

Infinite 1011

Chapter 1011: The Mastermind Revealed! An Unexpected Person!

The absolute nihilism created by the data collapse, though vastly different from the astronomical black hole.

But if viewed simply from the surface, it surprisingly looks extremely similar.

Both appear absolutely black, reflecting no light, incredibly deep, merely gazing at them causes heart palpitations, as if being drawn in, never to escape.

This is no illusion; this data collapse appears just as a black hole in astronomy does, and indeed... also has a strong attraction.

That black hole is absorbing everything around it, rapidly expanding.

The black hole absorbs matter, relying on powerful gravity.

However, the "data collapse" created by Su Yu relies on chaotic and disorderly rules, forming a chain reaction.

Data collapse spreads rapidly outward like toppling dominoes, pulling everything into the collapse.

If Su Yu does not stop it, this collapse is sufficient to destroy the entire Dream World along with Azure Star!

Of course, such a collapse cannot affect Su Yu; he stands firm in front of this data collapse black hole, unmoving like a mountain, staring intently at the center of the black hole, waiting for that unknown entity behind the scenes to act.

He had just locked onto that entity behind the scenes; under this data collapse, the entity should have taken action.

Indeed, moments later, the rapidly expanding data collapse stopped.

The heart-stopping black hole actually began to contract inward.

In Su Yu's data vision, he saw those chaotic and collapsing underlying rules he adjusted, surprisingly restored to order.

Time and space returned to stability once more.

Eventually, as the black hole shrank almost to the point of disappearing, from it, a person walked out.

A person... someone Su Yu knew, someone familiar!

Su Yu gazed at the person, and could not help but show a look of shock, numerous memories flashed through his consciousness instantly.

He blurted out, "Qi Chen?!"

Yes, the person who walked out of the black hole of data collapse was actually a member of the Extraordinary Federation: Qi Chen!

The Extraordinary Federation was an organization of Transcendents that Su Yu joined when he first entered the Third-order; all members were strong Third-order individuals.

[Navigator] Xiao Shengyin, [Spirit Speaker] Shao Lan, [Electromagnetic Vanguard] Zhao Shuangming, [Extreme Ice Agent] Tang Xiaomei, [Data Ghost] Xie Yitian, [Radiance Nun] Jiang Qianzhu, [Galaxy Warrior] Tie Long.

Among these people, Jiang Qianzhu and Zhao Shuangming were already deceased, and the others had long joined Su Yu's Mechanical City, becoming Su Yu's subordinates.

Su Yu had, to some extent, a certain level of understanding about them.

Only one person, it seemed Su Yu had always ignored.

And that was Qi Chen!

This person appeared as a child, and his profession was a Mechanic.

Su Yu remembered, he initially spoke in a voice filled with innocence:

"I am Qi Chen, a Seven-star Transcendent, I am not a City Lord. Besides, I don't even know what my true profession is, probably a mechanic... what I excel in is mechanical control."

Su Yu was puzzled at the time, not knowing what his profession meant? How did he perform the ceremony then?

Probably a mechanic? But only good at mechanical control, what about mechanical manufacturing? Could it be he doesn't know how?

Su Yu felt at the time that this Third-order level child surely had secrets.

However, this little doubt was soon cast to the back of Su Yu's mind.

This Qi Chen, like his stature, had no sense of existence at all.

The various events that followed basically did not involve him.

He also never proactively had any contact with Su Yu.

Su Yu almost forgot about him.

Until now, when this child suddenly appeared, Su Yu recalled this person!

The moment he saw Qi Chen appear, Su Yu was instantly shocked and alarmed!

He realized that his previous neglect of Qi Chen was unnatural!

Given Su Yu's research spirit, how could such a childlike Third-order strongman not be studied?

Is he really a child, or merely in appearance? What exactly is his profession?

By Su Yu's original character, he would probably have looked into Qi Chen's past and future immediately after becoming a Time Mechanic to understand his secrets.

However, Su Yu had forgotten about him, hadn't even considered this person, as if he had never existed.

Even though Qi Chen had lived in the Mechanical City for quite some time, Su Yu never thought of him.

"Could it be that Qi Chen is the one who has been behind the scenes all along! Was it him who initiated the time retrospection, copied me, and created the Pain Evil God? Was it he who fused the Savior Origin of civilization to create Song Ming?"

Su Yu looked at Qi Chen, thinking rapidly as various possibilities connected into lines in his mind.

At the same time, Su Yu's various perceptions surged towards Qi Chen, trying to observe his reality.

But Qi Chen, like that rule black hole of data collapse, revealed no information.

Neither the Star Tower scan nor the data truth vision saw anything beyond Qi Chen's surface, could not see inside.

"Indeed, it is I."

At this moment, Qi Chen heard Su Yu call his name, expressionless, he responded.

Su Yu looked at him, confirmed through various perception modes that he could not probe his reality, and thus said, "Who are you exactly?"

Upon hearing this, Qi Chen silently looked at Su Yu for a moment, then suddenly said, "Guess?"

At this moment, Qi Chen seemed like a genuine brat, wanting to play a guessing game with Su Yu.

However, Qi Chen's eyes showed no semblance of a child's, instead they were unfathomably deep, devoid of any emotion, merely inviting Su Yu to guess his identity.

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"Guess?"

Su Yu squinted, looking at Qi Chen, with millions of thoughts rapidly converging in his mind. After a moment, he spoke, "I guess you're... Zhang Chenfeng?"

Su Yu actually uttered this incredibly familiar name.

Zhang Chenfeng, Commander of the Giant God Soldiers, highest Commander on Azure Star, former Radiant Imperial Guard, Fifth-Order Expert, founder of the Azure Second Empire.

He was the one who sealed away the Brutal Evil God, then issued the highest directive to lock down the entire Azure Star with his Mechanical Creation.

All the events Su Yu has experienced so far have, more or less, been connected to Zhang Chenfeng.

A person like this, Su Yu doesn't believe he truly died completely.

Therefore, when this mysterious expert Qi Chen suddenly appeared, Su Yu directly speculated that he was Zhang Chenfeng!

Upon hearing Su Yu's reply, this time Qi Chen's expression finally changed.

He looked at Su Yu, with an expression of amazement, marveling at Su Yu's acuity: "Together with light, same as dust. That's right, I am Zhang Chenfeng."

He directly admitted his identity.

But then he added, "Yet I am not Zhang Chenfeng, you should understand."

Su Yu frowned, "Like my relationship with the Pain Evil God?"

Qi Chen nodded, "Exactly, but there are differences."

Su Yu was silent, recalling the intelligence he had obtained earlier.

Zhang Chenfeng fought with the Brutal Evil God years ago, ultimately dying, with the Radiant Mecha shattered, while the Brutal Evil God was sealed.

Later, when Su Yu battled the Brutal Evil God, he found that despite Brutal's treacherousness, his actual combat strength was not so overwhelming; so how did Zhang Chenfeng die?

Subsequently, Su Yu connected with the Radiant Emperor, learning of the "destiny" Zhang Chenfeng carried.

He then realized Zhang Chenfeng also possessed a dark side similar to the Pain Evil God and was corroded by it.

That death from a thousand years ago, Zhang Chenfeng should be considered self-destructive, not killed by the Brutal Evil God.

It now seems that this self-destruction wasn't entirely complete.

"Together with light, same as dust... So, have you merged?"

Su Yu asked.

Qi Chen nodded, "In the nihility of death, we reached consensus, no longer divided, but merged into one. I am him, and he is me, no longer distinguishable."

Su Yu, hearing this, became more vigilant in his heart.

The Pain Evil God has no humanity; if Su Yu were to fuse with the Pain Evil God, what would he become? Su Yu couldn't even imagine.

Now Qi Chen is in a similar situation; Qi Chen seems undoubtedly human, yet his essence might have completely transformed into an alien.

In addition, Su Yu now essentially confirmed that the previously unknown presence lurking behind the scenes was indeed Qi Chen, formed by the fusion of Zhang Chenfeng's two sides.

