasn't wasted on that clone. Once he comes up here, I will devour... no... He is part of me to begin with, so the right term is to recover him and make myself complete once again. Hahaha!" The masked man laughed as he adjusted his posture.

Billions upon billions of years ago, he took a large portion of his soul by using a self-created forbidden technique. He then placed this partial soul in a newborn child's body and waited for many years for the child to grow.

His plan was to nurture this soul to the peak of the Celestial God Realm and devour it to extend his own cultivation.

He had been stuck at the Boundless God Realm and he showed no signs of breakthrough even after many years has passed. He didn't even know if there were still stages or minor realms in the Boundless God Realm. However, he still tried all kinds of ways to enhance his strength, but to no avail.

The last plan he came up with was to nurture a part of his soul to the peak stage of the Celestial God Realm and then devour it when the time comes. Unfortunately, Jiu Shen was killed by Lao Gou before he even reached the Celestial God Realm so he was forced to use a Universal Fragment to create a system and revive Jiu Shen.

This Universal Fragment was an item that was only birthed by the Universe after a long period of nurturing. Each universe can only give birth to one Universal Fragment and this item was capable of doing the most impossible things.

Initially, he planned to swallow this Universal Fragment, but he was afraid that he might not be able to absorb the energy inside the Fragment. Luckily, he also had the Hall of Life and Death, a Boundless-rank item that was responsible for holding the souls of the departed and the newborn. He chanced upon this item a very long time ago. He used this item to revive the dead Jiu Shen and create a body for him using the Universal Fragment. He then used the remainder of the Fragment to create the system for Jiu Shen. He spent years and a lot of resources for this and he could finally reap what he sowed back then.

"After many years of waiting, I can finally take a glimpse of what is beyond the Boundless God Realm! Jiu Shen, I'll let you live for now, but the moment you show yourself to me, I will immediately devour you! Hahaha! Don't make me wait for too long!" The man kept on laughing that the entire hall was already trembling from his loud laughter.

When his laughter died down, his gaze turned cold as he sat up straight. His eyes blazed like an ever-burning torch. "If there is nothing beyond the Boundless, then I will end this Universe together with me."

He had grown tired of living at the top after a very long time. If there is nothing else to aim for, then what use is living for?

As an expert at the Boundless God Realm, his lifespan is eternal. Many would say that having an eternal life was something to celebrate, but only those who experienced the longest years would know that eternity is but a curse...

Chapter 576: Condition

Lilith slowly opened her eyes and she found herself bound in chains. Her body feels very weak and she also discovered that her spiritual power, anma, and true essence were all sealed. It was then that she realized that they were defeated.

A flash of fear covered her face when she noticed that the cloth and veil that covered her face were gone. She then remembered the final scene before she lost consciousness.

"H-Hecate was defeated..." She uttered with a tinge of disbelief.

Hecate was an unstoppable general under the Lord of Asgard and even she could not beat the man in frontal combat. However, such a fierce warrior actually died and even she was captured by the enemy.

Thinking about this, she observed her body closely. She then heaved an internal sigh of relief after finding out that nobody touched her.

After gathering her senses, she adjusted her sitting position.

The clanking of the chains echoed inside the room.

"That man... is he also at the Boundless God Realm like the Lord? No... That shouldn't be possible..." She muttered absentmindedly as she recalled the image of the man who had effortlessly captured her. She couldn't even afford to fight back and the man easily defeated her with just a few casual movements. The sheer ease in how she was captured made her question her own strength.

"Woman..." A voice suddenly drifted to her ears, making her jolt in surprise.

Lilith turned her head sideways and saw the familiar face of the man who had defeated her. He looked stunning with his devilishly handsome face and cold expression. His

aura was subdued and he seemed no different than a normal person. However, Lilith turned her guard up. This man was dangerous!

"What do you want from me?" She tried to hide her nervousness and she even forced herself to look straight into Jiu Shen's golden eyes, but those beautiful gold orbs almost made her enter into a dazed state.

