

World Plot 1661

Chapter 1661: 22.47 Third Red Star - Night Market

The God of Void and the World Eater didn't even know what happened after they left. They head to the main city and pretend to be commoners among the others. They wanted to find a way to mix themselves among the humans. It wasn't that hard; they only needed to wear a disguise, look ordinary, and act ordinary. However, the ones coming outside are only those who are working for the sake of money and those who come out to buy things.

In the middle of the night, an unexpected night market was opened in the main city. Everyone is allowed to visit, and the things sold in this market are mostly things from the deceased clans from the homicide case. That's why there are lots of police mixed among the others. Ye Xiajie and An Shizhe were among the crowd.

Ye Xiajie said, "It was right of you not to bring Jing'er in this place. He hates crowds and dirt the most."

"Going to such places is enough for us to do. Moreover, what is he going to do by coming with us? Do you want him to become a target? Those old bastards hate anything that has anything to do with chaos," said An Shizhe.

Ye Xiajie asked, "Those ancient souls... Why do they hate the Ancient God of Chaos?"

"The Ancient God born from the Chaos is the peak of strength. All ancient gods see him as their lord, their protector. Just because he is the strongest among them. Sounds ridiculous, isn't it?" said the World Eater, An Shizhe.

Ye Xiajie said, "The weak always think that the powerful need to protect. Even though those in power had no responsibility to protect them."

"Right! That's why I killed them all," said An Shizhe.

The God of Void showed no surprise that the World Eater took this choice. After all, if he were in his shoes, he would most likely have done the same thing. Why does his beloved have to protect strangers that have nothing to do with them? It's not like he was the only god in the first place; they are all gods themselves. A god asking another god for protection when you don't even have a blood connection or any relationship.

The world eater glanced at him, watching his behavior, and said, "You don't seem to be offended? Well, you are an evil god; your choice would most likely be the same as mine."

"Not only me. My wife would have done the same. But the gods before would most likely not make that choice; that's why you ended up becoming their sole enemy," said Ye Xiajie.

The World Eater halted his strides and said, "Yes. I've never regretted my decision. My only regret is that my beloved chose to end himself for my sake. Moreover, it was because I failed to protect myself that he had to protect me and get hurt because of my own carelessness. At that moment, I feel that I am the most useless man in the world."

The God of Void turned silent in this world. It can be said that he and this man are truly similar to one another.

"You think you and I are similar, don't you?" said An Shizhe.

The God of Void didn't respond, but this silence was like a silent agreement to the World Eater's words.

The World Eater said, "Don't you know? It is impossible for ancient gods to be born with the same powers. This is the same for other gods. They would have mutated in another way or so. Those from the same bloodline had similar elements, but their main elements differed from one another. This is a mutation."

Seeing the stunned look of the God of Void, the World Eater sniggers at him.

"You said that you are my soul fragment, even so you don't fear me or feel like you are under me. All soul fragments are subordinate to the original. However, the power of gluttony in you is indeed mine. That's why you are weird. Is the power of gluttony in you something you have with you? Or something given to you?" asked An Shizhe.

The God of Void thought for a moment. This power is indeed something that he was born with. It was something he could use after meeting 'him' in that broken world.

"It was something given by someone who looked exactly like myself in some broken world. He even pulled me in some kind of past time where I had become you," said Ye Xiajie.

The World Eater felt a bit weird. This man is supposed to be his soul fragment, and there is no way his other fragments will seek him. They only seek me, the original, or something who was born from me and with bloodline. All of a sudden, An Shizhe grabbed Ye Xiajie's wrist.

He said, "Don't move. There is something I would like to check. Let me check your soul for a moment."

The God of Void has no say as the World Eater enters his soul domain. But before he could find what he wanted to see, he felt a power that is similar to both his and his lover, Hunluan. He was forcibly taken out of Ye Xiajie's soul domain. All he can remember is a pair of silver eyes with the similar hidden madness he possessed.