The Pain Evil God, Song Ming, were all created by this person.

This figure whom Su Yu had always been extremely cautious of, but could not find, has unexpectedly appeared and has always been right beside Su Yu.

The more he thought about it, the more shocking it became.

Simultaneously, Su Yu also understood why, despite the massive chaos occurring, those Mechanical Creations Zhang Chenfeng had left behind in planetary orbit showed no signs of activity.

It turned out their "master" had returned, naturally, they wouldn't act against their master.

Su Yu even suspected that the previous Mechanical Creations' preferential treatment towards him, allowing his Mechanical City to fly freely, might have been due to Qi Chen's influence?

Su Yu's thought processes were operating at maximum speed at this moment.

"After merging into one, what exactly do you intend to do?"

Su Yu asked again.

Qi Chen said, "Of course, I want to come back to life."

This answer greatly surprised Su Yu.

He scanned Qi Chen again from top to bottom but couldn't discern anything and could only say, "You mean you're not considered alive now?"

Qi Chen replied, "No, Zhang Chenfeng at the time was extremely decisive, he died completely."

"A death so thorough that even if you reverse time and return to the past, you cannot resurrect me."

Upon hearing these words, Su Yu thought of the Pain Evil God's achievement of [Destruction], a death caused by such ultimate power indeed cannot be saved even by the Power of Time.

Is this how Zhang Chenfeng died?

But when death has occurred, how could he still come out to speak and disrupt things?

Is this true death or false death?

Even though Su Yu now possesses Fifth-Order level power, he cannot understand Qi Chen's current state.

Su Yu suddenly recalled the response received when consulting the Profession Panel: Death is only a state. Even if Su Yu dies, the Profession Panel will remain bound to him.

Thinking here, Su Yu vaguely understood.

Qi Chen is now in the state of death as described by the Profession Panel.

Death is just a state, so even though Qi Chen is dead, he can come out to make trouble.

This is simply Su Yu's analysis; the specifics are only known by Qi Chen himself.

Qi Chen, evidently unwilling to elaborate on the principles, continued instead:

"So now, I am still in a state of death."

Then Qi Chen pointed to the unhealed "data black hole" behind him and said, "Look, there is the world after death, I just came out from there."

Su Yu glanced at the black hole, unsure if he was telling the truth or not.

The black hole formed after data collapse, what the "inside" is, has already transcended Su Yu's understanding.

Theoretically speaking, the black hole doesn't really have an "inside"; there's nothing there.

Is that truly the world after death? Su Yu expressed skepticism.

Qi Chen continued to speak to himself, "I have already died, although I can still make some arrangements to use some power, but there is a limit."

"I cannot come back to life by relying on myself; I need to be 'saved'."

Upon hearing this, Su Yu pondered, "Song Ming?"

Qi Chen nodded, "Yes, Song Ming is my method of revival; he is the essence of salvation extracted from the civilization devoured by the Master of Dreams and merged together."

"My vision is to cultivate him into an Ultimate Savior and then employ his Power of World Salvation to resurrect me."

"The Power of World Salvation can save civilizations; naturally, it can also save individuals."

Then Qi Chen said something that made Su Yu's heart skip a beat, "Just now, because of you, my plan has already succeeded!"

Su Yu was shocked upon hearing this, "What?"

Qi Chen said, "You showed Song Ming the 'Paradox,' causing him to awaken a brand new Power of World Salvation."

"This power is sufficient to accomplish the impossible, allowing me to reverse life and death and come back to life."

Hearing this, Su Yu immediately questioned, "Are you saying that I showed Song Ming the Paradox, enabling him to successfully awaken? Couldn't you do such a thing yourself? You don't have the Paradox? Can't show it to him?"

"How did the Pain Evil God come into existence? Didn't you create it using the Paradox? Why did you create it?"

Su Yu's tone became increasingly dangerous as he spoke.

Qi Chen remained calm in the face of Su Yu's questioning, "The awakening of the Power of World Salvation is not so simple. If it were merely enough to stimulate Song Ming appropriately to awaken a new Power of World Salvation, I wouldn't have needed to be so troublesome."

"He requires a civilization of sufficient scale, a crisis of extinction, the interaction and communication between literature and individual... Only then can his essence of salvation be activated."

"So this matter could only be done by you, I couldn't do it."

What Qi Chen said was in Su Yu's knowledge blind spot; Su Yu didn't know if it was true or false and could only listen tentatively.

Seeing that Su Yu did not refute, Qi Chen continued, "Just now, seeing the plan succeed, Song Ming awakened the corresponding Power of World Salvation, so I retrieved Song Ming."

Su Yu's eyes slightly chilled upon hearing him use the word "retrieve."

Qi Chen keenly noticed this change and said, "Don't misunderstand, Song Ming is not a human, not even life itself. Everything he manifests is just changes naturally produced by his essence of salvation due to external stimulation, not true intelligence."

"He is just an inanimate tool, no need to be overly concerned..."

"No need to say more!"

Su Yu coldly stared at him, "Whether Song Ming is life, whether he has intelligence, I will judge for myself."

"You still haven't answered me: why did you create the Pain Evil God?"

Chapter 1013: The True Power of the Number God Mechanic—Rule Mechanics and... The Secret of the Power of Paradox

Facing Su Yu's questioning, Qi Chen was silent for a moment, then smiled slightly and said slowly, "Of course, it's because..."

Boom!

Before he finished speaking, Su Yu had already attacked Qi Chen with full force, and the time and space around Qi Chen rapidly collapsed.

Data Collapse!

It wasn't that Su Yu couldn't wait for Qi Chen to finish his words, but because Su Yu realized that Qi Chen had actually already attacked!

A strange force had penetrated the defense of Data Truth, secretly eroding him, causing him to weaken.

The conversation Qi Chen just had with Su Yu was merely a facade to delay time!

Fortunately, Su Yu never trusted Qi Chen at all. While talking to him, he had already been accumulating power in secret.

So now, he attacked with full strength! It was the first time the newly full-level Number God Mechanic attacked with all his might!

In the depths of Su Yu's eyes, the data lights like galaxies emerged again, and everything in front of him vanished, transforming into various cosmic foundational rules.

Gravity, time and space, reality, illusion, spirit, matter... These rules constitute the universe.

These rules, originally unbreakable, were made illusory by Su Yu's Data Truth ability, turning them into visible and modifiable data.

Su Yu looked at that cluster of rules and launched "Data Collapse."

This time, he made a full-scale attack, the intensity of Data Collapse was definitely a hundred or a thousand times stronger than before, enough to form an immense rule black hole in a short time, annihilating planets, and eradicating civilizations!

However, just as Su Yu was about to pour all his energy into this all-out "Data Collapse" strike, a thought suddenly crossed his mind, considering a possibility.

"Number God Mechanic... Number God Mechanic..."

"So far, my profession seems to only involve 'numbers', but what about 'Mechanic'?"

In a flash of inspiration, Su Yu realized he might have misunderstood his profession as a Number God Mechanic?

Number God Mechanic is a profession unlocked by the Profession Panel.

If it were a profession Su Yu himself created, the name of the profession wouldn't mean much.

He could name it whatever he wanted.

Just like the group of "Gourmet" Mechanics Su Yu had under his command before, who would have known they were actually playing with nano mechanics just by looking at the name?

But the Profession Panel wouldn't be so unreliable; the name "Number God Mechanic" definitely wasn't randomly chosen.

Not to mention the Profession Panel, the Time Mechanic profession Su Yu created earlier involved the word Mechanic because this profession allowed him to create time machines.

Su Yu was like this, and the Profession Panel was even more rigorous.

Number God Mechanic certainly has something to do with the abilities of a Mechanic!

And until now, since becoming a Number God Mechanic, Su Yu had only used its data abilities.

But regarding the "Mechanic" aspect, he had never used it.

One couldn't blame Su Yu for not thinking of it before, as the core abilities and core specializations of Number God Mechanic were all related to data and had nothing to do with mechanics.