Jiu Shen smirked coldly in his heart upon seeing the 'calm expression' of Lilith. Her slightly quivering shoulders and even the hurried beating of her heart didn't escape his senses. He knew that she was merely feigning calmness.

"Tell me more about the Lord of Asgard. Anything that you know about him..." Jiu Shen glanced deeply at her, closely observing the minute changes in her expression and gestures.

Lilith furrowed her eyebrows upon hearing his words. Her mind moved at its fastest speed, calculating how she could escape her predicament.

The man in front of her was so strong that she didn't even have the slightest chance to escape. Her only way out was his mercy, but would this guy spare her life?

She didn't know.

Lilith immediately shifted her eyes, not daring to look at Jiu Shen. He was too calm that it made her feel unnerved.

'Would he spare me if I tell him everything I know about the Lord?' She didn't mind telling him everything she knew. In truth, she held no loyalty towards the Lord of Asgard. She only joined his faction to get more resources and also to gain access to more spiritual techniques.

She didn't want to die just yet. Her only hope was for this man to spare her life.

Suddenly, an idea flashed inside her head. She then looked upwards and stared directly into Jiu Shen's eyes.

Their gazes met.

"I can tell you everything I know about the Lord, but I want you to spare my life. In return, I will offer my soul to you and be your slave for eternity." Her voice was soft and mellow like the spring breeze, her eyelashes fluttered gently.

Jiu Shen was a bit surprised in his heart. Is this woman out of her damn mind?

Offering one's soul as a slave was quite common in the cultivation world. However, the slave's soul would be placed entirely in the other's hand. They could no longer control their freedom and even their thoughts would be transmitted to their owners.

This might sound easy, but giving enslaving someone is actually a complicated process. Both parties must be willing and if one party disagrees, the enslavement would automatically fail. Failure would also cause a substantial amount of damage to both parties.

Jiu Shen leaned on his chair and thought for a moment. He wasn't certain about his chances of winning against the Lord of Asgard. The man was one realm stronger than him and he held countless artifacts of unequal caliber. Getting the help of one more peak Celestial would increase their chances of winning. The only issue was the enslavement process. If Lilith does something during the enslavement process, his soul would be injured and he would be weakened drastically. However, he wasn't worried about this. With his Seamless Deity Physique, any injuries to his soul and body would be healed in just a few days.

"You're quite smart, woman. Alright. If your information satisfies me, then I will accept your condition." Jiu Shen pointed a finger at Lilith and the chains that bound her body dragged her closer to him.

Clang! Clang!

She was slightly startled when the chains started dragging her, but when she sensed no malicious intentions from Jiu Shen, she calmed her heart.

Truthfully, she didn't want to be enslaved. However, this was her last resort for her life to be spared.

Jiu Shen didn't look like someone who would spare his enemies so this was her only choice.

Lilith glanced at Jiu Shen's face and sighed in her heart. At least this man didn't seem to be a beast and he looked like someone who can still be reasoned with. Furthermore, he was stronger than her. The only worrying thing was that this man might be planning to fight against the Lord.

Thinking about this, she could only resign herself to fate.

After a moment of hesitation, Lilith told him everything she knew about the Lord, including the most minor details she noticed. She only stopped talking after more than twenty minutes.

Jiu Shen pondered upon her words and muttered. "Let's start the enslavement process."

Chapter 577: Dream Angel Race

Jiu Shen heightened his senses during the enslavement process. Lilith might look like she was cooperating right now, but who knew if she had any ulterior motives?

It was better to remain cautious to minimize his injuries in case something happened.

The enslavement took about an hour. During the entire process, Jiu Shen didn't dare relax. The procedure was complex and he needed a refined control of his spiritual power. Luckily, Lilith didn't do something so the entire activity was smooth.

When the enslavement was completed, a purple mark appeared on Lilith's neck, encircling like a necklace of some sort. It then vanished not long afterward.