In reality, An Shizhe gasped as he instantly let go of the God of Void's hand. When he looked at the bewildered face of Ye Xiajie, what caught his eyes were those black snowflakes that appeared on the young man's face, glowing as if warning him. He couldn't help but laugh.

The World Eater laughed happily and said, "I see. That's how it is. No wonder. It's no wonder, I cannot bring myself to kill him. You were all along our..."

Before he could complete his world, a sudden commotion happened. The people are suddenly running away, while the police are hurriedly running over towards the scene armed. On the other hand, they heard the shouting in the background.

"Run! Run! It's that unknown!"

"The unknown monster had appeared."

"Fuck! He really smells like something rotten! Blergh~"

"Damn! I saw him change his body. That creepy~"

The God of Void and the World Eater immediately made their move and jumped towards the Ancient Soul that finally appeared before them. It just changed its body and is now using a female commoner to mix with the crowd. Even though its vessel doesn't reek anything rotten yet, it won't be able to escape the eyes of the God of Void, who handles sinners' souls ever since the creation of the Nether Prison. The police, of course, saw them, and half of them went on their trail.

The World Eater asked, "Which is it?"

"The young lady in braids and a plain white dress!" answered the God of Void.

The World Eater, An Shizhe, chose not to use gluttony to catch the Ancient Soul. Instead, he uses his current vessel's power as a sea dragon, like the God of Void. He controlled the water in the vicinity instantly, trapping the young lady in a braid. With a gesture, a huge waterball imprisoning a female human was imprisoned inside.

Before An Shizhe and Ye Xiajie made their next move, they were suddenly surrounded by policemen pointing their guns at them.

Click!

"Police! Don't move!"

"Raise your hands!"

"Don't make unnecessary movements!"

"Give us that young lady!"

The God of Void and the World Eater looked at the police with disdain; this is especially true for An Shizhe, who never saw himself as equal to mortals. After all, he is born as an ancient god and a menace that is feared even by the gods.

"Just what are these mortals thinking when they point such a toy in front of this deity?" said the World Eater, An Shizhe.

The police were confused at first when they were suddenly called mortals by the ugly man until they saw him remove his disguise, looking so much like the former general yet with crimson dragon eyes. They instantly realized that this man before him is most likely not human.

A police captain shouted, "Don't shoot!"

"Ah! M-Monster...!?"

Bang!

A gun trigger was pulled despite the actions of the other police trying to stop their officers from shooting; however, it's too late. The World Eater, An Shizhe, just snorted, and a wall made of water blocked the bullet. He looked at the young man who shot him with contempt in his eyes.

"I told you this kind of toy is useless against me~" said An Shizhe as he flicked the bullet back to the young police officer, but a veteran immediately raised a bulletproof portable shield in front, blocking the bullet.

The World Eater said, "Oh~ it's block. Just how many can you block though? I won't forgive you for trying to steal my prey~"

"Old man, calm down," said the God of Void, Ye Xiajie.

For some unknown reasons, the World Eater complies with his words, albeit a bit unwillingly.

"Whatever, my prey is mine. No one can take it away," said An Shizhe.

Ye Xiajie also removed his disguise, which startled everyone in the area as they recognized him. The police were shocked, and the crowd was dumbfounded upon seeing him without the disguise on his face.

"Put down your weapons! This man is not an enemy!" said the God of Void.

"Lord General Ye!?"

Chapter 1662: 22.48 Third Red Star - You killed him?!

The appearance of the former general Ye Xiajia caused a commotion in the whole night market. Even the police officer temporarily forgot about An Shizhe and the young lady he had seized. Everyone was so excited that they finally saw the former general after his abdication. In the eyes of these common people, this man is a symbol of strength. The person who stood at the forefront to protect their human race. But because they offended his beloved, he had turned his back on them and even left his position just to protect the mermaid king.