But if it were a purely data profession, then why would the Profession Panel add the word "Mechanic" to it?

In an instant, Su Yu called up the Profession Panel in his mind and asked why the Number God Mechanic was named so.

Then Su Yu immediately received the answer: [Because you are inherently a mechanic.]

What's that supposed to mean?

Su Yu was speechless.

But in just an instant, he had already understood.

The mechanical creation ability of a Mechanic isn't always provided by the profession; it's sometimes gained through one's own research and development.

Professional abilities are merely tools for a Mechanic. Even without the Extraordinary Mechanic profession, a Mechanic remains a Mechanic.

They can continue research and development, at most lacking enough knowledge to develop blueprints or the ability to manufacture them without the corresponding skills.

But now, the Number God Mechanic had already granted Su Yu a formidable ability: [Data Truth].

As a powerful Mechanic, what kind of Mechanical Creations could Su Yu build using the Data Truth ability as a tool?

At this thought, Su Yu suddenly looked at those cosmic foundational rules that had been datafied, gaining an epiphany.

"Data Collapse" is not the strongest ability of the Number God Mechanic.

The ability of this profession is to use these datafied cosmic foundational rules as "materials" to create powerful Mechanical Creations!

With this realization, Su Yu abruptly shifted his thoughts, and in the depths of his eyes, the data streams like galaxies, which had begun collapsing, suddenly solidified again. They then started flowing, combining, and in an abstract manner, formed... a Mechanical Creation?!

"What?"

Qi Chen, who originally had a smiling face as if everything was under control, didn't seem to care even if Su Yu used "Data Collapse" with all his might.

But now, when Su Yu realized the true power of the Number God Mechanic, Qi Chen immediately sensed something, and his expression changed.

"What are you doing!"

Qi Chen shouted.

At the same time, a strange force accelerated its penetration towards Su Yu.

"Is this... Death?"

As Qi Chen intensified the erosion, Su Yu felt his consciousness beginning to disperse. Everything in his vision turned to black and white, and past memories flashed rapidly through his mind.

Su Yu realized that the strange force Qi Chen was using to erode him was actually "Death."

Qi Chen was originally a dead man, yet he could appear lively before Su Yu. It seemed Qi Chen had truly mastered the secret of life and death.

Having such power seemed quite normal.

This power was extremely strange, silent and stealthy, like the way time wears people down, accumulating damage until it explodes just moments before death.

Chapter 1014: The True Power of the Number God Mechanic, Rule Mechanic, and... The Secret of the Power of Paradox (Part 2)

Su Yu was now on the verge of "death," and in just a moment, he would truly die.

This death was the complete extinguishment of consciousness, and even though Su Yu possessed the Power of Time, he couldn't resurrect himself.

The Power of Time required the control of consciousness for resurrection, but with consciousness utterly extinguished, how could one be revived?

Just as Su Yu had understood the Number God Mechanic's abilities, intending to use the data-driven Cosmic Rules as "materials" to create a new Mechanical Creation, he was far from completing it.

Utilizing the underlying rules of the universe as materials, such a miraculous Mechanical Creation wasn't so easily crafted.

Su Yu didn't even have a complete blueprint, only a rough idea.

This idea was inspired by the previous transformation of the Pain Evil God by the Mechanical God, turning it into an Evil God Soldier Mecha.

As a powerful Evil God, the Pain Evil God itself was already akin to some cosmic underlying rule. The technology to transform it into an Evil God Soldier Mecha could serve as a reference for Su Yu at this moment.

With his intelligence and computational power, having this reference was enough for Su Yu. He was determined to turn inspiration into reality and create the anticipated "Rule Mechanism."

However, there was too little time, and death was approaching too quickly.

Now, in Su Yu's consciousness, a "life-flashing-before-eyes" moment began. In that instant, a flood of memories surged forth involuntarily, an instant seemed like an entire lifetime.

Su Yu couldn't discern whether it was a hundred-thousandth of a second or a billionth of a second before he would be dragged into death by Qi Chen.

Even though death was merely a state, even after death, the Profession Panel would still be bound to Su Yu.

But Su Yu didn't possess Qi Chen's ability to cause trouble after dying.

He also hadn't seized the divine rank of a Fifth-Order Evil God, and couldn't resurrect after death.

Without the ability to think or act after death, what use was the Profession Panel?

"What a pity..."

Su Yu sighed lightly in his heart.

This sigh, like that of most dying individuals, lamented the brevity of life and the unfinished tasks, filling his heart with regret.

However, Su Yu was resolute; even on the verge of death, he quickly suppressed such regretful emotions.

He tried to pray and ask for help from the Radiant Emperor, but there was no response.

Su Yu shook his head silently, then focused intently on reminiscing about the past.

Since death was unavoidable, in the final moments before death, he decided to carefully relive his life.

Anyhow, in this "life-flashing-before-eyes" state, an instant felt like a lifetime, his mind accelerated by millions of times—a free "gain" of a lifetime's time.

"Tsk tsk, I've really accomplished quite a few significant things."

"With such a life, it's already quite good. What's there to regret?"

As Su Yu reminisced, he marveled.

"Wait, this is..."

At this moment, Su Yu's consciousness suddenly steadied.

In this moment before death, everything around him turned black and white, frozen, as if it were a world apart from Su Yu.

The memories in his consciousness, however, became vividly alive, except for one segment, which was dull and gray, out of place with the rest.

This immediately caught Su Yu's attention.

That memory was... a piece of information transmitted to Su Yu by Song Ming before being "reclaimed" by Qi Chen.

However, Su Yu didn't know the specific content of this information.

Because just as this information was passed to Su Yu, he forgot it, or rather, it was "killed," turning into that dull gray state.

Clearly, this was Qi Chen's doing.

But now, as Su Yu reminisced about the past in the face of death, he unearthed this dying memory.

Su Yu was invigorated and immediately began to read this piece of information.

Even on the verge of death, Su Yu didn't give up self-rescue. As he reminisced during his life-flashing-before-eyes, the "Rule Mechanism" was still under creation.

He was reminiscing, actually to search for a method of self-rescue in the depths of his memory.

But now, he finally found a potentially useful variable.

This "dead" information was what Song Ming transmitted to Su Yu before disappearing. Su Yu hadn't had the chance to read it before Qi Chen "killed" it.

Judging by this, the information was undoubtedly crucial!

"This is... the secret regarding 'Paradox'!"

The information was not complicated; within a thought, Su Yu had already read and absorbed it.

This information was indeed extremely important; it was the new Power of World Salvation information that Song Ming had awakened after learning about "Paradox."

According to Song Ming, "Paradox" could indeed accomplish the impossible.

However, this power, in essence, was a type of "exchange."

Upon using "Paradox" to achieve an impossible event...

Correspondingly, an event that could have normally happened would become impossible.

Previously, Song Ming utilized the power of "Paradox" to help Su Yu instantly reach Full Level of the Number God Mechanic without meditation practice, an inherently impossible event.

Thus, the price Song Ming paid was the impossibility of holding the Number God Mechanic profession through normal meditative practice, or mastering similar powers.

In other words, even if Song Ming possessed the professional information of the Number God Mechanic and perfectly completed the ritual to successfully hold the profession, he couldn't improve his power through meditation practice; he would forever stay at the initial moment of holding the profession, with the level perpetually at 1.

If he insisted on trying to advance, then... he'd die!

The power of the Number God Mechanic itself had become a part of the paradox.

Like the classic grandmother paradox where one travels back to the past to kill one's grandmother, an impossible event.

If he insisted on doing it, he would be the one to die, consumed by the backlash of time and space.

The current Number God Mechanic was also thus.

Moreover, beyond Song Ming himself, no one else in the universe could seek advancement after holding the Number God Mechanic profession.

Luckily, Song Ming had a multitude of abilities, so it didn't matter much.

Furthermore, he wasn't a normal human to begin with, relying solely on awakening for power, and likely wouldn't practice meditation.

Thus, this price was essentially nothing to Song Ming.

