

Infinite 801

Chapter 801: Prophecy Moment! The Apocalypse Arrives!?

"Has it been influenced by spiritual ability? Ghost Emperor?"

While flying rapidly toward the Mechanical City, Su Yu contemplated in his heart.

In the Mechanical City, it's understandable that humans and Mechanical Creations are suspicious of each other.

But in just one year, the development has reached the point of imminent conflict, which is somewhat abnormal.

Moreover, Su Yu, the master of the Mechanical City, has returned, yet these guys show no reaction and can't sense it!

Tie Long is a believer of Su Yu, and both the Mechanical Spirit and the Mechanical City are his creations. Without Su Yu intentionally concealing himself, they should have immediately known of Su Yu's return as soon as he came back.

But now, they are still busy being hostile to each other, even holding meetings to discuss how to take action!

So Su Yu concluded that the entire Mechanical City had been influenced by some sort of spiritual ability!

And the mastermind behind this, naturally, the Ghost Emperor is the primary suspect.

Su Yu wanted to find the Ghost Emperor for revenge, and he didn't need to go to the Radiation Land; he could just go home directly.

Very soon, Su Yu had flown back to the vicinity of the Mechanical City.

"They actually dismantled these mountains..."

The location of the Mechanical City was originally where the Giant God Soldier Camp was, surrounded by mountains and very concealed.

But now, the mountains surrounding the Mechanical City have entirely vanished, transformed into a vast plain.

And looking at the level of smoothness, it seems not just the result of some mechanical equipment excavation, but a natural geological change.

But how could this be possible?

Normal geological activities occur over millions, even billions of years.

How could such dramatic geological changes happen in just a year, turning mountains into plains?

Even if the location of the Mechanical City is a node of planetary energy, making it a bit special with faster geological changes, it shouldn't be this fast, should it?

"Is this the effect caused by the Ghost Emperor using planetary energy?"

With just a glance, Su Yu discerned the truth, his heart sinking.

Planetary energy is closely related to geological activities. Theoretically, if one could control the operation of planetary energy, geological changes could be artificially controlled, achieving the effect of moving mountains and filling seas in a short time.

If one could completely master planetary energy, they could probably mold the entire planet at will.

It seems that during this year, the Ghost Emperor has not been idle, and has continuously enhanced his control over planetary energy.

In just a year's time, he has reached the level of moving mountains!

This indicates that the Ghost Emperor has made further progress on the path to the Fifth Rank.

In the Dark Space-Time, Su Yu has conducted in-depth research on planetary energy, but only utilized it for space-time traversal.

As for directly controlling planetary energy, Su Yu did not possess such an ability.

The Ghost Emperor is clearly far ahead of Su Yu.

Yet this alone isn't enough to alarm Su Yu, considering that in the Time Domain, Su Yu is far ahead of the Ghost Emperor.

What truly caused Su Yu's heart to sink was that despite the mountains being turned into plains, there were no records in the Mechanical Spirit's database!

In the perspective of the Mechanical Spirit, the Mechanical City is still surrounded by mountains!

The consciousness of the Mechanical City is the same.

They can't perceive these dramatic geological changes at all!

Even when Su Yu reviewed the Mechanical Spirit's code, he couldn't find the problem.

The Mechanical Spirit's code is perfectly normal, yet it can't see that the surrounding mountains have disappeared.

"Is it really a spiritual ability?"

"Even without data and code, it can influence the consciousness of Data Life..."

Su Yu thought to himself.

Normally, to influence a Data Life like the Mechanical Spirit, a powerful data ability is required to affect its code and alter its data.

But now, Su Yu has not detected any signs of this.

The data code of the Mechanical Spirit is entirely normal.

However, its consciousness seems to be trapped in some illusion, unable to even perceive the surrounding environment!

Su Yu had to assume that this was some powerful spiritual ability!

Spiritual and Data Ability are not the same.

Although Data Ability can invade consciousness and alter memories, it is not equivalent to spiritual ability.

The erosion Su Yu encountered in the prior Dark Space-Time was due to spiritual power.

That force manifested a shadow version of Su Yu deep in his consciousness.

Now, both the Mechanical Spirit and the Mechanical City are under similar influence.

The Mechanical City and the Mechanical Spirit are considered Mechanical Life, Data Life.

Their consciousness is composed of data code, yet they also possess spirit and will.

These spiritual wills are abstract concepts, indescribable by simple code and data.

This is because they are "life," not merely digital programs and code.

Thus, spiritual power can also affect them!

"Is this spiritual power related to what I encountered before?"

Su Yu couldn't help but recall the crisis he faced before.

He suspected that the spiritual power affecting the Mechanical City might be the same as the one he encountered before.

He originally thought he had rid himself of that power by returning to normal space-time, but unexpectedly, even the Mechanical City was invaded by spiritual power!

Su Yu also recalled that the first time he met the Ghost Emperor, this guy tried to brainwash him using some spiritual power.

It seems this ancient power is most adept at spiritual power!

"No wonder the Ghost Emperor could send me to that Dark Space-Time; perhaps he has some connection with an existence there."

"Having such power is quite normal..."

Su Yu thought to himself.

Chapter 802: Prophecy Moment! The Coming of Doomsday!?! (Part 2)

He suspected that the Ghost Emperor was connected to some existence within the Dark Space-Time, which allowed him to possess such spiritual power.

Thinking of this, Su Yu was extremely wary in his heart.

If it were true, the Ghost Emperor would be even more dangerous than imagined!

At this moment, he had already concealed his presence and did not reveal himself.

He planned to observe secretly first, search for the traces of the Ghost Emperor, and seek a way to break the predicament.

Su Yu first observed for a while from a normal perspective and tried to contact the Mechanical City and the Mechanical Spirit, but to no avail.

He couldn't even contact the Mechanical God, unsure of what unexpected incident occurred.

"Can't find out where he is! And the Mechanical City and the Mechanical Spirit are about to take action!"

"Use the Power of Time!"

In his heart, Su Yu shook his head, as he could only resort to his trump card!

The Power of Time!

This time, his traversal and return had consumed quite a bit of the Power of Time.

Unless as a last resort, he wouldn't use this power, as using it reduces it bit by bit.

But now, it seemed inevitable.

In Su Yu's consciousness, the invisible force instantly activated, and his viewpoint changed accordingly.

The past and future of the Mechanical City unfolded before Su Yu's eyes in an instant.

From this perspective, no secret could be hidden from Su Yu; the past and future were clear to him.

However, just after one glance, Su Yu's expression changed dramatically!

He saw...

A mountain of corpses and a sea of blood!

It was a blood-red land, piled high with bodies.

Not far away, there lay ruins—a remnant of the Mechanical City after its fall and destruction.

In the sky, countless rotting eyes, writhing flesh tentacles, twisted mechanical arms and cannons, and the dead sea of dark water...

On the blood-red land stood only one person—Su Yu.

Su Yu stood on the blood-red ground, donned in broken battle armor, issuing a frenzied roar at the twisted sky...

In the near future, the entire Mechanical City had actually been destroyed, with all its residents exterminated, leaving only Su Yu alive!

"This... is... a prophecy!"

"This is the final battle foretold in the prophecy!"

Su Yu's heart was suddenly shaken!

Previously, in the Manifestation Space, the "Prophet" Zhou Qing had made a prophecy.

That everyone in the future would die, except for Su Yu.

And the Prophet's prophecy is said to never be wrong; it is destined to come true!

Because of this prophecy, Su Yu had been desperately improving his strength, hoping to confront the future battle and strive to upgrade to the Fifth Rank before the prophecy arrived, to possess the power to counter all formidable foes!

However, now he was still far from the Fifth Rank, yet the moment of prophecy seemed just about to occur!

In the future that Su Yu saw, there were no other branches, no infinite possibilities, only this one future, this one predestined conclusion!

Indeed, as in the prophecy, everyone would die! Except for Su Yu!

And the time for the prophecy to occur was... thirty minutes later!

"Thirty minutes later, the last battle?"

Su Yu was in turmoil.

He had thought that after returning to normal space-time with great difficulty, he could relax for a while, at most deal with the Ghost Emperor.

And with the Time Mechanic, even if the Ghost Emperor was strong, Su Yu wouldn't worry too much.