Lilith felt an unnatural familiarity towards Jiu Shen as she looked at his face. He didn't know this man up until this time, but it felt as if she had known him for a very long time. She slightly lowered her head as she muttered in a submissive tone. "Master..."

Jiu Shen removed the chains that bound her and grabbed her shoulders, forcing her to stand up. With a calm look on his face, he answered. "There is no need to call me master. Just call me Jiu Shen. It is a good thing that you've killed no one from our side or it would be a bit difficult to convince the others. As for Elena, you've injured her severely so you should apologize to her."

Now that Lilith has joined their camp, Jiu Shen didn't want any trouble to arise. With Lilith on their side, there would be six Celestials including him! The Heavenly Sword Tower has gained yet another powerful expert! No one in the entire Primordial God Realm could contend with them other than Asgard.

"Alright, Jiu Shen." Lilith nodded her head. Although she was now Jiu Shen's slave, she still retained her consciousness. She found it a bit surprising that Jiu Shen was able to remain calm in the face of her beauty. Other than him, only the Lord of Asgard was able to stay indifferent in her presence. Even Hecate was smitten when he caught a glimpse of her face.

"You should stay with me for now. The others might attack you as soon as they see you walking around. Wait until I explain everything to them. Don't worry. I won't tell them that you've become my slave." Jiu Shen glanced at her briefly and walked out of the interrogation room.

Lilith was thankful for his consideration.

She followed behind him like a loyal servant. "Are you not curious about me? Since you have seen my appearance, I guess that you have already discovered my identity..."

Jiu Shen didn't stop walking, but he still replied with an indifferent voice. "I've heard about the extinction of the Dream Angel Race. I never thought that one actually survived the mass slaughter back then. Sometimes, beauty is truly a liability..."

Lilith remained silent, but she agreed with his words.

The Dream Angel Race was a powerful race with about five Heavenly God Realm Elders protecting the entire clan. All of them were born with proficiency in controlling spiritual power. Aside from that, they were also known for their unequaled beauty. Even the Elven Race and Fantasy Shell Race who were also known for their beauty couldn't compare to the Dream Angel Race in terms of looks.

However, because of their otherworldly beauty, some evil super clans and major powers banded together to capture the entire Dream Angel Race and turn them into slaves. The entire race was stubborn and they all refused to become slaves, so they were all killed by the allied major powers!

Many could only shake their heads in pity and regret that such a pure-hearted and beautiful race was massacred. Jiu Shen also felt pity for them when he heard of their story during his travels back then.

Lilith's eyes turned a bit misty when she recalled her past, but she soon regained her calmness. "It is all in the past. Besides, I have already avenged my people by killing everyone that joined the massacre. I also killed their family and even their closest friends." Her voice was cold and filled with hatred as she uttered those words.

Jiu Shen could feel the intense wrath in her tone. He chose to remain silent at this moment and just quietly listened to her as Lilith told him her story.

Lilith divulged everything about her life to Jiu Shen. She didn't feel shy about it since she was his slave. By doing this, she would also gain his trust.

Not long later, the both of them arrived in a big room. There was a round table in the middle with six chairs surrounding it. Four people were already seated and all of them were looking at Jiu Shen and Lilith, their faces filled with confusion and complex emotions as they stared at Lilith who was walking meekly behind Jiu Shen.

What happened? They wondered why Jiu Shen has spared Lilith. They didn't think that Jiu Shen fell for her beauty at all. The man was immune to the beauty of women to the point that it was absurd. So why did he spare her?

After seeing their perplexed expressions, Jiu Shen sat on his chair while Lilith sat on the chair beside him.

Jiu Shen stared at everyone and told them that Lilith has joined their camp. As promised, he didn't tell them that Lilith has become his slave. He only told them that

they were bound by a contract of some sort which the others could only choose to accept despite it being a bit questionable. They trust Jiu Shen's judgment since they all treated him as the leader of the group.