At most, after Su Yu, if he wanted to pass the Number God Mechanic onto others, they wouldn't be able to advance post-profession.

But Su Yu would surely not idly expose his trump card power, so this price was essentially negligible for him as well.

Seemingly, the power of "Paradox" was almost too wonderful, with no cost at all?

But Su Yu understood that this power was extremely dangerous.

The minimal personal cost in exchange for more formidable power, but the price was actually borne by the universe.

With each use, an extra "impossible" would bloom in the universe.

If these "impossibles" multiplied, wouldn't the universe be unable to progress?

Who knows what these "impossibles" might be, easily triggered, leading to an inexplicable death.

Just like now, if somewhere deep in the universe, there's another genius who, without a Profession Panel, inexplicably manages to create the Number God Mechanic profession, completes the ritual, then seeks advancement through meditation practice, and then, triggered by an "impossible," dies inexplicably.

That would be such an undeserved death.

However, given that the Profession Panel created a new profession capable of gaining Fifth-Order strength from a Fourth-Order state, others creating the same would be improbable, so there's no need to worry.

"Moreover, if the Pain Evil God was also created using a paradox, what was the cost of creating It, and what if it's accidentally triggered?"

Su Yu thought with a touch of coldness.

Being in contact with the Pain Evil God for so long without triggering related "impossibles" was truly fortunate.

But the "impossibles" related to the Pain Evil God were of extremely high rank, undoubtedly at the Fifth-Order level, so it was normal for Su Yu not to have triggered them before.

Still, for the sake of safety, Su Yu decided to find a way to understand what kind of "impossibles" the birth of the Pain Evil God had caused.

These matters, Su Yu planned to study later, for now, the priority was resolving the current crisis,

"So, now with two instances of 'Paradox,' what can I do with them?"

Chapter 1015: Death and Rebirth

Having understood the proper use of "Paradox," Su Yu immediately wanted to leverage this power for a turnaround.

"Can it be directly used to switch to [Time-Space Mechanic]?"

"It seems not, the paradox isn't sufficient, or maybe the rank isn't high enough."

Su Yu naturally first thought of using the paradox to directly switch to [Time-Space Mechanic].

Time-Space Mechanic is truly a Fifth-Order profession and is highly likely to possess power beyond the Fifth-Order. If the switch is successful, it could definitely turn the tide.

However, Su Yu quickly discovered it wasn't feasible.

In fact, it's quite simple; the induction ceremony for [Time-Space Mechanic] has many requirements.

Such as devouring the Power of Time of Pain Evil God, attaining full level as Dream God Mechanic, seeking Time-Space Origin... Each of these requirements is tantamount to an "impossible" task.

And Su Yu only had two "Paradoxes," naturally unable to complete so many tasks.

Moreover, the information passed down from Song Ming includes speculation: paradoxes also have levels. High-level paradoxes can complete multiple "impossible" tasks in one go.

Su Yu's two paradoxes do not belong to high-level ones, so they require quantity stacking.

As for how to increase "Paradox," Song Ming also told Su Yu: "Accomplish something originally impossible without the aid of paradox power."

Just like the Grandmother Paradox earlier, without using the paradox, it's impossible for a person to travel back in time to kill their grandmother.

But if he actually accomplished it, he could create a paradox.

Whether or not this person remains alive after creating the paradox is unknown.

Then, if someone obtained this paradox and uses it, they could accomplish a new impossible task.

The relationship between "Paradox" and "impossible task" truly blurs together, indistinguishable and interwoven.

Considering this, whether Pain Evil God was born because of the paradox or the paradox formed due to its birth is hard to say.

Previously, Su Yu used "Genetic Conversion" to transform himself into that wondrous plant life and then utilized the "Creation from Nothing" trait of the plant life to create a new paradox out of thin air.

Creating a new paradox from nothing is, in essence, an "impossible" task.

Thus, Su Yu's first attempt was successfully accomplished.

However, when Su Yu attempted the second time, hoping to create more paradoxes, he failed.

That's because using one method to create a "Paradox" can only succeed once; the second attempt does not work.

Perhaps if a person accomplishes an impossible task, the task loses its "impossible" trait if done again; therefore, it doesn't count as a paradox.

And to create new paradoxes, Su Yu must complete new impossible tasks.

This, however, is evidently challenging and dangerous.

"Well then..."

Su Yu's mind raced, already thinking of an "impossible" task, and upon accomplishing this "impossible," he could also free himself from Qi Chen's mortal threat.

Meanwhile, Qi Chen's power had nearly dragged Su Yu entirely into death, leaving Su Yu very little time to ponder.

Su Yu hesitated no more, using the "Paradox" power instantly, applying both simultaneously without reservation!

The next instant, Qi Chen's power fully eroded Su Yu, killing him!

Su Yu's body also completely dispersed upon death, ceasing to exist.

Su Yu had used "Data Collapse" on himself right before dying to prevent Qi Chen from extracting any secrets from his body.

"..."

Qi Chen looked at the spot where Su Yu disappeared, paused, then shook his head.

After a moment, he sighed, "What a pity."

"Su Yu, in these myriad reincarnations, you were the only variable. Originally, I didn't want to kill you, but alas, your variable posed too great a threat to my plans. I had no choice..."

Qi Chen's words were very mysterious, and nobody knows what kind of plan he was enacting.

At this moment, he exuded the demeanor of a victor, lamenting. Perhaps this lament was genuine, or perhaps it was feigned, but it mattered not, for Qi Chen's expression changed before he finished speaking.

"Not good!"

Qi Chen suddenly turned, looking above at the top level of the Dark Giant City, where the Pain Evil God resided.

In the next instant, Qi Chen heard endless beings in the depths of Hell crying out in agony, as a dark figure slowly rose from the Mechanical Throne, aiming to drag the entire planet, and even the entire universe, into endless pain.

Joy and happiness are mere illusions; only pain is eternal!

Throughout the Dark Giant City, millions of residents suddenly felt boundless pain, their hearts overwhelmed with immense terror and despair, involuntarily screaming.

Their surroundings also mutated, transforming into cruel hellish instruments meant to embed them and subject them to eternal pain, their screams serving to celebrate the birth of the new King of Pain.

A true Fifth-Order Evil God was born! The true Pain Evil God was born!

The original Pain Evil God was a future possibility for Su Yu and, while possessing Fifth-Order Power of Pain, was actually not completely fulfilled in essence.

But now, it finally became complete, turning truly into the full form of Pain Evil God!

And with the birth of a true Fifth-Order Evil God, all living beings on the planet must be sacrificed, becoming its offerings.

Chapter 1016: Death and Rebirth (Part 2)

In the Dark Giant City, all humans were now shrouded in immense terror and despair. Instinctually, they understood their fate—to endure unimaginable torment in boundless Hell's Pain until the end of the universe.

Hell's Pain had not even truly arrived; merely realizing this fact was enough to drive anyone to the brink of insanity from despair.

However, having fallen into Hell, they didn't even have the privilege to go mad, but could only endure this boundless pain with a perpetual clarity.

"Why is this happening?"

"Has that Tyrant become a God? The God of Pain, the Hell Lord?"

"No! It hurts, my body is being cut open, please no..."

"Where is Great Commander Song Ming? Save us..."

All were about to let out painful screams and wails.

However, before they could cry out, that abnormal sensation suddenly vanished.

Instantly, the crowd recovered from that intense terror and despair, looking bewildered.

Their bodies bore no injuries, and the environment around them remained unchanged.

Everything just now seemed to be merely an illusion.

But... could there be such a realistic illusion? Such extreme pain...

Just recalling it sent chills down spines.

These people had no idea what had happened, except for one thing or person—Qi Chen.

Qi Chen's expression was somewhat grim; he realized the key to his plan, "Supreme Ruler Su Yu," who had transformed from the Pain Evil God, also died along with Su Yu!

But before dying, the Pain Evil God had briefly become "complete," truly becoming the Pain Evil God, which explained the recent change.

However, not long after the change, He died.