But who could have thought that what he had to face wasn't the Ghost Emperor at all, but the final battle!

According to the future Su Yu saw, half an hour later, a spiritual energy tide would erupt again in the Subspace.

The brutal Evil God, who had been dormant for millennia, would awaken once again, triggering a world-ending disaster!

This time, without Zhang Chenfeng to stop the Evil God, even those mechanical creations in the sky would be eroded and become minions of the Evil God.

This battle would have death without life, defeat without victory!

The disparity was too vast! The essence of the brutal Evil God was ten thousand times more terrifying than any enemy Su Yu had encountered before!

Moreover, the so-called Pain Evil God in some future space-time, wants to take advantage of this desperate opportunity to make Su Yu completely fall, becoming its minion.

The two major Evil Gods simultaneously launched, even if Su Yu's strength increased tenfold, he would have no chance to resist!

The prophecy would not be wrong; everyone would die! Except Su Yu!

Though Su Yu wouldn't die, he would fall into becoming the Evil God's minion!

"How can this be? How did it happen so quickly? I'm not ready yet!"

"Could it be that all my efforts so far will only lead to such an outcome?"

Looking at that desperate future, Su Yu felt disheartened.

Because of his possession of the Power of Time, he could not only see the images but even feel the despair of that moment personally.

As long as Su Yu was willing, with a single thought, he could traverse to that moment half an hour later and truly become that figure roaring madly at the sky.

He even had this impulse.

What was there to wait for? Anyway, this last half hour was also torturous, so why not end it like this?

Anyway, there was no hope anymore; the repercussions of space-time, it didn't matter anymore.

With a thought, Su Yu was about to traverse prematurely to that despairing instant in the future.

His Power of Time was consuming rapidly.

His will, temporarily detached from the timeline, was about to leap towards that future half an hour later, towards the endpoint of his normal life.

"No!"

At the last moment, deep within Su Yu's heart, a light flashed—it was the Power of Sunshine!

This power made Su Yu awake for a moment at this darkest, most desperate moment.

Su Yu suddenly sobered up, something was wrong! He couldn't do this!

So, at this moment, he forcibly twisted his will, not throwing it towards the foretold future, but towards... the Dark Space-Time!

Yes, Su Yu, who had just returned from the Dark Space-Time, was now about to re-traverse back to it!

This was the solution he thought of in this split second.

And between the two spaces was a true nihility where space-time didn't exist.

To traverse back to the Dark Space-Time, Su Yu had to pass through this nihility.

In this nihility, space-time doesn't exist, and will has no support, so it would immediately dissipate.

Then, instinctively, Su Yu's will constructed a Thought Space, preserving the existence of his consciousness.

This Thought Space was dreamlike, not real.

In this illusory and nihility Thought Space, Su Yu was suddenly startled awake, truly coming to his senses!

Awakening, he saw this Thought Space was shrouded in a black mist, nearly covering the entire space, leaving only a bit of light, like a candle flame in the wind, ready to dissipate at any moment.

His spirit, unknowingly, had been eroded to this extent!

"Disperse!"

Su Yu gathered his will and shouted fiercely!

With his shout, the black mist in the Thought Space instantly scattered.

The light swiftly expanded, occupying all the space.

Su Yu finally breathed a sigh of relief.

He dispelled the erosion!

In this Thought Space, where space-time doesn't exist, expelling this erosion took less than a moment, incredibly fast.

Just like the erosion came over him without spending much time, not even knowing when he fell victim to it.

"That was close! Almost died!"

Su Yu exhaled deeply, muttering to himself.

Although in the Thought Space, Su Yu was also sweating coldly from fear.

In this Thought Space, will determines everything, so to say, a thought can come true, Su Yu, shocked and fearful, naturally, cold sweat flowed.

Su Yu ignored this bit of discomfort and instead frantically recalled and reconsidered everything before.

By now, he understood that the previous despair was not real but a result of some spiritual ability!

It was an illusion!

The foretold desperate future might arrive soon.

But it wasn't half an hour later!

He had been deceived by a mental illusion, his perception of time influenced by a spiritual ability.

He mistakenly thought doomsday would arrive in half an hour and thus sank into despair!

No! Su Yu had always been optimistic and strong, even if doomsday really came in half an hour, he would fight desperately; he wouldn't sit and wait for death.

Falling into despair so quickly was also due to the influence of the spiritual ability!

Under that influence, Su Yu lost his fighting spirit, lost hope! Almost seeking death by actively traversing to the moment of prophecy.

Fortunately, at the last moment, the Power of Sunshine helped him maintain a moment of clarity, allowing him to return to the Mysterious Land where time doesn't exist, entering the deepest part of his inner Thought Space, dispelling the spiritual influence, and regaining clarity!

"Ghost Emperor!"

Su Yu gritted his teeth, his heart filled with violent killing intent!

Chapter 803: The Time Mechanic's First Battle!

At this moment, Su Yu was truly furious. The Ghost Emperor's methods were too insidious and practically impossible to guard against.

If he hadn't woken up at the critical moment, he might have already been dead.

However, Su Yu quickly calmed his anger because emotions could affect his judgment and decision-making.

Now, the most important thing was to figure out how to break the Ghost Emperor's ability.

Su Yu's thoughts churned as he recalled and analyzed everything he had previously encountered.

Soon, he reached a conclusion: "This is a trap!"

Su Yu realized in his heart.

During this year, Su Yu went through a thousand reincarnations in the Dark Space-Time, took on the role of the Time Mechanic, and successfully mastered the power of time. Meanwhile, the Ghost Emperor wasn't idle either.

He used some kind of spiritual ability to invade and corrupt the Mechanical City, thereby setting a deadly trap for Su Yu.

If Su Yu hadn't returned, under the Ghost Emperor's manipulation, the Mechanical City would have fallen into internal strife, leaving it vulnerable to the Ghost Emperor's intrusion.

The Mechanical City is Su Yu's Mechanical Apostle. If it fell into the hands of the Ghost Emperor, the consequences would be unimaginable.

If Su Yu returned, at the moment of his return, the Mechanical City and Mechanical Spirit, Tie Long, and others would certainly sense it.

But this sensation would be "intercepted" by the Ghost Emperor, so the Ghost Emperor was the first to receive information on Su Yu's return, while the Mechanical City showed no reaction to its master's return.

Upon learning of Su Yu's return, the Ghost Emperor set off the trap, enveloping the Mechanical City with that powerful spiritual force, waiting for Su Yu to approach and be invaded by that force.

This trap was very discreet, you could even say Su Yu was bound to fall into it.

Because up until now, Su Yu didn't even know how that force had invaded him, nor where the force came from. Wasn't it inevitable?

"As a Fourth-rank strong person, the fact that I was caught off guard like this signifies that this kind of power is undoubtedly of a very high level."

"It might not be at the Fourth-rank at all, but close to Fifth-rank, or even the Fifth-rank itself!"

Su Yu concluded in his heart that the spiritual power in question was very likely at the Fifth-tier level!

The Ghost Emperor, as a seasoned Fourth-rank strong person, would surely have accumulated very powerful assets over the years.

Finding a way to produce Fifth-tier power is also reasonable.

[The King] could create a Fifth-rank Radiant Mecha, and this Ghost Emperor might very well have similar methods.

Previously, the Ghost Emperor sending Su Yu to the Dark Space-Time was a powerful move.

Now, this spiritual power was the second trump card, and as for whether there were others, that was uncertain.

"However, there must be limitations to this power."

"It might be a time limit or a usage limit; it definitely can't be used at will!"

Su Yu made another judgment.

The reason is simple; if the Ghost Emperor could freely use Fifth-tier spiritual power, Su Yu would have already been dead and wouldn't have lasted until now.

And this limitation is the key to Su Yu breaking out.

Su Yu's consciousness moved swiftly, considering all possibilities.

As Su Yu was thinking, the scenery before him began to ripple slightly.

In this Thought Space, there's no sky or earth, just a pure white expanse with not a blemish, seemingly unchanging and eternal.

But now, this pure white showed signs of wavering, as if it were about to shatter.

Although the signs of wavering were slight, they were nevertheless an ill omen, indicating instability here.

"It looks like I can't stay here long!"

Su Yu immediately judged that there was a time limit in this Thought Space.