During their discussion, Lilith apologized to everyone, especially to Elena. She even promised to teach Elena some of her techniques just for the other to accept her apology. To this, Elena immediately agreed with a wide smile on her face. She even called Lilith 'Sister Lilith' as if she was familiar to her.

After that, they began to plan their attack on Asgard.

Chapter 578: Essence Transferral Array Formation

The group discussed their strategy and with Lilith giving them various inside information, they were able to come up with a great plan. However, when they reached the point of fighting against the Lord of Asgard, the group became silent.

"Among all of us, only Jiu Shen might be able to land a blow against the Lord of Asgard." Asmodeus cupped his chin with the palm of his right hand. His other hand tapped on the table as he put on a thoughtful look.

Lilith nodded her head in agreement. She had already fought the entire group so she knew about their current strength. In her point of view, only Jiu Shen was indeed capable of fighting against the Lord.

"There is a way for us to ensure the victory of Jiu Shen." Elena voiced out her words in a somber tone.

Her words immediately made the others glance her way.

"How?" Jian Wang asked with eyebrows furrowed.

"Essence Transfer..."

The eyes of Lilith widened upon hearing this term, while the others stared at each other in confusion. Only Asmodeus had a bit of understanding about it.

"You're not serious, are you?" Asmodeus glanced at Elena with a serious look.

Essence Transfer was a Forbidden Type of Magic. With the use of an Essence Transferral Array Formation, one person can transfer all of his powers to another! The issue was that whoever transfers their power would lose all their cultivation. Meanwhile, the person who accepts the power would have a temporary boost in strength and when the effect wears off, he/she would eventually die!

This was used as a last resort by an old sect, but the said sect no longer exists in the Primordial God Realm. The blueprint of the Essence Transferral Array Formation was also gone along with the sect.

"Do you think I'm joking?" Elena glanced at him coldly.

Asmodeus turned his head away from her and sighed.

Asgard has become a silent threat to everyone in the Primordial God Realm. It was necessary to destroy it before they could bring harm to the populace.

"Do you know how to make it, Asmodeus?" Jiu Shen suddenly asked.

Asmodeus turned his head towards Jiu Shen and looked at him with a frown. "I do know how to make it. In fact, it's not even complicated to create. However, the receiver of the power would die from the side effects of this array. Even the donors would become mortals. Are you sure about this?"

"I've already died once. And if you guys become mortals once again, you can use the Cultivation Hall in my store. I will inform Theia about it." Jiu Shen said in a calm voice. He wasn't afraid of dying. With the Hall of Life and Death, he could just ask Asmodeus and the others to revive him. Though the process might take millions of years...

Their faces hardened when they heard his words. In the end, they still nodded their heads. Only the destruction of Asgard would give them peace.

"Alright. It's decided. We will use the Essence Transferral Array Formation. Asmodeus, what items do you need?"

"I already have everything. I just need a bit of time." Asmodeus answered sternly.

"How long?"

"Probably around two days. The fastest would be fourteen hours." Asmodeus made a rough guess.

"Alright. Everyone, inform your subordinates about the next attack. We will move in three days. Dismissed!"

Jiu Shen stood up and left the room. He had to inform Theia about all this. Although he didn't mind dying, Theia might hold a different opinion about it.

Soon, Jiu Shen arrived inside the topmost room of the Heavenly Sword Tower.

A cold-looking blonde beauty was seated behind a desk, signing a bunch of documents. She raised her head when she heard the arrival of someone. When she noticed that it

was Jiu Shen, her face lit up with a smile. "How is the meeting with the other Celestials?"

Jiu Shen could not help but feel guilty when he saw her charming smile. He grabbed her hands and pulled Theia into his embrace. Her warmth gave him a sense of calmness.

Theia was slightly startled by his actions, but she didn't stop him. She placed her head on his chest and listened to the beating of his heart.

"I'm sorry. It seems like I have to leave you again." He muttered.