"Was it at the moment of life and death that Su Yu discovered the information Song Ming transmitted to him, then used the power of a paradox to seize the Pain Evil God's divine position, becoming the real Pain Evil God?"

"Then, did he intend to use the trait of Evil God Undying to revive in the depths of Subspace after death?"

Qi Chen, with a thought, immediately analyzed the truth!

Indeed, just before Su Yu's death, in that instant, he used two paradoxes to accomplish the seizing of the Pain Evil God.

In fact, Su Yu had long planned to erode the Pain Evil God and seize His divine position.

Even before, Su Yu had already used the Radiant Seed to create a ninety-two times Fifth-Order spiritual power, conducting a deep spiritual erosion on the Pain Evil God.

But later, the plan couldn't keep up with the changes.

Due to Qi Chen's hidden schemes, events like the emergence of the Dream-Making Star Core, the Chaotic Evil God Dream, and [Destruction] occurred.

For Su Yu, seizing the divine position of the Pain Evil God became impossible.

Even though the Pain Evil God had, due to various erosions, almost become a selfless dried corpse, Su Yu could not accomplish it.

Leaving other factors aside, solely because of the [Destruction] trait on the Pain Evil God, Su Yu could not approach Him at all—coming close meant certain death.

Yet, in the moment before Su Yu's death, with the power of "paradox," he took the Pain Evil God's divine position from thin air, devouring this future version of himself.

In that moment, Su Yu was the Pain Evil God, and the Pain Evil God was he, of course, mainly guided by Su Yu's own spiritual will.

When Su Yu devoured the Pain Evil God, the two "Su Yu"s finally became one person again, thus completing the Pain Evil God.

However, even after becoming the Pain Evil God, Qi Chen's "death" still crazily eroded him.

Su Yu did not resist; in fact, he couldn't resist.

"Death" alone was sufficient to kill the Pain Evil God, not to mention [Destruction] on the Pain Evil God, which combined meant Su Yu died even faster.

Then, he died.

However, despite the complete deaths of Su Yu and the Pain Evil God, a shadow was seated on a Mechanical Throne in the top-level Mechanical Palace of the Dark Giant City, indicating it wasn't completely empty.

This darkness differed entirely from the previous Pain Evil God, emanating an aura seemingly more dangerous!

That was...the [Destruction] of the Dark Emperor, which lingered despite the Pain Evil God's death.

With the loss of the Pain Evil God as a vessel, it's uncertain what changes might occur to this power of [Destruction].

Qi Chen frowned and looked at the [Destruction] from afar, seemingly with some anger: "This thing again, looks like this reincarnation must end quickly!"

It seemed Su Yu's actions disrupted Qi Chen's plans.

Thinking about Su Yu, Qi Chen couldn't help but shake his head in disdain.

"Foolish delusion..."

That was Qi Chen's assessment of Su Yu.

Hoping to utilize the trait of Evil God Undying to resurrect? But a foolish delusion.

The Evil God Undying also had great restrictions.

It means that after death and revival, essentially a new consciousness is born on that divine position, inheriting power and memories.

In other words, death means death; it hardly counts as true resurrection.

So even a being as the Brutal Evil God would fear death.

Of course, excluding those truly chaotic and insane Evil Gods, who care nothing for their survival.

Now, although Su Yu utilized a "paradox" to successfully seize the Pain Evil God's divine position, death was final.

The revived Su Yu would simply be a newly born Pain Evil God.

This newly born Pain Evil God would have no relation to the previous Su Yu or Pain Evil God.

Although this newly born Pain Evil God would inherit their memories, it would only be obtaining some unrelated knowledge, without being his personal experience, and thus unreliable.

Moreover, such a "rebirth" requires time.

The newly born Pain Evil God also needs a certain amount of time to digest and absorb these memories to understand who he is.

Though this time may be brief, and finding this newly born Evil God deep in Subspace is extremely difficult, it's not a problem for Qi Chen.

The Pain Evil God, being his creation, has a known location in Subspace Deep Layer where rebirth would occur post-death.

As for, could a "paradox" be used to achieve an Evil God's revival and rebirth while preserving the original consciousness?

The answer: It can be done!

A paradox can allow an Evil God to achieve real post-death revival!

However, the rank of such a paradox was exceedingly high, and Su Yu couldn't possibly possess it!

Hence, Su Yu was already inevitably dead!

"No big issue, capturing the newly revived Pain Evil God and pressing him onto the Mechanical Throne to bear the [Destruction] should sustain until the arrival of the [Node]..."

Qi Chen muttered to himself and then vanished with a flicker.

In the next instant, he appeared in the Subspace Deep Layer.

Subspace itself was already chaotic enough; Su Yu, upon his first entry, found it difficult to find direction.

And in the Subspace Deep Layer, the so-called "Deep Sea," it was even more chaotic and abstract compared to ordinary Subspace.

There, only abstract concepts and emotions "settled." Those abstract concepts didn't form Spiritual Energy but existed in their primal state, with even space-time absent.

Space-time serves as the foundation for all life activities.

Water isn't the source of life; space-time is.

Without reaching Fifth-Order, it's impossible to even touch it, let alone enter.

Even if one enters, they'd find it hard to determine direction.

But now, Qi Chen instantly broke through numerous limitations to arrive at a certain "position" in the Subspace Deep Layer.

Here, Qi Chen's original human form had dissipated, becoming an abstract concept. If any creature existed here, they'd perceive an overwhelming "death" from Qi Chen.

"Not here?"

Arriving in the Subspace Deep Layer, Qi Chen adopted a perspective beyond human thought to survey the environment, suddenly emitting a mental fluctuation.

This mental fluctuation contained shock and confusion.

The Pain Evil God, who should have resurrected and been reborn here, was inexplicably absent!

This was beyond Qi Chen's expectations.

This indicated that either the Pain Evil God hadn't revived at all.

Or...the Pain Evil God ran off after resurrection!

The trait of Evil God Undying is extremely difficult to alter, thus ruling out the possibility of not reviving.

If it were a newly born Pain Evil God needing time to awaken self-awareness, it wouldn't have been possible to escape in such a short time.

Then there's only one possibility: Su Yu did not die! He truly used the trait of Evil God Undying and revived in the depths of Subspace!

Chapter 1017: Resurrection! Qi Chen's Pursuit! Fragment of Nihilism!

"How is this possible?"

Qi Chen was bewildered; he couldn't understand how Su Yu managed it.

To achieve true "Evil God Undying" and resurrect deep within subspace while retaining his original consciousness was extremely difficult.

Even Qi Chen himself found it hard to accomplish.

After all, he was still in a state of death; if he could achieve true "Evil God Undying," he would have resurrected long ago.

"Su Yu, what exactly are you..."

Meanwhile, in the depths of subspace, Su Yu was swiftly fleeing, moving away from his resurrection site.

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Time rewinds to not long ago.

In the first moment after Su Yu's death, his consciousness fell into absolute silence and darkness.

This state was something Su Yu had never experienced before—true death.

In this state, all life activities had ceased; he was truly dead.

But in the next instant, his consciousness was once again awakened.

It was the Profession Panel!

[Job successful!]

[Congratulations, Host, on successfully taking up the job. Current profession: Pain Evil God (lv1: 0/1000000).]

[Congratulations, Host, on successfully awakening the core ability: Origin of Suffering]

[Origin of Suffering: (lv1), as the Pain Evil God, one is the origin of all pain in the world, and must also endure endless Hell's Pain. Using powerful Power of Pain, construct a Hell of Suffering, dragging creatures into it to bear the pain on your behalf. Ultimately, the entire universe can be dragged into hell, making all creatures suffer hell's torment. In Hell of Suffering, pain demons can be nurtured, or other creatures transformed into pain demons...]

Before his death, Su Yu used the power of "Paradox" to forcibly seize the godhood of the Pain Evil God.

Thus, the Su Yu of past and future merged, culminating as Pain Evil God, and Su Yu directly completed the Fifth-Order Profession [Pain Evil God].

Then the newly job-completed Su Yu immediately died once more.