This didn't surprise Su Yu. He couldn't possibly think here forever. Otherwise, wouldn't that mean eternal life?

A time limit here is also normal.

Strictly speaking, time and space don't exist in this Thought Space; there is no real time at all.

It's the inertia of Su Yu's thoughts that constructed the virtual time.

The measure of time here is based on Su Yu's thinking speed.

When a thought flashes in Su Yu's consciousness, time moves forward a moment here.

If Su Yu stopped thinking, time wouldn't move forward, and perhaps it could be maintained indefinitely.

But that wouldn't have any meaning either. Not thinking is tantamount to death, not eternal life but eternal death.

Moreover, in the absence of time and space here, no matter how long you stay, only an instant has passed in reality, unable even to delay time.

If Su Yu thinks rapidly, time here will also pass quickly.

Essentially, Su Yu's rapid thinking depletes willpower and computing power, jeopardizing the stability here.

Fortunately, the fluctuations in this Thought Space are currently not intense, which means Su Yu still has quite a bit of "time" here.

But if Su Yu can't figure out a way out, he will eventually run out of time.

By then, Su Yu will have only two choices.

The first is to directly transit back to Dark Space-Time. After all, he previously activated the power of time to traverse to Dark Space-Time.

If the transition is successful, it would consume a lot of time power, and Su Yu isn't sure if he has accumulated enough.

Moreover, this time, Su Yu didn't use Mechanical Power for the transit. It was entirely driven by his own accumulated time power, meaning the backlash would definitely be strong. Even if successful, he'd likely be severely injured or even dead.

The second choice is to return along the original path to normal space-time, returning to the Ruins Star.

Since Su Yu hasn't yet successfully traversed, he's currently in the gap between normal space-time and Dark Space-Time, with room to turn back.

He can "retract."

However, doing so would mean facing the Ghost Emperor's eerie spiritual power again, and he might never wake up, inadvertently dying.

Chapter 804: The Time Mechanic's First Battle! (Part 2)

Truly a dilemma.

"The key question now is, if I go back the same way and get caught again, can I wake up?"

A question popped up in Su Yu's mind.

This question is crucial!

If he can find a way to wake up each time, then there wouldn't be real danger.

He could even use it to deplete the Ghost Emperor's strength.

But if he can't ensure he will definitely wake up, returning would be risking his life.

Su Yu carefully recalled everything that had happened, remembering how he woke up. He needed to figure out whether it was luck or inevitability that saved him before.

Finally, Su Yu concluded, "At that time, I was destined to wake up!"

Thinking of this, a wave of joy rose in Su Yu's heart.

Now he was relieved.

As for why he was destined to wake up, it's because of the Power of Time!

Earlier, when Su Yu fell into the Ghost Emperor's trap, be it the Power of Nihilism or the Power of Sunshine, neither responded, leaving him in despair.

But in the final moment, when Su Yu wanted to commit suicide and travel to the moment of the doomsday battle, he used the Power of Time.

In that instant, his consciousness briefly detached from the timeline, and then the Power of Sunshine activated, waking him up.

So the key wasn't the Power of Sunshine, but the Power of Time that temporarily took him off the timeline, allowing him to awaken.

It seems that while the Ghost Emperor's spiritual power is invisible and unavoidable, it still has flaws.

That is, it cannot cross the timeline!

Or rather, it has much less influence on the will outside the timeline, making it easier to escape.

Even if Su Yu got trapped, as long as he used the Power of Time to leave the timeline, he could wake up.

Although if Su Yu got trapped and didn't use the Power of Time, he wouldn't wake up.

But since Su Yu had just become a Time Mechanic, encountering anomalies would surely prompt him to use the Power of Time to look at the past and future, triggering the previous process.

So Su Yu was destined to wake up before, with no luck involved!

Thinking of this, Su Yu smiled slightly to himself.

Just now, he was inwardly cursing the Ghost Emperor's treachery as insidious and unavoidable.

When in fact, Su Yu's own Power of Time isn't much worse, being just as tricky and unavoidable.

"In that case, I can safely return."

"As for what to do after returning? Then..."

Su Yu's mind shifted, and his consciousness detached from the Thought Space, returning to normal space-time.

When he returned, the time was still in that instant, and his body remained in place.

After Su Yu's consciousness returned to normal space-time, it first stayed outside the timeline and then was about to fall into the timeline and enter his body.

At this moment, his consciousness was still outside the timeline, temporarily unaffected by the Ghost Emperor's spiritual power.

However, as soon as his consciousness fell into his body, he would get caught again.

In that instant, Su Yu forcibly stopped the process, then activated the Power of Time, looking back to two minutes ago.

Two minutes ago, Su Yu had not yet returned to the Mechanical City and had not yet been trapped.

With a thought, Su Yu propelled himself two minutes back in time.

Two minutes ago, Su Yu had just discovered something wrong with the Mechanical City and was preparing to go back and check.

At this moment, a thought suddenly crossed his mind, and images from two minutes ahead, the process of getting caught, flashed through his mind.

Su Yu had already used the Power of Time to travel back to the time point two minutes earlier.

This time travel was completed by Su Yu himself using his own Power of Time, meaning he shouldered the cost and backlash himself.

But because the "distance" of travel was very short, the Power of Time consumed was not much, and the backlash was minimal, temporarily not affecting Su Yu's actions.

Su Yu smiled slightly and continued his journey toward the Mechanical City, maintaining the same path.

At the same time, he took out thirty Mechanical Energy Towers from the Manifestation Space! These were Su Yu's means of time travel!

All of these Mechanical Energy Towers were of the Third Rank.

Earlier, in the Dark Space-Time, because he frequently needed to experiment with time travel, Su Yu built many such towers. After each journey, the towers would break down and need rebuilding, so he made several extra as backups.

Now they could be put to good use!

Su Yu flew on while having Nuonuo fuse and enhance these energy towers to the Fourth Rank.

Then, Su Yu threw these energy towers out.

At this time, he was still over a thousand kilometers away from the Mechanical City.

Once released, these energy towers flew rapidly in all directions, even faster than Su Yu could fly!

Nuonuo had a flight capability itself; after fusion, these Mechanical Energy Towers also flew, and quickly, so Su Yu didn't need to transform them.

Su Yu wasn't flying at full speed, but these energy towers, boosted fully by Nuonuo, were incredibly fast.

By the time Su Yu was halfway there, all the Mechanical Energy Towers were in position.

They formed a wide circle over a thousand kilometers away, surrounding the Mechanical City and burrowing deep underground, completely hidden.

Once the Mechanical Energy Towers were positioned, Su Yu immediately received a signal.

"Such a strong resonance! It really is a planetary energy node!"

Su Yu thought to himself.

These Mechanical Energy Towers needed the resonance of planetary energy to achieve time travel.

They all had a strong sensing ability for planetary energy.

And now, from the signal Su Yu received, the resonance was very strong because the position of the Mechanical City was a node of planetary energy, with intense fluctuations.

Every moment, these fluctuations continued incessantly. Even though these energy towers were thousands of kilometers away from the Mechanical City, they could clearly sense the planet's energy fluctuations.

Using these fluctuations, those Mechanical Energy Towers could enable Su Yu to complete time travel, bearing the cost and backlash, without Su Yu needing to expend his power.

Moreover, this kind of crossing doesn't require waiting for specific time nodes of planetary energy fluctuations; it can be achieved at any time because the planetary energy fluctuates constantly.

However, these planetary fluctuations are relatively mild, so the "distance" of time travel is relatively short.

At most, it can travel about a dozen hours, less than a day.

Unless Su Yu specifically looks for moments of intense energy fluctuation, but that is unnecessary.

Ten hours are more than enough, and even ten minutes would suffice.

Besides, such short distance time travels result in minimal backlash, so these Mechanical Energy Towers won't break down after a single use and can be used multiple times.

Once everything was prepared, Su Yu felt reassured, smiled slightly, and flew toward the Mechanical City: "This should count as the Time Mechanic's first battle, right?"

"Ghost Emperor, let me see what tricks you're up to..."

Two minutes later, as time progressed, it reached [now].

Su Yu followed the original historical path and arrived near the Mechanical City; the previous arrangement of energy towers didn't take him much time.