"What are you saying?"

Instead of answering, Jiu Shen caressed her face and gave her a deep kiss.

Theia pushed him gently and looked at his face. "You have to explain everything to me..."

Jiu Shen sighed and nodded his head. He then told her what they had discussed earlier during the meeting and when he told Theia about the Essence Transferral Array Formation, she tried to hold back her tears. "Why does it have to be you?" Her voice quivered.

"The others could not last long if it's them. With my body, I'm the only one who can control the chaotic energy for a long period of time. We need every second to ensure the defeat of Asgard." Jiu Shen patiently answered her queries.

Asmodeus immediately began creating the Essence Transferral Array Formation.

He took out all the materials he needed and placed them all around him. The process of making the array wasn't complex, the only issue was that this array needs more diagrams drawn which lengthened the creation time.

Asmodeus kept on sighing as he made the array. "Well, I've become bored living as a Celestial. It's not too bad to become a mortal. I can just recultivate myself. There's a Cultivation Hall anyway..."

"I just hope that Jiu Shen doesn't fail in killing the Lord or all of our efforts will be in vain. We had already sacrificed a lot just to destroy Asgard. Now that we have reached an endpoint, I hope nothing goes wrong..." Asmodeus sighed once again. He then focused his attention on making the array. Thinking about random thoughts would only increase his worries.

Chapter 579: Lord of Asgard

After two days, Asmodeus managed to create the Essence Transferral Array Formation all by himself. He barely slept and kept his entire focus on the creation of the array.

"It's all done!" A smug look covered Asmodeus' face as he stared at Jiu Shen.

Jian Wang flashed a thumbs up at him, while the others also offered him their praises.

"Will this thing work?" Jiu Shen patted the Array Formation while looking at Asmodeus.

"Of course! Who do you think created this thing?" Asmodeus replied with a matter-of-fact look on his face.

"Good. Jian Wang, prepare the army. We will depart tomorrow morning." Jiu Shen said with a calm expression.

"Alright."

Everyone turned serious when they heard this.

The next day, the Heavenly Sword Tower's soldiers boarded the flying ships. They were aware that their destination this time was the infamous 'Asgard', the place that no one has ever stepped into!

"Let's go!" Jian Wang signaled the departure of the entire fleet.

Thousands upon thousands of flying ships soared through the clouds and moved towards the famous floating city above the skies.

Normally, a strong force would have blocked anyone from ascending the floating city, but for some strange reason, nothing was restricting the entire fleet. There wasn't even an ounce of force preventing them from entering Asgard! It was as if they had been granted access to fly directly to the floating city!

"What's happening?" Jiu Shen frowned when he noticed that they didn't even have to use force to enter the floating city. Their flying ships managed to bypass the restricted zone of Asgard and they were about to descend the floating city.

From where he stood, Jiu Shen could already see the three towers that stood erect like monumental beasts. No enemies blocked their path. The entire floating city was empty!

"Search the entire area!" Jiu Shen commanded as he landed with graceful movements.

Soon, the other Celestials followed behind him.

"Theia, lead the soldiers in checking every nook and cranny of this place." Jiu Shen sent a transmission to Theia.

"Alright. Be careful." She responded right away.

"Yes. You too." He replied.

After that, Theia led the soldiers in inspecting the entire floating city.

When the soldiers left, Jiu Shen glanced at Lilith and asked. "Where's the castle of the Lord?"

Lilith pointed to a huge building with glamorous architecture. "That's where we normally meet the Lord when we are summoned by him. He should be there."

Jiu Shen nodded his head and immediately led them to the castle.

The surroundings were strangely quiet and it made them unnaturally anxious. They could feel an invisible pair of eyes watching their every action. It was a discomforting feeling.

Soon, the group arrived in a spacious hall. Tall and massive pillars supported the hall.

There was a throne made of golden skulls located in front of the hall.

Seated on the throne was a man wearing a wolf mask. He had a silver armor with a snow-white cape behind his back.