However, even though he was dead, the Profession Panel's binding remained and still popped up a notification.

Therefore, in that state of absolute death, Su Yu's consciousness was unexpectedly awakened briefly by the Profession Panel!

"Is this... Qi Chen's state?"

After being awakened, Su Yu felt he was in an incredibly peculiar state.

He was dead, yet he could still think.

Su Yu had a sense that his thinking ability wasn't reliant on his own life, but rather depended on another powerful 'thing,' which was enough to break the barrier between life and death, allowing him to retain consciousness briefly.

"It's the Profession Panel!"

Su Yu immediately understood that the powerful 'thing' was the Profession Panel.

Everything happened as Su Yu had anticipated; the Profession Panel's special capabilities could awaken his consciousness post-death!

Su Yu's power of "Paradox" couldn't achieve this, but the Profession Panel could!

The death state he was in now seemed somewhat familiar to Su Yu.

When Su Yu researched the Subspace Analyzer, he attempted to shut down all his senses, entering a "death" state.

This temporarily removed all observers, achieving quantumization, and then used the profession panel's experience notifications to awaken.

That "death" experience was one reason Su Yu dared to attempt this.

However, that state seemed different from true death experienced now.

Su Yu didn't have time to distinguish the differences; his top priority was to resurrect!

Yet, resurrection seemed unnecessary for Su Yu to worry about; he could feel his body in the depths of subspace spontaneously gathering.

This was determined by his nature.

However, the Divine Body of Pain that was just gathered seemed to have no relation to the current Su Yu, and even appeared to want to birth a new consciousness.

Su Yu naturally wouldn't allow such a thing to happen; with a flick of his thought, he appeared within the newly gathered Divine Body of Pain.

Being the Pain Evil God meant being the root of all pain in the world, and that recently gathered Divine Body of Pain was formed from incredibly powerful Pain Force, making Su Yu's manipulation of this divine body effortless.

With Su Yu's consciousness inhabiting it, the speed of the divine body's gathering increased by a thousandfold, nearly completing in an instant.

Simultaneously, the newly born consciousness was directly eradicated by Su Yu.

There is only one Pain Evil God in existence, and that is Su Yu.

Su Yu had truly resurrected at this moment!

"Ah!"

The freshly resurrected Su Yu immediately emitted an incomparably painful scream!

As the root of pain, the Pain Evil God must also endure endless Hell's Pain, and he himself was not exempt!

Moreover, as time progressed, the pain intensified, increasing manifold in a short period!

Su Yu had never experienced such intense pain; even though he was familiar with the power of pain before, it was far from the extreme he felt at this moment.

After all, this was the true Fifth-Order Power of Pain, the most elemental pain!

From body to spirit, from physiology to psychology—an all-encompassing, unyielding absolute pain!

Unable to weaken, unable to escape, unable to avoid!

It seemed as though the pain of all creatures in the universe had "settled" upon Su Yu, and in just an instant, he underwent the massive pain and despair associated with countless deaths and civilizations' annihilation.

Under such extreme pain, even Su Yu's incredibly steadfast will showed signs of crumbling, almost driving him mad!

This was perfectly normal; [Pain Evil God] was not an ordinary Transcendent Profession, but a true Evil God!

Chapter 1018: Resurrection! Qi Chen's Pursuit! Fragment of Nihilicity! (Part 2)

At this moment, Su Yu basically has only two paths to choose from.

One of them is to emulate the previous Pain Evil God, abandoning all humanity and facing such pain with absolute rationality.

Humanity, in fact, is the root of much pain. Without any humanity, much pain would cease to exist.

Just like when a loved one dies, many people feel sadness and pain, but if someone is extremely cold, utterly devoid of humanity, and doesn't care about the life or death of loved ones, naturally there would be no pain.

No wonder the previous Pain Evil God was also "Su Yu," yet so cruel and merciless.

However, this method can only reduce psychological pain; physical pain still can't be eradicated.

The previous Pain Evil God was actually enduring immense physical pain at all times, but He was too indifferent, so it just didn't show on the surface.

The other path is written in the introduction of the core ability "Origin of Suffering," which can use the Power of Pain to construct a Hell of Suffering, absorbing living beings into it to share Su Yu's pain with their help.

The stronger the beings in the Hell of Suffering and the more numerous they are, the more pain they can share. Their very existence can even strengthen Su Yu's power, making him increasingly stronger.

However, this method is also akin to drinking poison to quench thirst. Those beings endure torment in the Hell of Suffering, not only bearing Su Yu's pain, but they also accumulate a vast amount of pain themselves.

This surplus pain would eventually "settle" onto Su Yu himself, making his own pain far more intense than before.

So, Su Yu would need to constantly draw more beings into the Hell of Suffering to bear escalating pain, and this process is endless, unable to stop.

This is indeed the true path of the Evil God.

Which of these two paths should Su Yu choose? Or both?

In fact, neither can be chosen.

The first requires abandoning humanity. If Su Yu were willing to abandon humanity, he would have already succumbed to the Pain Evil God, merged with Him, with no need for all this.

The second, even if Su Yu is willing to do it, he can't find enough beings to share the pain for him in a short time; it still doesn't work.

So... Su Yu chooses a third path!

With a thought, a familiar mass of dead sea water suddenly appears before him.

This mass of dead sea water is a "Fragment of Nihilism," the origin power of the Ghost Hidden Blade profession.

This is Su Yu's third path!

This Fragment of Nihilism was originally captured by the Brutal Evil God—whether devoured or kept is unknown.

But Su Yu doesn't have to worry about these things.

Before death, he used two "Paradoxes," one to seize the god position of the Pain Evil God.

The other was to seize this Fragment of Nihility from the Brutal Evil God!

The reason for seizing the Fragment of Nihility before death was Su Yu's concern that if he couldn't bring items over after resurrection, any remaining "Paradox" might be directly lost, which would be troublesome, so it had to be used before death.

When Su Yu used "Paradox" before death, he set it so that the Fragment of Nihility would appear out of thin air at the resurrection point, and so now this thing appears before him out of nowhere.

"Paradox," in some ways, is almost like the legendary "Wish Machine," extremely convenient.

One "Paradox," one "wish."

The Fragment of Nihility before Su Yu is the result of a "wish" realized.

As soon as the sea-water-like Fragment of Nihility appeared before Su Yu, it immediately started to fluctuate, trying to escape!

Both Su Yu and the Fragment of Nihility are currently in the subspace deep layer. This environment is special—those below Fifth-Order simply cannot enter and, let alone act here.

Obviously, this Fragment of Nihility also possesses a Fifth-Order essence, so it can act here.

However, with just a thought, Su Yu has already suppressed it.

After all, the Fragment of Nihility is only a fragment, its power incomplete, with only its essence. But the current Su Yu is a true Fifth-Order Great Evil God, far beyond what It can resist.

Then, enduring the pain, Su Yu quickly leaves the original location with the fragment.

Not long after Su Yu's departure, Qi Chen arrives, but has already lost Su Yu's trail.

In this specially enviredn subspace deep layer, finding a Great Evil God like Su Yu is incredibly difficult.

...

Time returns to the present.

"However, it's not impossible, being the Pain Evil God isn't easy, you know? The pain you're leaking is just a guiding marker..."

Qi Chen mutters to himself.

Then his figure also starts moving in the subspace deep layer, beginning to search for Su Yu's trail by following the pain leakage left by Su Yu.

With his mysteriousness, if he finds Su Yu's trail, he might be able to kill the newly resurrected Su Yu once again.

Even if Su Yu can resurrect again, for Qi Chen, it would merely require a bit more effort to keep killing at the resurrection location, seeing how many times Su Yu can resurrect, and potentially researching the secret of Su Yu's resurrection.

In fact, Su Yu is also aware that running like this is not a solution.

He's constantly enduring extreme pain, making it difficult to control his power, inevitably leading to power leakage, allowing Qi Chen to pursue him.

So Su Yu isn't truly escaping but rather delaying time to complete the profession of "Nihilicity Walker."