He still followed the original development to reach here.

This was Su Yu's carefulness; he worried that Ghost Emperor could detect changes in history, so he tried not to alter history. As for those energy towers, being thousands of kilometers away, the Ghost Emperor probably didn't know.

So, theoretically, the Ghost Emperor hadn't noticed anything unusual yet.

According to the original historical development, Su Yu at this point used the Power of Time to observe the future of the Mechanical City, then saw the doomsday battle happening half an hour later, unavoidable, and immediately felt despair.

Now, it should replay again!

"I should be trapped now!"

Although Su Yu didn't feel anything unusual, he knew he definitely got caught.

Then, Su Yu forgot all his previous arrangements and instinctively activated his time sight, looking at the Mechanical City.

Then, Su Yu saw doomsday again, saw mountains of corpses and seas of blood, and fell into endless despair!

And then...

Su Yu woke up! Remembered everything!

It was the Mechanical Energy Towers, arranged far away, that started as per the pre-set program, taking Su Yu's consciousness off the timeline, waking him!

Outside the timeline, Su Yu smiled slightly.

Then, with a thought, Su Yu re-entered his body and returned to [now].

But after returning, Su Yu remained awake and then flew another second toward the Mechanical City.

Then again, Su Yu fell into despair.

Then the Mechanical Energy Towers activated once more, waking Su Yu again!

After several repetitions, the secretly observing Ghost Emperor could no longer sit still.

How could it be that Su Yu fell into the trap several times yet seemed completely unharmed?

Chapter 805: The Ghost Emperor's Past, Ambitions, and Brutality in Battle

Looking at Su Yu, who seemed completely unscathed, the Ghost Emperor found it unbelievable.

From the very first second Su Yu arrived, the Ghost Emperor had been pushing his spiritual power to the limit, frantically invading Su Yu's consciousness.

And Su Yu indeed fell for it; the Ghost Emperor could even sense Su Yu's emotions.

He could use this to guide Su Yu into an extreme self-destructive emotion, leading to his demise.

Just a moment's wait, and Su Yu would self-destruct and die.

After Su Yu's death, he would transform into a "ghost" to be used by the Ghost Emperor.

At that time, all of Su Yu's power, knowledge, and technology would belong to the Ghost Emperor!

Initially, everything was going smoothly, but Su Yu unexpectedly regained consciousness in an instant, breaking free from the influence of the spiritual power!

The Ghost Emperor was surprised but not panicked; he thought Su Yu must have some trump card that resisted the attack once.

So the Ghost Emperor immediately launched his spiritual power with full force again, invading Su Yu once more.

However, just like before, Su Yu fell for it again and then instantly regained consciousness.

Then there was the third time, the fourth time, the fifth time...

After a total of seven times, the Ghost Emperor could no longer bear it.

His spiritual power was nearly depleted!

This spiritual power, which could silently erode Su Yu, was of an extremely high level and had a very limited total amount.

He had accumulated it over ten thousand years, enough only for ten uses, and now only three remained.

Fail three more times, and it would be completely gone!

"How is this possible!"

"This power of Star Soul is the spiritual power extracted from the depths of planetary energy, inherently fifth-tier power; unless it's also fifth-tier, it's impossible to resist!"

The Ghost Emperor couldn't understand how Su Yu achieved all this!

The power he used to erode Su Yu was called "Power of Star Soul," essentially belonging to planetary energy.

However, this was an extremely special kind of planetary energy.

Simply put, it's the spiritual power of the planet!

Logically, a planet lacks consciousness, so where does spiritual power come from? But it exists!

According to the Ghost Emperor's research, a planet is actually a special kind of life form with consciousness.

But its consciousness, unlike humans or any life form, is completely incomprehensible to humans.

Moreover, a planet's consciousness turns extremely slowly; centuries might pass before a single thought forms, making it even harder to understand.

Thus, the planet's spiritual power is extremely thin and well-concealed; Su Yu had experienced a thousand cycles without discovering this power.

Even for the Ghost Emperor, it took years using his professional abilities and related technologies to collect this amount, making it his trump card.

Although this Power of Star Soul belongs to the fifth-tier of spiritual power, due to the planet's unique consciousness, its nature is very peaceful, allowing the Ghost Emperor to collect it.

If it were normal fifth-order experts' spiritual power, the first to be attacked would be the Ghost Emperor himself.

This Power of Star Soul didn't have such issues.

Moreover, this Power of Star Soul has another advantage: it is highly malleable.

From a human perspective, the planet's consciousness is a blank slate, and its spiritual power is also a blank slate.

It's like a blank piece of paper with nothing on it, no aggression, no defense.

If it fell into Su Yu's hands, it would hardly be of any use since Su Yu wasn't skilled in the spiritual domain.

But in the Ghost Emperor's hands, after being transformed, refined, reacted, synthesized with various spiritual abilities and technologies...

It finally turned into an extremely lethal spiritual weapon!

Once deployed, theoretically, it could kill a fourth-order top, nearly fifth-rank expert! Moreover, this Power of Star Soul would seize the opponent's memory and strength, turning them into a puppet controlled by the Ghost Emperor!

This was truly a powerful weapon of mass destruction, not to mention there were ten of them!

Moreover, this thing is invisible and intangible, making it impossible to guard against.

Especially on the planet's surface, once integrated into planetary energy, it becomes utterly undetectable.

After creating this, even the Ghost Emperor felt terrified.

If he were in the same situation and was ambushed by this thing, he might not survive. Even if he could withstand one, he couldn't withstand the second or third.

He was proficient in spiritual power himself and couldn't withstand it, let alone Su Yu?

Yet Su Yu withstood it!

So the question arose, how did Su Yu do it? Enduring seven attacks, seemingly unscathed!

It's simply unfathomable! Surely Su Yu couldn't actually be a fifth-order expert?

And after enduring seven attacks from the Power of Star Soul, Su Yu was cautiously observing all around.

"He's looking for me! He knows he was attacked!"

The Ghost Emperor felt a chill watching Su Yu like this.

Theoretically, even if he could withstand it, one would lose the memory of being attacked.

But Su Yu evidently retained his memory, clearly knowing he was attacked!

"This Su Yu is truly not to be underestimated, could he... really be a fifth-order expert?"

A possibility arose in the Ghost Emperor's mind.

Since Su Yu could withstand spiritual attacks theoretically only a fifth-order expert could withstand, there was only one possibility: he was a fifth-order expert!

"According to the memories of the Mechanical City's residents, Su Yu is suspected to be a revived strongman from ten thousand years ago? Could he really be that one? If so, it would explain everything..."

The Ghost Emperor mused internally.

The one he referred to naturally was Zhang Chenfeng.

The Ghost Emperor was nothing like Xiao Shengyin or Tie Long; he was a true ancient monster.

Chapter 806: The Ghost Emperor's Past, Ambitions, and Brutality in Battle (Part 2)

He knew well that if there was a revival of a strong presence on this planet, and one as formidable as Su Yu, it could only be Zhang Chenfeng.

Even though the Ghost Emperor distinctly remembered that Zhang Chenfeng should be dead and unlikely to revive, Su Yu's emergence left no other possibility!

If Su Yu has revived as a Fifth-Order Expert, then withstanding the attack from the Power of Star Soul would be very normal.

"Zhang Chenfeng...!"

Concluding that Su Yu was the revival of Zhang Chenfeng, the Ghost Emperor wasn't panicked; in fact, he grew somewhat excited!

He couldn't help but reminisce about the past.

A thousand years ago, when Zhang Chenfeng was still alive, the Ghost Emperor was nothing more than an unknown minor figure.

It was during that time that Zhang Chenfeng established the Second Empire, ruling the country with extreme military law and harshness.

No matter who dared to step into the starry sky, they would be blasted to death by Zhang Chenfeng.

In a short period, Zhang Chenfeng killed countless people; his hands were stained with blood, and he even eliminated many Fourth-Rank Strong Persons.

The terrifying power suppressed the entire planet, causing everyone to dare not speak out against him, and some didn't even dare to feel anger.

The power of a Fifth-Order Expert was truly too mighty! Too grand!

With human form rivaling that of celestial bodies and witnessing such a great power, anyone would feel despair, feeling invincible and compelled to submit.