"It took you long enough, Jiu Shen." A calm voice devoid of any emotions echoed inside the hall.

His sudden words made the group stop in their tracks.

Without waiting for them to speak, the masked man continued. "I've been waiting for billions of years for you to arrive. Did you know that I spent half of my wealth just for you?"

Hearing all this, Jiu Shen furrowed his eyebrows. "What do you mean?"

To his question, the man suddenly laughed. His body trembled as he erupted into peals of laughter.

After about ten seconds, the man grabbed his wolf mask and put it down.

It was a face that was very familiar to everyone. The face of Jiu Shen!

The only difference was that his pupils were black with a shade of crimson. There was also an eerie cut at the corner of his lips and left cheek, probably a sword wound.

"As you can see, I am you, and you are me." The man smiled at Jiu Shen, completely ignoring the rest. In his eyes, the others were merely bugs, nothing worthy to be mentioned.

With these sudden revelations, Jiu Shen and the others were surprised.

"What the hell?!"

"Wait... What's happening?!"

Jiu Shen's soul trembled as an influx of foreign memories suddenly streamed inside his head.

"I am a part of you... I am you..."

The man nodded his head with an unchanging smile. "That's right. I took a large portion of my soul and used a Boundless-rank item to create a body and system for you. Now that we've met again, it is only right for you to join me once again. Jiu Shen, come here..." His voice was filled with magnetic force, appallingly alluring and hypnotizing.

"Don't let him fool you, Jiu Shen! Snap out of it!" Lilith grabbed him by the shoulders and roared at his face. The others also managed to extricate themselves from the hypnotizing spell when they heard Lilith's cry.

Jiu Shen's eyes widened and he immediately stared at the man seated on the throne with a wary gaze. This man almost made the entire group fall into his traps with just a few words. Luckily, Lilith's soul was particularly stronger.

"Jiu Shen, there's no time to hesitate. Use the array immediately!" Asmodeus took out the Essence Transferral Array Formation and activated it without hesitation.

"Everyone, place your hands here! Quick!" Asmodeus shouted as he took out what looked to be a crystal ball. The crystal emanated a pure energy, filled with monstrous power.

The others didn't dare linger. They already sensed the abnormality of the Lord of Asgard. Despite their shock at the revelation of his identity, they immediately summoned their powers towards the crystal ball. Everyone's faces were covered with sweat as they transferred all of their powers.

Soon, their cultivations started dropping and the energy inside the crystal ball increased.

With a bloodshot look on his face, Asmodeus grabbed Jiu Shen's arm and said. "When our powers are depleted, absorb the energy inside this crystal ball!"

Jiu Shen nodded his head with a somber look.

Chapter 580: Special Sword Dance

The Lord of Asgard didn't stop them when he saw their actions. He only let out an amused look. "So it seems that you want to resist me. Jiu Shen, I didn't think that a mere fragment of my soul would actually disobey me. How incredibly amusing..."

His voice carried no anger nor warmth, but everyone felt coldness for some strange reason.

The Lord calmly waited for their charade as he sat on his throne with a carefree smile. He wasn't the least bit worried about them at all. As a Boundless God Realm expert, he had long since exceeded what the likes of Celestials could do.

Soon, the energy in the crystal ball reached its highest and Jiu Shen immediately started absorbing the energy within.

"Oh?" The Lord of Asgard had a look of interest as he stared at the glowing crystal ball. The energy inside contained the strength of five peak Celestials!

"So this is where your confidence comes from? Hahaha! Naive!"

Jiu Shen ignored the mocking remarks of the Lord as he continued to absorb the energy inside the crystal. After absorbing everything, he sent his five weakened friends far away. They no longer held the strength of Celestials. They had lost all their cultivations!

Jiu Shen's strength slowly increased as he tried to stabilize the furious energy inside his dantian.

Peak stage Celestial God Realm.

Early stage Boundless God Realm!