[Available Profession: Fourth-Order profession: Nihilicity Walker]

[Ghost Hidden Blade (Main) + War Mechanic + Manifestation Mechanic + Painful Monk + Ghost Meditation Method lv max...= Nihility Walker]

[Introduction: As a special unit of the Human Empire period, Ghost Hidden Blade is based on the research results of the "nihility" power of high-order entities in subspace. Unlike the violence and distortion of other subspace entities, the origin power of "nihility" is the nihility and desolate emotions of humans, the final remnant at the time of human death. This power has a strong resistance to the erosion of other subspace entities. Thus, the Ghost Hidden Blade can become the only stable transcendent unit using Ghost Energy. As an upgrade of the Ghost Hidden Blade, the Nihility Walker can upgrade Ghost Energy to true Power of Nihility, even transforming oneself into nihility, walking beyond the boundaries of time, space, life, and death.]

[Profession Ceremony: Find a Fragment of Nihility, destroy it, and survive under the "nihility" left after its death. (Uncompleted)]

The new profession unlocked by the Profession Panel, the Nihility Walker, is the key to Su Yu's fight against pain!

The Power of Nihility has extremely strong resistance against the spiritual erosion of various evil gods.

At the Third-Order, Su Yu could use the trait of the Ghost Hidden Blade profession to resist various evil gods' eroding influences.

Even at the Fourth-Order level, it could resist. At that time, the Ghost Hidden Blade provided significant help against the Power of Pain from [King].

If upgraded to a Fourth-Order Nihility Walker, it should suppress the inherent pain from the Pain Evil God.

So after distancing himself from the resurrection position, Su Yu exerted force, using the mighty power of a Fifth-Order Evil God to shatter the Fragment of Nihility!

That Fragment of Nihility was actually trying to attack Su Yu or communicate with him, but Su Yu completely ignored It, now directly shattering It.

"Kill me, and you'll die too! All returns to nihility..."

The Fragment of Nihility only has time to issue a cold retort before dying.

After its death, centered on It, a spread of "nihility" explodes out.

In this subspace deep layer, where normal time-space doesn't exist like in the normal universe, only some abstract concepts remain.

The reason Su Yu can still act here is that he forcibly "opened up" time and space here through his powerful essence.

Just like in the cosmic vacuum where life can't survive, but on a planet, a warm and vibrant environment can be established.

With the powerful essence of a Fifth-Order Planet-Level being, one can create a normal time-space "oasis" in this subspace deep layer.

However, with the explosion of "nihility" from the Fragment of Nihility upon its death, everything disintegrates—the normal time-space Su Yu established disappears instantly.

Su Yu's actions naturally come to a halt, stopping in place.

Chapter 1019: Advancement, Nihility Walker!

After the death of the Fragment of Nihility, the eruption of [Nihility] was incredibly powerful.

Compared to this power, the so-called "Power of Nihility" that Su Yu had awakened with the Ghost Hidden Blade seemed like a joke.

This is the true Nihility!

It not only completely annihilated the time and space that Su Yu had opened up, preventing him from acting in the Subspace Deep Layer, but it was also eroding Su Yu, along with various abstract concepts in the Subspace Deep Layer, trying to return everything around to absolute Nihility.

"This power is not inferior to [Destruction] at all, truly terrifying..."

"No wonder the requirement for this ritual is to survive under this Nihility; it seems very simple, but is actually extremely dangerous."

"Could it be that this Nihility Walker is also a special profession that possesses Fifth-Order power with a Fourth-Order profession?"

Su Yu at this moment was wrapped by [Nihility], unable to move, his thoughts even beginning to scatter.

Previously at Third-Order, using the Power of Nihility, he had washed the Brutal Split Mind into a thoughtless fool, and now it was his own turn.

Moreover, facing this absolute Nihility, the end might not just be washed into a fool, but fear it would be body, spirit, everything would return to Nihility.

Similar to being [Destruction].

That would be certain death.

Even if Su Yu could rely on Evil God Undying to resurrect again, the ritual would probably fail completely, and the Fragment of Nihility would be gone, because the Fragment of Nihility was acquired by "Paradox," and once lost, it becomes "impossible" to acquire it again in the same way.

Then Su Yu would basically never be able to take the profession of Nihility Walker again.

Plus, Qi Chen might still be guarding the "Resurrection Point," if Su Yu dies again, it's likely he'd be caught.

Although Su Yu wasn't sure if the Resurrection Point was fixed or could move?

No matter what, Su Yu absolutely did not want to die again.

"I didn't expect this ritual to be so difficult."

The power of [Nihility] was beyond Su Yu's expectations; he originally thought the combat power of the Fragment of Nihility was not strong and easily captured by the Brutal Evil God, thinking this ritual was not difficult.

Now, it appears the difficulty of this ritual is immense.

Su Yu, now being a Number God Mechanic, Time Mechanic, Pain Evil God, before his death he completely seized the Divine Body of Pain Evil God, even absorbed the Power of Time from the Pain Evil God, making the Time Mechanic's power truly reach Fifth-Order.

Now he equates to having three kinds of strong Fifth-Order powers.

However, facing this [Nihility], he almost had no power to resist.

This Nihility Walker ritual is so difficult!

From this deducing, this profession must also be a Fourth-Order profession with Fifth-Order power, perhaps even much stronger than ordinary Fifth-Order!

Looking at this, the several prerequisite professions of [Time-Space Mechanic]: Time Mechanic, Giant God Soldier Mechanic, Nihility Walker, Dream God Mechanic, Number God Mechanic.

Among them, except for Giant God Soldier Mechanic being an ordinary Fourth-Order profession, all other professions are Fifth-Order!

Only the Giant God Soldier Mechanic is a setback, still Fourth-Order.

However, after Su Yu created the Evil God Soldier Mecha, it's hard to say whether the Giant God Soldier Mechanic is a normal Fourth-Order profession.

Only previously, the Evil God Soldier Mecha was not completely under Su Yu's control.

Now, Su Yu has already devoured the Pain Evil God, equating to devouring the Evil God Soldier Mecha, genuinely obtaining this Fifth-Order level powerful mecha.

And the Giant God Soldier Mechanic inherently has the ability to gain power from the mecha created, having a Fifth-Order mecha, this profession could also possess Fifth-Order power.

This way, all five prerequisite professions of [Time-Space Mechanic] are Fifth-Order!

Once this profession is adopted, how powerful can it become?

No matter how strong it might become in the future, right now Su Yu's key task is how to survive this [Nihilism].

Su Yu's mind raced, trying billions of times in an instant, confirming that relying solely on brute force will not enable survival in this [Nihilism].

Any Power of Time, Mechanical Spiritual Power, Power of Pain, all would be returned to [Nihilism].

To combat this Nihilism, there's only one way, pain!

Not the pain of the Spiritual Energy level, but the pain of subjective perception.

The essence of the Power of Nihilism is the void-dead emotions of humans, in such emotions, all thoughts, desires, pain, would dissipate.

So one could use the Power of Nihilism to resist various Spiritual Erosions and the inherent pain of the Pain Evil God.

But conversely, using intense pain can also resist this "Nihilism" erosion; the two are mutually opposing, incompatible.

Thinking of this, Su Yu didn't hesitate, relinquishing repression of his own pain!

"Ah!"

Intense pain erupted within Su Yu's spirit, causing him to involuntarily make a sound.

This sound surprisingly seemed somewhat... exhilarating?

Though pain remained pain, not genuinely turning into pleasure, intense pain briefly allowed Su Yu to break away from such Nihilism, truly experiencing he was still "alive."

Like someone drowning suddenly surfaced to breathe, even if inhaling fiery toxic gas, it's more comfortable than suffocating underwater.

This feeling of being alive is the key to resisting Nihilism!

Su Yu felt the effect and was mentally invigorated, immediately fully channeling the Power of Pain, launching an attack.

Not to attack [Nihilism], for [Nihilism] doesn't suffer any attack at all.