However, back then, the Ghost Emperor, despite being weak with only a six-star strength, was extremely ambitious. Witnessing the power of Zhang Chenfeng, he was not afraid; instead, he felt much envy and desire.

He too wished to possess such power, hoping to surpass Zhang Chenfeng!

It was precisely due to this intense ambition that later the Brutal Evil God set sights on him, tempted him to cultivate Ghost Energy, which later led to the formation of the Ghost Empire.

The Brutal Evil God naturally didn't wish to kindly help the Ghost Emperor fulfill his dreams but wanted to utilize him for breaking through his seal.

If the breakthrough were successful, the Ghost Emperor would become the top warrior under Brutal.

Brutal quite admired the Ghost Emperor and had no plans to discard him after use.

But how could the Ghost Emperor settle for being under an Evil God?

On the surface, he was a loyal believer of the Brutal Evil God, with sincere devotion, but ever since the first day he accepted Brutal's "kindness," he's been preparing for a rebellion.

At the critical moment, Brutal demanded the Ghost Emperor to sacrifice the entire Ghost Empire for the arrival of the True God.

The Ghost Emperor didn't hesitate and immediately complied; he issued an order to gather up the entire population of the Ghost Empire in the Radiation Ghost City.

In the Ghost Empire, the commands of the Ghost Emperor were supreme divine decrees, and no one dared defy them.

Due to using Ghost Energy, the Ghost Empire faced a deteriorating environment and a drastically reduced population, but over two hundred million people remained on the entire planet.

In a short time, nearly all these people arrived in Radiation Ghost City.

The Ghost Emperor immediately began the sacrifice.

At first, it went smoothly; in the entire Ghost Empire, over two hundred million people began dying off in tens of millions!

The seal of Brutal was breaking under the power of sacrifice.

Simultaneously, Brutal also activated the power of its true form to break through internally!

Toward the end, Brutal's true body had even partially descended!

A thousand-meter giant with a Thousand Hands and Thousand Eyes stood over Radiation Ghost City!

This was not the consciousness fragment Su Yu fought against but was the true body!

Just by partially descending, it already possessed strength surpassing Fourth-Order Top.

It merely initiated its descent, and its overflowing aura nearly killed off most of the remaining Ghost Empire citizens.

In just a few moments, using the deaths of these people, the Brutal Evil God could truly break the seal and manifest in the world!

However, at the most critical point, when Brutal was about to truly break through the seal, the Ghost Emperor rebelled!

He was quick to strike first, slaying all the remaining Ghost Empire sacrifices!

This was not the correct procedure for the sacrifice; simply killing the sacrifices, Brutal could receive no power!

But that wasn't all; the Ghost Emperor gathered the lives and power of those sacrifices into one, transforming it into a formidable Ghost Energy, absorbing it, and forming a thousand-meter-tall Dark King to confront the Brutal Evil God!

It was equivalent to the Ghost Emperor changing the object of sacrifice to himself!

Faced with such an unexpected change, the Brutal Evil God was not enraged but rather filled with shock and confusion.

It did not expect its always-loyal subordinate would rebel!

How dare he rebel! How can he rebel!

In that instant, even the Brutal Evil God couldn't understand what was happening.

Knowing that the Ghost Emperor was a devoted believer of Brutal, praying to it daily, with heart and mind under its control.

Even the thoughts and memories of the Ghost Emperor could be reviewed by Brutal at any time.

Otherwise, how could Brutal trust the Ghost Emperor so much, granting him such powerful strength, and handing him the critical sacrificial ceremony?

How was such a Ghost Emperor capable of rebellion?

But he did rebel.

So, even the Brutal Evil God was shocked!

Seeing the rage and shock of the Brutal Evil God, the Ghost Emperor laughed; this moment was what he had plotted and pursued for years!

After the shock, Brutal immediately turned to rage!

It could not accept such deceit and betrayal easily!

It immediately acted against the Ghost Emperor; since he intercepted the power from the sacrifice, it would kill this traitor itself and complete the sacrifice personally!

This was precisely what the Ghost Emperor wanted; he had long desired a battle with Brutal! Since Zhang Chenfeng could fight against Brutal, then the Ghost Emperor could too!

Thus, the Ghost Emperor also made a move, battling the Brutal Evil God fiercely.

This great battle lasted a full ten days!

With their strength, they could engage each other thousands of times in an instant, and to fight such a long time without a decisive result showed the intensity of the battle.

Due to this great battle, the entire planet was shrouded in terrifying Radiation Ghost Energy, the surface civilizations' structures were all destroyed, and the remaining humans who didn't come to Radiation Ghost City were nearly extinct!

In the end, it was the Ghost Emperor who won; after all, the Brutal Evil God had not fully manifested, possessing only part of its power.

It was driven back into its seal, and because of this massive consumption, it even sustained some injuries and fell into slumber.

Its physical body was even crushed into fragments and blood mist by the Ghost Emperor, turning into radioactive clouds above the planet.

Although the Ghost Emperor won, he wasn't in good shape either, as the power from the sacrifice was entirely expended, he was grievously wounded, dying.

In fact, it wasn't just grievously wounded to the brink of death; he was already dead! Only a trace of spirit lingered on.

The entire Ghost Empire was almost entirely wiped out, except for some direct lineages the Ghost Emperor deliberately preserved, leaving just a few surviving remnants.

However, the Ghost Emperor felt immense satisfaction, for he had defeated such a terrifying Great Evil God!

After this grand battle, it was impossible for the Brutal Evil God to awaken and cause trouble for nearly ten thousand years.

Although the cost was heavy, with over a hundred million lives lost, the Ghost Emperor didn't care.

After all, if Brutal had truly broken the seal, it wouldn't be near extinction but real extinction. Even worse than total extinction, everyone would be transformed into Ghost Demons by Brutal, a fate worse than death.

"Hehe, I wonder how future generations will see this emperor? A Destroyer Tyrant? Or a Savior?"

"Zhang Chenfeng, this emperor understands your feelings a bit now..."

Severely wounded, the Ghost Emperor became somewhat sentimental, but quickly pulled himself together, cutting down any weakness.

"Whatever! This emperor will sleep to recover! Await revival..."

Subsequently, the Ghost Emperor used his last vestiges of power to make various arrangements.

Even though he had died, his powerful spirit remained undying, destined to revive once more.

When truly revived, he would dominate the planet, ascend to the Fifth Rank, completely suppress the Brutal Evil God, fulfilling what Zhang Chenfeng couldn't, truly surpassing him...

The recollection ended here and the Ghost Emperor focused his attention on the present.

He recalled this because he remembered his initial obsession: to surpass Zhang Chenfeng!

Originally, the Ghost Emperor felt some regret that Zhang Chenfeng died too early, and he had no chance to confront him.

Now, with Su Yu as Zhang Chenfeng's revival, he could make up for this regret!

Something long missing filled the Ghost Emperor's heart – the thrill of battle.

He wanted to kill Su Yu, this revival of Zhang Chenfeng, stepping over his corpse to ascend to the Fifth Rank, and then suppress the Brutal Evil God, completing the great cause Zhang Chenfeng unfinished! Then there would be no regrets!

Chapter 807: The Ghost Emperor's Full Power

"Attack with full force!"

The Ghost Emperor made up his mind.

Then, he took out the remaining three "Power of Star Soul" and looked at them, feeling a bit of heartache.

One Star Soul Power is enough to kill a Fourth-Order Top expert.

Originally, the Ghost Emperor thought that having so much Star Soul Power would be more than enough to deal with Su Yu.

But now, with only three left, Su Yu was still unscathed.

No way; I can't waste anymore. I must use it in a more efficient and dangerous way!

The Ghost Emperor's eyes hardened, and he actually activated all three Star Soul Powers at the same time!

However, he did not use them on Su Yu, but on himself!

When used on Su Yu, this Star Soul Power forced Su Yu into depression and despair, forcing him to commit suicide.

But when used on himself, the effect was to make the Ghost Emperor stronger! Stronger! Ever stronger!

This is somewhat similar to the so-called "hypnosis."

Hypnosis is a skill that ordinary people can master through training.

It involves using psychological suggestions to ignore pain and self-protection, unleashing power far beyond normal.

And if there is Spiritual Power involved for spiritual hypnosis, it becomes even stronger, even terrifying!