He managed to reach the early stage of the Boundless God Realm with the cultivations of his friends!

It wasn't surprising since all his friends were elites among the elites. All of them were talented individuals who lorded over everyone in the Primordial God Realm!

The Lord of Asgard slowly stood up from his throne. He was inwardly surprised that an Array Formation has actually managed to elevate the strength of someone to the Boundless God Realm.

"Very interesting. However, for how long can you control that borrowed power?" A disdainful smile covered the Lord's face as he glanced at Jiu Shen.

Jiu Shen took out his Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword and quickly summoned his true essence. His current cultivation level was merely temporary and the consequences would be dire if he couldn't defeat the Lord before his sudden spike in strength expires.

"Fifth Sword Dance: Burning Heaven Bow!" Jiu Shen summoned the attack that ended the life of Hecate.

A huge golden bow emerged inside the spacious hall. The temperature became scorching hot as a monstrous golden arrow appeared.

Looking at the golden bow, the Lord's smile remained unchanged. "Quite strong, but not enough..."

"Release!" Jiu Shen muttered as he pointed at the Lord.

The arrow flashed like a mirage, leaving behind a trail of flames that burned its surroundings.

Swoosh!

The Lord lifted his hand and summoned a barrier in front of him.

BAAANNG!

The arrow exploded and the barrier that was casually erected by the Lord cracked and broke into pieces.

Seeing this, Jiu Shen didn't stop.

"Sixth Sword Dance: Breath of the Void."

The space around the Lord suddenly trembled as a huge rift abruptly appeared. The rift started sucking everything in its surroundings. Its suction force was so strong that the huge pillars inside the hall started producing cracking sounds.

Soon, the suction force of the rift intensified. It was like a beast that wanted to swallow everything in its way! However, the Lord remained unperturbed after all this. He waved his hand and destroyed the rift with his summoned weapon, an unadorned short sword.

After destroying the broken space, the Lord smiled at Jiu Shen as if mocking his trifling skills.

"Space is my domain. Why use it against me? Now, it's my turn to attack." The Lord tapped his foot as he pounced towards Jiu Shen. The sword in his hand trembled as he brandished it with swift movements.

Booom!

Jiu Shen was flung away by the strong force when he tried to deflect the short sword. He then quickly chanted the next sword technique.

"Seventh Sword Dance: Decay of Waning Moon."

A dark crescent that was filled with death energy flashed towards the Lord.

Whoosh!

This time, the face of the Lord turned serious. He covered his body with true essence. He then violently swung his sword at the dark crescent, sending a gleaming sword wave that punctured the space around them.

BAAAAAANNNNNGGG!!

The hall became a mess as the two attacks collided.

The pillars collapsed and the whole castle trembled as if in the middle of an earthquake.

When the dust subsided, two people can be seen facing off, but they quickly disappeared when they sensed each other. They then reappeared above the skies and resumed their battle in the clouds.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

The sky was filled with loud explosions as the two contested their strengths. They appeared to be equal in terms of combat power.

Up above the skies, the Lord deflected Jiu Shen's strike and distance himself a few hundred meters away from him. He then stared at Jiu Shen with a solemn look on his face. 'To think that the body I created for him has made him so much stronger... Now, I regret using it on this fragment of mine...' He thought to himself as he clicked his tongue inwardly.

The power that Jiu Shen was showing exceeded his expectations. He didn't think that his fragment would exhibit such skillful sword technique that was equal, if not,

surpassed his own! He didn't know if it was the items he used to create the body and the system or simply just the experiences of Jiu Shen in his life.

"I don't know if you were spying on me when I was trapped inside the God Sealing Tower. When I was tortured by Lao Gou inside the tower, I created seven sword dances and one special sword dance..." Jiu Shen muttered as he adjusted his battle stance.

Hm?

The Lord revealed a look of shock when he sensed the horrific power behind Jiu Shen's movements.

"Special Sword Dance: Annihilation!"