Chapter 1020: Job Change, Nihilism Walker! (Part 2)

Su Yu is attacking himself, trying to use this powerful Fifth-Order force to plunge himself into absolute pain.

The Power of Pain can naturally cause enemies to experience intense pain, and it's also effective on oneself.

However, under normal circumstances, even the Pain Evil God wouldn't attack itself with the Power of Pain. Otherwise, the extreme pain would render it unable to maintain rationality, leading to madness.

It can abandon humanity but cannot abandon rationality. If it loses rationality, goes completely mad, and becomes a truly chaotic Chaotic Evil God, it equals death.

Yet now, Su Yu is doing what the previous Pain Evil God dared not do, directly using the strongest Power of Pain to attack himself!

"Ah!"

Su Yu screamed in pain again, nearly driving himself insane, but the feeling of being alive grew stronger and stronger.

The surrounding [Nihilism] seemed to have been pushed back a bit.

The erosion from these [Nihilism] allowed Su Yu to retain rationality amidst the boundless pain, preventing him from truly dying.

In fact, due to this operation, his newly chosen Pain Evil God actually leveled up!

[Gained Professional Experience 1000000...]

The experience required for Fifth-Order professions is astonishingly high, yet in just an instant, Su Yu gained abundant experience, leveling up repeatedly.

It seems that totally unbinding, embracing pain, using the Power of Pain to attack oneself, plunging into absolute pain.

This is the cultivation method for the Pain Evil God profession.

However, it's quite easy to turn oneself into a lunatic this way.

Additionally, after leveling up, the pain brought to Su Yu by this profession became even stronger!

No wonder the previous Pain Evil God seemed to have had little power growth after so much time.

Presumably, it dared not level up too quickly and had to cautiously, gradually adapt.

Yet now Su Yu has the aid of [Nihilism], helping him maintain rationality, so he need not worry, and can recklessly use self-attacking methods to level up.

After leveling up, Su Yu's Power of Pain grew stronger, and the pain it brought when attacking himself also intensified, yielding more experience.

Staking up like this repeatedly, in a short time, Su Yu's newly chosen [Pain Evil God] profession leveled up dozens of times, his power skyrocketing.

The explosive Power of Pain brought much greater pain to Su Yu, manifold.

Under such pain, even with the aid of [Nihilism], Su Yu's consciousness grew somewhat blurred.

Although pain can counter Nihilism, Su Yu's will, caught in between, may not bear the cost of such a confrontation.

Pain and Nihilism, like cold and raging fire, enveloped Su Yu, harshly refining him.

Su Yu thought his will was strong enough, but found it difficult to withstand under such refining, feeling extremely tired.

"Can't hold on any longer..."

Su Yu's consciousness shattered with a bang, unsurprisingly, he was about to die again.

Yet, in the next moment...

[Gained Professional Experience...]

In consciousness, the Profession Panel's prompt appeared with a bang, akin to an exceedingly noisy alarm clock, waking the fragmented consciousness of Su Yu.

Though the Profession Panel itself lacks attacking power, its prompt, able to pop up even if Su Yu is dead, is immensely powerful.

It's practically the universe's strongest "alarm clock," waking you even if you die.

"In the end, I still need this panel..."

Awakened by the prompt, Su Yu felt a bit bewildered, like a person who's just fallen asleep only to be woken.

But soon, he was revitalized.

He noticed that under such intense pain, the [Nihilism] enveloping him had finally been pushed back!

Pain and Nihilism have maintained a balance, as Nihilism can no longer harm Su Yu.

Seeing this, Su Yu quickly halted his self-attack lest the pain grow too strong and he might fall into madness.

Death or loss of consciousness can be awakened by the Profession Panel, but whether it can wake him if he falls into madness remains uncertain; Su Yu cannot take the risk.

This balance between Nihilism and Pain is ideal.

Su Yu even felt as though under this balance, he underwent a transformation, seemingly merging into the surrounding Nihilism, becoming indistinct.

"Shouldn't this count as completing the ritual?"

As soon as Su Yu entertained this thought, the Profession Panel promptly displayed a prompt:

[Job successfully taken!]

[Congratulations to the host for successfully taking the job, the current profession is: Nihilism Walker (lv1: 0/100000).]

[Congratulations to the host for successfully awakening the core ability: Nihilism Embodiment]

[Nihilism Embodiment (lv1): Survive in absolute Nihilism to alter one's essence and become part of Nihilism; the Power of Nihilism struggles to harm the host. Can autonomously generate the Power of Nihilism, using it to attack enemies. Can utilize the Power of Nihilism to create Nihilism Space. Can transform oneself into Nihilism, traversing outside time, space, life, and death. Note: Transforming into Nihilism may lead to being devoured by it.]

Nihility Walker is a Fourth-Order profession, so Su Yu didn't need to max out Pain Evil God to complete the ritual and directly take the job.

With the Profession Panel's prompt, Su Yu immediately felt changes within himself.

The previous sense of merging with Nihility grew a thousandfold, and in no time, he became just like the surrounding [Nihility], formless and intangible, only absolute Nihility.

Su Yu vanished.

Mere moments later, Su Yu's figure reappeared, and the swath of [Nihility] vanished into thin air, completely absorbed and transformed into his power.

And within his consciousness, the powerful forces of Nihility and Pain maintained a balance, preserving his rationality.

Neither driven mad by pain nor desolate from Nihility, instead maintaining his humanity.

"Good!"

Su Yu reveled in joy, as only now he truly completed the induction of the Pain Evil God profession, capable of perfectly utilizing its power, even more flawlessly than the previous Pain Evil God!

However, Su Yu wasted no time testing his core ability's changes, as his figure moved and he vanished from the spot.

Despite his power skyrocketing, he remained unsure regarding that mysterious Qi Chen, and now wasn't the time for a frontal confrontation with Qi Chen.

Shortly after Su Yu left, Qi Chen's figure appeared, in the form of a human.

In this Subspace Deep Layer, Su Yu actually couldn't maintain a normal human form and constantly appeared as a Pain Evil God's Human-shaped Black Hole.

Here, the stronger one is, the easier it is to exist, like Su Yu's Human-shaped Black Hole.

Conversely, a human's delicate, fragile body needs complex space-time rules to sustain its operation.

And here, time and space don't exist; all space-time must be created by one's intrinsic power. To quickly create space-time rules to sustain a human form is quite difficult.

Even if Su Yu's power increased, sustaining a stable human form remained elusive.

Yet here Qi Chen maintained the appearance of a human child, stable and unwavering.

Clearly, Qi Chen's power remains stronger than Su Yu's current strength.

Having just completed the Nihilism Walker induction, fleeing was the right choice for Su Yu.

Qi Chen arrived at the place where Su Yu resisted [Nihilism] and frowned in silence.

He lost track of Su Yu's whereabouts.

Su Yu had recently taken the Pain Evil God profession, and during his struggle with pain, some Power of Pain leaked, enabling Qi Chen to trace him.

But now, the Power of Pain had vanished; even Qi Chen struggled to trace Su Yu in this Subspace Deep Layer.

"Is this... Nihilism?"

After observing for a while, Qi Chen whispered to himself.

Actually, after completing the induction, Su Yu absorbed all of the [Nihility] such that nothing remained.

Yet Qi Chen still detected indications.

Because it wasn't just the [Nihility] that had disappeared from the spot, but all abstract concepts and emotions originally sedimented in the Subspace Deep Layer vanished due to the previous [Nihility].

It's like a bubble without seawater suddenly emerging in the deep sea, conspicuously noticeable.

Qi Chen, with a keen insight, quickly concluded this effect was caused by Nihility.

But that was the extent of it; he could only determine Nihility's appearance here, not trace its origin or Su Yu's whereabouts.

"This caliber of Nihility needs at least a dying Fifth-Order Fragment of Nihility to manifest."

"The entire Azure Star only has one Fragment of Nihility, already seized by Brutality. Where did Su Yu get a Fragment of Nihility from? Did he use a 'Paradox'?"

"Is he trying to counter pain with Nihility? Did he succeed or fail?"