Back then, Su Yu faced "Li He," who was skilled in Spiritual Ability, capable of manipulating others, which also involved elements of hypnosis.

Now, the Ghost Emperor's use on himself was far more intense than mere hypnosis!

Using three Fifth-tier Star Soul Powers to hypnotize himself to become stronger!

Star Soul Power is a spiritual force extracted by the Ghost Emperor from planetary energy, with a high rank, reaching Fifth-tier.

Equivalent to the spiritual power of those like Zhang Chenfeng and the Brutal Evil God.

This power is extremely potent, and the Ghost Emperor usually dares not touch it much, previously only using it as a weapon.

But now, to defeat Su Yu, to defeat Zhang Chenfeng's Revival Body, and fulfill his millennia-long obsession, the Ghost Emperor disregarded everything.

He directly used the remaining three Star Soul Powers on himself!

Su Yu couldn't even withstand one Star Soul Power; if it weren't for the Power of Time, he would have died long ago.

The Ghost Emperor was now using three directly!

In an instant, the Ghost Emperor felt... he himself was about to die!

"No, I'm going to die..."

The Ghost Emperor felt his spiritual will being endlessly inflated, endlessly empowered!

Then, he was about to burst from the immense power!

Although the Ghost Emperor traveled further along the Fifth-tier path than Su Yu, he was ultimately not at the Fifth-tier.

Using three Fifth-tier spiritual powers for "hypnosis" on himself was almost suicidal!

The effect of those Star Soul Powers on the Ghost Emperor was indeed, as he wished, an enhancement.

This enhancement was on the level of spiritual power, directly amplifying the Ghost Emperor's spiritual force tenfold, hundredfold.

But this extreme enhancement was lethal.

The Ghost Emperor could not control such overpowering spiritual power at all.

Any random thought of his, like trying to utter a single word, would immediately be amplified by the powerful spiritual force into a roar!

If it were just a roar, it wouldn't matter—just a bit noisy.

The problem was, any thought or spiritual signal of the Ghost Emperor's would be infinitely amplified by the Star Soul Power.

Especially his powerful inner Spiritual Energy, which was commanded by spiritual will.

Now, the spiritual signals controlling the Spiritual Energy were crazily amplified, instantly causing the Spiritual Energy to rampage!

Originally, he just wanted to mobilize a little Spiritual Energy, but under the effect of spiritual amplification, it directly turned into blasting out half of his entire Spiritual Energy!

He hurriedly issued a signal to withdraw the Spiritual Energy, which resulted in that half of the Spiritual Energy violently rebounding back at him!

In short, the Ghost Emperor's Spiritual Energy was a total mess; in just a moment, he might lose control over the raging Spiritual Energy and self-destruct directly!

"No! I can't die, I won't die!"

Just before the Ghost Emperor was about to self-destruct, he let out a furious roar in his heart.

Overwhelming ambition and willpower surged endlessly from the depths of his consciousness, trying to forcibly control the out-of-control spiritual power!

In that instant, time froze infinitely for the Ghost Emperor, as if it lasted longer than a lifetime.

In that moment of endless suspension, the Ghost Emperor nearly got obliterated countless times by the rampant spiritual power, facing utter death.

Finally, driven by his intense obsession and willpower, he succeeded! He managed to overpower that rampant spiritual power, making it his own!

"Haha! I knew it! I knew I wouldn't die!"

"Even the Brutal Evil God couldn't control me before; how could just three strands of Star Soul Power kill me?!"

The Ghost Emperor burst into a frenzied laugh.

He indeed lived up to being someone who even the Brutal Evil God couldn't deal with, actually holding on against it.

With three Fifth-tier Star Soul Powers on him, not only did he survive, but he even made great progress in his strength!

The Ghost Emperor felt that his spiritual power had already reached the Fifth-tier level!

Although it was only the spiritual aspect reaching that level, it was enough to fill him with ecstatic joy!

"What incredible power! This is Fifth-tier spiritual power!"

At this moment, under the reinforcement of the three Star Soul Powers, he had temporarily entered the Fifth-tier realm!

Although only the spiritual power was at the Fifth-tier, it was still an extremely formidable force!

At this moment, the Ghost Emperor felt as strong as when he fought against brutality in the past! Maybe even stronger!

It should be known that back then, he sacrificed over a hundred million people to temporarily enhance himself to that level, just to defeat the partially descended Brutal Evil God.

Chapter 808: Ghost Emperor's Full Power (Part 2)

Now, the Ghost Emperor once again becomes strong to this extent, all just to deal with Su Yu alone!

Then, the Ghost Emperor looked at Su Yu with a fierce gaze, showing a cruel smile...

"Something's wrong!"

Su Yu feels something's off!

Because it's been a full ten seconds since the last spiritual attack, and during these ten seconds, Su Yu hasn't encountered any danger.

"It seems that the spiritual power of the Ghost Emperor is almost depleted!"

Su Yu thought to himself.

He had long known that the Ghost Emperor's powerful spiritual energy couldn't be infinite.

He had arranged the Time Energy Tower in the distance and then deliberately came over, just to deplete the spiritual power of the Ghost Emperor.

Now the goal has been achieved.

However, Su Yu knew that the Ghost Emperor surely wouldn't sit idly by and let Su Yu deplete his power completely. Seeing something was wrong, he would definitely make another move.

Now that the spiritual power is almost exhausted, the Ghost Emperor will definitely use other means!

What on earth could it be?

Su Yu watched his surroundings vigilantly, trying to find the trace of the Ghost Emperor.

His vision could see through past and future, yet he still couldn't find the figure of the Ghost Emperor.

Su Yu felt helpless; the Ghost Emperor's methods were indeed brilliant, even his ability to see through the timeline couldn't find a trace.

If he could find the Ghost Emperor, Su Yu could directly use the Power of Time to travel across time and conduct a temporal attack on the Ghost Emperor.

A time attack would be even more undefendable and dangerous than the Ghost Emperor's spiritual attack.

But if you can't find him, can't see him, no matter how strong you are, it's useless.

"Could it be that the Ghost Emperor isn't nearby and just left some spiritual energy here waiting for me?"

"If so, wouldn't the Ghost Emperor be in an invincible position?"

Looking around but unable to find the Ghost Emperor, such a thought couldn't help but arise in Su Yu's mind.

"But that's not necessarily the case."

"The Ghost Emperor's spiritual power, even now I can't see it, don't know where it comes from."

"If the Ghost Emperor's body is empowered this way, even if he stands right in front of me, I wouldn't notice."

"Even if I can see through past and future, but here and now, I can't see him, past and future, I can't see either."

"So, it's possible he's nearby..."

Another possibility flashed in Su Yu's mind.

The Ghost Emperor could be standing right in front of him, just invisible!

Whether in the past or the future, he is invisible.

Thinking of this, Su Yu was speechless.

Back when he had just been promoted to the Ghost Emperor Hidden Blade, he crafted the Brutal Battle Armor, one of the powerful functions of this armor is invisibility.

And now, Su Yu finally understands what his enemies felt back then.

Knowing a powerful enemy is approaching, but unable to see or touch it, is indeed frustrating.

Not knowing when the enemy will attack, how the enemy will attack, or even if the enemy attacked at all.

"Fortunately, I have the Power of Time..."

Su Yu thought to himself, not worried about not finding a trace of the Ghost Emperor, as he had the Power of Time anyway.

This power, whether in attack or defense, is nearly invincible.

At least, it is in the Fourth Rank.

In the distance, the thirty Mechanical Energy Towers arranged by Su Yu, in these ten seconds, faithfully activated ten times, allowing Su Yu to leave the timeline ten times to avoid possible danger.

This is a pre-set program by Su Yu, once per second, to prevent him from being influenced by spiritual attacks and not having time to give commands. If an emergency arises, Su Yu can also issue an instantaneous order to activate it in advance, making it completely safe, fearing no danger.

However, in these ten seconds, there was no danger after all.

These ten activations were all wasted.

"Fortunately, under such circumstances, the time rebound is very small, and those energy towers can still be used for a long time."

Su Yu estimated the consumption of those energy towers and concluded that with the current frequency of activation, once every second, they could last for another hour without any problem.

That is to say, those energy towers can still activate thousands of times! Wasting ten times or so doesn't matter at all.

The reason those Mechanical Energy Towers can still activate so many times is partly because after Su Yu took the position as a Time Mechanic, the technology of manufacturing Mechanical Energy Towers greatly improved, optimizing their blueprints many times, making them very durable.

Also, Su Yu only briefly left the timeline each time and then immediately returned.

This way, Su Yu neither alters history nor determines the future, so the time rebound is very small.

If Su Yu used those energy towers to truly accomplish time travel, crossing to the past or future, the backlash would be significant.

The further the "distance" to travel, the greater the backlash.

If one were to travel back or forth a decade or two, those energy towers would be rendered useless instantly.

Fortunately, Su Yu doesn't need to travel for that long; a fight with the Ghost Emperor probably only needs a few seconds of time travel, at most a few minutes.

That kind of time travel, Su Yu estimates, can be used a few hundred times without any problem.

Moreover, even if the energy towers run out of usage, Su Yu can use his own Power of Time to accomplish the travel.

Calculating these things in his mind, Su Yu felt at ease.

Even though he didn't know what tricks the Ghost Emperor was up to, with these back-ups, Su Yu was basically in an undefeated position, so what was there to worry about?

Unless the Ghost Emperor also mastered the Power of Time, would there really be a threat to Su Yu.

But Su Yu recalled his own near-death experience when taking the role of a Time Mechanic and felt it was impossible.

Unless the Ghost Emperor also had a Profession Panel, mastering the Power of Time at the Fourth Rank was a mere pipe dream.

"However, still need to be careful; the Ghost Emperor probably has grasped a bit of incomplete Power of Time..."

Su Yu was not complacent, because he recalled earlier, the Ghost Emperor infiltrating the Mechanical City using that "Time Projection".

Although the Ghost Emperor couldn't possibly truly master the Power of Time, he surely researched it.

Even creating a so-called Time Projection avatar.

And previously, the Ghost Emperor sending Su Yu to Dark Space-Time probably used related technology.

Su Yu guessed that the Ghost Emperor's research on the Power of Time might be similar to Su Yu's state before becoming a Time Mechanic.

At that time, Su Yu, though not yet a Time Mechanic, had already developed a time machine, able to use the power of machines to a certain extent to travel through time.

It's just that back then, Su Yu was still restricted by the rules of time.

Back then, if Su Yu traveled back to the past, it would cause historical divergence.

Traveling to the future, he couldn't determine the future, and he might not be able to return.

Under normal circumstances, mastering the Power of Time at the Fourth Rank should reach this degree; only partially mastered, with significant dangers and limitations.

The Ghost Emperor's research on the Power of Time should also be at this level.

Su Yu could become a Time Mechanic, integrate all fragmented histories, determine the future, and truly master the Power of Time, which was an anomaly that the Ghost Emperor couldn't possess.

Although the possibility that incomplete Power of Time threatens Su Yu is small, it's not nonexistent either.

So Su Yu remains cautious, always vigilant of his surroundings, maintaining the time perspective to observe past and future.

Little did Su Yu know, at this time, the Ghost Emperor had already quietly approached him, floating in front of him!

Just as Su Yu thought, the Ghost Emperor stood right in front of him, and he couldn't detect it at all!

Actually, the Ghost Emperor didn't have this ability before.

Previously, the Ghost Emperor used his abilities to carefully create a spiritual power barrier, achieving the effect of invisibility.

As long as he hid within the barrier, even a fellow Fourth Rank couldn't discover him.

However, this invisibility would be exposed if the Ghost Emperor approached Su Yu within a certain distance or initiated a spiritual attack on Su Yu, not truly invisible and shapeless.

In other words, he could only watch from afar, unable to approach, unable to attack.

Thus, the Ghost Emperor had been using the Power of Star Soul to attack and didn't utilize other means because other means would expose his position.

He was cautious enough.

And now, after the Ghost Emperor used the Power of Star Soul on himself three times, his power underwent immense changes!

He completely transformed his body into a shapeless and formless spiritual power! Truly becoming a "ghost"!

Now, the Ghost Emperor truly lived up to his name!

Transforming into a ghost, the Ghost Emperor circled Su Yu once, a grim smile on his face.

"Su Yu, whether you are Zhang Chenfeng or not, you are dead this time!"

Then, the Ghost Emperor unleashed his ability on Su Yu.

Without any energy fluctuations, Su Yu's body directly disappeared.

He was dead!

Chapter 809: Revival

Spiritual power generally has two developmental directions.

The first is telekinesis, which Su Yu is quite skilled at.

As a Mechanic, when creating machines, he often doesn't need any tools or melters. He can directly use spiritual telekinesis to decompose and reforge various materials. With a mere thought, the machine is completed, making it incredibly convenient.

The second development direction is a pure Spiritual Domain, such as hypnosis, illusion techniques, mind reading, etc. This is somewhat similar to the data field, but also different.

Data and spirit, after all, have some distinctions.

The Ghost Emperor specializes in the second type, focusing on spiritual hypnosis, manipulation, illusions, and so on.

This kind of spiritual power targets only the spirit, making it challenging to have any impact on physical reality.

Earlier, Su Yu faced an attack by the Power of Star Soul, which only drove him to despair and suicide. Besides that, Su Yu didn't suffer any other harm at all, not a single hair fell.

This power has significant limitations.

But what happens if this power reaches its extreme?

This can be referenced by the abilities of the data domain.

Su Yu is very proficient in data manifestation, which not only allows him to manifest matter but also create spaces, turning intangible data into tangible reality.

When spiritual ability reaches its apex, it can be used similarly.

And that is... to alter [reality]!

Using one's own will to dictate reality! No longer mere illusions or hypnosis!

This is not data manifestation.

Data manifestation is essentially false and requires energy to sustain.

Spiritual manipulation of reality is completely real; once altered, it can remain forever without any falseness.

This ability is exceedingly powerful, outrageously defying nature, hence starting at the Fifth Rank!

After using three strands of Power of Star Soul, the Ghost Emperor managed to enhance his spiritual power to such an extent.

Although it's uncertain how long it can last, at the very least, at this moment, the Ghost Emperor possesses the tremendous power to alter reality spiritually!

Thus, with just a thought from the Ghost Emperor, Su Yu simply vanished! Su Yu died!

"I died?"

In an instant, Su Yu realized this fact, he died!

Theoretically, his consciousness should have utterly dissipated.

Because the Ghost Emperor's alteration of reality was so formidable that it annihilated even Su Yu's body, spirit, and even the subspace domain, causing him to vanish completely.

Normally, with the power of a Fourth-rank Strong Person, even in death, the spirit can persist for a while and could possibly revive years later.

But dying under the Ghost Emperor's reality alteration meant that both the body and spirit disintegrated completely, leaving no residual will. Death was absolute!

Yet, Su Yu's will remained!

Because he is a Time Mechanic, mastering the Power of Time.

Su Yu's consciousness actually does not rely on the body or spirit to exist but resides on the timeline.

Long before assuming the role of Time Mechanic, Su Yu could loop his consciousness continuously over twenty years of history.

His will formed a line on the timeline, not confined to any one point in time.

The death of Su Yu at a certain point in time might merely shorten this [line segment], not resulting in actual death.

Such was the case now, with Su Yu's body and spirit completely annihilated by the Ghost Emperor, truncating his timeline [segment].

Su Yu's line segment ceased to extend forward, deprived of a future.

Su Yu had no future, but he still had a past.

Like the time he, due to an experiment in Dark Space-Time, inadvertently killed himself, causing his body and spirit to vanish completely.

Yet he could loop through history a thousand times, ultimately returning successfully.

But now, with Su Yu already a Time Mechanic, things aren't that complicated.

With just a thought, he can consume the Power of Time to return to the past and alter history, like not going to the Mechanical City, thereby avoiding death altogether.

Or traverse to the future, [decide] that future, and thereby create a new future out of nothingness, resurrect and be reborn.

For Su Yu, resurrection is simple, merely consuming some Power of Time, and those Time Energy Towers can do it for him, with the backlash still within tolerable limits.

Or one could say, fundamentally he wasn't truly dead, it was like losing some blood, just needed to stop the bleeding.

But, for now, Su Yu hadn't done so, instead, he was contemplating.

Because he still didn't understand how he had died, how it happened?

If he recklessly resurrects without clarifying this, he would only die again and, if not careful enough, might even alert the Ghost Emperor to his abilities!

So far, the Ghost Emperor still doesn't know that Su Yu has mastered the Power of Time.

Because Su Yu has always been very cautious, crossing time only once in the Ghost Emperor's presence, going back just two minutes.

Even then, Su Yu carefully played along with history after the traversal, not slipping up.

Though Su Yu released thirty Energy Towers in a secluded place post-traversal, it was insignificant as long as no one saw it happen.

If someone saw it, that would mean altering others' history, causing them to split into two historical timelines and [now] merge into one.

For ordinary people, even Third-rank Transcendents, they can't detect the splitting and merging of historical timelines at all, which isn't a big deal, and even has a slight benefit, as merging timelines enhances power.

But for a powerful being like the Ghost Emperor, if Su Yu were to directly alter history in his presence, the Ghost Emperor would surely detect the historical changes and thus uncover Su Yu's abilities.

Chapter 810: Awakening_2

If the Ghost Emperor discovers Su Yu's abilities, it would be troublesome.

This guy definitely has research on the Power of Time and might make specific arrangements against it.

Or the Ghost Emperor might find Su Yu's abilities too powerful and directly escape, remaining invisible, to avoid being detected by Su Yu.

If the Ghost Emperor remains hidden, no matter how strong Su Yu's Power of Time is, it would be useless if he can't find him.

At that time, the Ghost Emperor is in the dark, and Su Yu is in the light, eventually leading to an ambush.

Although even if Su Yu falls into an ambush and dies, he can still be resurrected, it is ultimately still a hassle.

Perhaps if he dies enough times, the Ghost Emperor would find a way to kill Su Yu permanently.

Actually, Su Yu has another option, which is to travel back further in the past, a year ago when he last faced the Ghost Emperor face-to-face.

At that time, the Ghost Emperor wasn't hiding, and Su Yu could directly engage in battle.

But the problem is, even if Su Yu travels back, if he doesn't understand the Ghost Emperor's abilities, he still can't win and would still be killed.

If he can't kill the Ghost Emperor in history, it won't significantly change history, at most causing the Ghost Emperor to split into a new timeline and merge in the [now].

It might even become stronger because of it.

Unless Su Yu wants to travel back ten thousand years when the Ghost Emperor was still weak and kill him then, but that would be too costly for Su Yu to bear.

Traveling back two years when the Ghost Emperor hadn't revived yet is also not feasible, as Su Yu doesn't know where the Ghost Emperor was hiding at that time, as his invisibility is too strong.

Su Yu has another option, which is to endlessly travel back a year repeatedly to change the Ghost Emperor's history, forcing the Ghost Emperor to split into countless timelines and unable to merge in the [now], thus killing him.

But the Ghost Emperor is incredibly powerful with many methods, who knows if there's a way for him to resist this timeline split.

If time splitting cannot kill the Ghost Emperor, it will alert him early of Su Yu's abilities.

After all, every change in history will reflect in the [now].

So for Su Yu to kill the Ghost Emperor, it's best in the [now] or the [future].

"The key is still to figure out how I died, to understand the Ghost Emperor's abilities..."

Such thoughts spun in Su Yu's mind.

Information! For Su Yu right now, information is the most important!

However, no matter how Su Yu recalled, there was no sign at the instant when the Ghost Emperor killed him just now.

No fluctuations, truly just death as one would say.

No way, with a thought, Su Yu's consciousness returned to the past.

A little over two minutes ago, Su Yu just noticed an anomaly in the Mechanical City and was preparing to check it out.

Then Su Yu's consciousness returned to this moment.

This is the second time he's returned to this point.

"Try again."

Su Yu muttered to himself.

He has many chances after all; if one death yields no information, another will.

Next, Su Yu once again "played out" the original history, first returning to the vicinity of the Mechanical City, then withstanding seven attacks of the Power of Star Soul.

And naturally, according to the historical development, the Ghost Emperor used three Star Soul powers to strengthen his spiritual power to Fifth Rank, gaining the ability to alter reality.

Two minutes later, the exact moment before Su Yu's death arrived again.

"Here it comes!"

Su Yu held his breath, gathering his spiritual power to its limit, determined to see clearly how he ultimately died.

A moment later, Su Yu died again.

"Died again... still no clues."

Su Yu wasn't discouraged.

Returned two minutes prior once more.

The last death and return to two minutes prior utilized his original body's Power of Time.

This second death, however, was preset on those Energy Towers to activate at this moment, allowing Su Yu to cross over using Mechanical Power, saving too much use of his own Power of Time.

Then, Su Yu started the loop again, dying the third time, fourth time, fifth time...

In mere two-minute spans, Su Yu quickly cycled over ten times, meticulously observing and analyzing the process of his death.

This many times of observation was enough for him to sense something amiss.

Through tens of deaths and careful observation, Su Yu finally discovered the secret of the Ghost Emperor's power.

He realized his death was extraordinary.

His body vanished into thin air, with no apparent process.

Both Spiritual Energy and spirit, along with the molecules and cells making up his body, disappeared simultaneously in an instant.

Moreover, Su Yu's body wasn't shattered by some powerful energy into Basic Particles, but truly vanished.

It was as if he was never there.

After Su Yu's disappearance, theoretically, the original location should become a vacuum without air or material.

Then air would automatically fill the space, causing a small air explosion.

But none of that happened.

After Su Yu vanished, no air filled the original space; it just had regular air as if it was always there.

As if Su Yu was never there, just normal air was.

"Interesting."

"This seems almost like my history alteration."

Su Yu could do such a thing as well by altering someone's history, causing them to split into numerous timelines, ultimately unable to merge and vanishing in the [now].

This outright changes reality, resulting in matter disappearing and the space filled with air.

Su Yu himself once died in an experiment in a similar situation.

Su Yu manipulating Time can achieve this, but it's curious how the Ghost Emperor manages it; what's the principle behind it?

"My Power of Time allows disappearance, essentially by altering history to decide the [now]."

"Does the Ghost Emperor change the [now] directly?"

"Could spiritual power bring about the ability to alter reality and define the [now] if strong enough?"

"No wonder he can kill me instantly..."

Su Yu's computational and analysis capabilities are exceedingly powerful.

Just this hint let him deduce the truth!

The Ghost Emperor's power is to decide the [now] and alter reality!

The more Su Yu thought about it, the more it seemed plausible.

He has the Power of Time and is a Manifestation Mechanic.

Altering reality through the Power of Time is part of his domain.

And data manifestation by Manifestation Mechanic, though not as strong, is similar to altering reality, just fictitious.

But Su Yu wonders if data manifestation got powerful enough, would it no longer be fictitious but real!

And if the spiritual domain resembling data domain grows potent, altering reality wouldn't be surprising.

"Good thing I didn't attempt to attack the Ghost Emperor with history."

Upon conjecturing the Ghost Emperor's abilities, Su Yu felt grateful for his cautiousness.

Even if Su Yu alters the Ghost Emperor's history to split him into countless timelines unable to merge, causing him to vanish here in [now] completely,

the Ghost Emperor still has the power to alter reality and decide the [now].

He can forcibly alter reality and change the fact of his disappearance!

The Ghost Emperor indeed has the capability to resist history attacks!

If Su Yu attacked with history, not only would it fail to kill him, it would reveal his own information to him.

Fortunately, none of that happened.

"This fellow is truly formidable, to be so strong."

Su Yu was somewhat impressed, wondering how the Ghost Emperor achieved it.

And how to deal with such a powerful Ghost Emperor?

"No matter what, the Ghost Emperor's power likely has limits, can't last long, or has usage counts..."

"Then to deal with him is simple... go to the future!"

With a thought, Su Yu crossed over again.

This time, not to the past, but to the future!

At the [now] time point, in the two-minute cycle, time has moved forward by a millionth of a second.

The future Su Yu headed to was two millionths of a second later.

Two millionths of a second after Su Yu's "death," his body appeared out of thin air.

In this future, the Ghost Emperor just altered reality, killed Su Yu, and was ready to laugh heartily when suddenly his smile froze.

How is Su Yu alive again?