Now, they saw him hiding his true face, accompanied by a man that isn't even human but capturing humans. After a short moment of remembrance, they finally realized that this person is no longer the guardian of the human race.

Ye Xiajie whispered to An Shizhe, "Old man, don't move. We are returning to the mansion." He grabbed the latter's wrist and borrowed his wife's ability to teleport and return to the general's mansion.

Unfortunately, this man's compatibility with space elements is the worst, and this leads to them getting teleported. However, they weren't teleported into the general's mansion as intended, but fell near the sea from the sky. The two men were caught off guard and are now falling from the sky.

Whoosh~

The World Eater rolled his eyes at this result and said, "Brat, if you can't use the space element, then don't use it to teleport. Which of your eyes sees that this is your mansion?"

"Hm~ that's weird. Sometimes, I get the coordinates right. Is it a failure this time? I truly have no compatibility with space elements," murmured the God of Void and didn't even care that they were falling into the sea.

Under them, the sea started to swirl as if something under it was moving. They were halfway near the water when a huge mouth of a humongous shark opened its mouth, intending to eat them. However, the two men, even the possessed soul of the young lady in braids, look at this scene with cold, emotionless eyes. In the sight of these high beings, even a shark this large is no different from an ant.

The world eater said, "This is barely enough to be called a snack. Brat, catch this! Don't let it escape."

After saying these words, An Shizhe threw the prey towards the God of Void and morphed into a black sea dragoon with violet scales. His size as a sea dragon is ten times larger than it. He opened his mouth and chomped on the large shark, even chewing it and finally swallowing it. The God of Void gains his balance and floats in the air using his qi.

Ye Xiajie said, "Stop eating indiscriminately, old man. Are we done now? I want to go home."

"You lazy brat! There are still a lot of them out there. Give me that kid. I'm going to devour it," said the World Eater.

The God of Void nonchalantly threw the young lady in his hand to the open mouth of the large sea dragon. There is no hesitation at all. As those whose bodies were taken over, without proper interference from the upper realm, are all considered dead once their bodies are stolen. Just the fact

that from the young lady's last moment, what came out of her mouth wasn't a scream from a young lady, but a hoarse, raspy voice of an old man.

Ye Xiajie asked, "Where are we going next?"

"Of course, to continue hunting," said An Shizhe.

Sigh~

In a while, the two of them returned to the land, ignoring the eyes of the sea creatures. These sea monsters didn't attack them, as the Sea God only commanded the attack on humans. These two are clearly not humans at all. When the two returned to the land, they once again wore a new disguise and hunted for the other ancient god souls in the land. In one night, they only caught three. Two were devoured by the World Eater, while the other was devoured by the God of Void. It was already dawn when the two of them returned to the gates of the general's mansion.

The World Eater pats the shoulder of the God of Void and says, "Brat, come hunt with me again tomorrow night."

"I don't want to. I want to sleep with my wife tomorrow night. How about you go to the royal palace? Now that there aren't many small nobles to take over, they would most likely target the high nobles and the current king," said the God of Void.

All of a sudden, the two of them started talking as they smelled the scent of blood lingering in the area. They looked around and found traces of human feet on the ground and also very small strips of flesh only visible when merged at a certain amount.

"A scent of blood? Someone was killed here," said An Shizhe.

The God of Void noticed the blade intent that can cut anything. This is the ability of Juedi. He said, "Jing'er used Juedi. If he extracted the soul, then it can only be an ancient god's soul. Old man, you didn't notice you were being followed here!"

"Don't get angry. Your wife is even fiercer than you are. What are you so afraid of?" The World Eater said.

Ye Xiajie hurriedly entered the territory, but as if the owner of the barrier knew that they had arrived, the barrier opened a hole for them to enter. Upon entering the mansion, they saw Hei Anjing holding a bowl of white cheese-flavored popcorn watching horror movies with his friend, Greene, and Yun Ming. As for the Chief Warden, Lou Wuye, Lang, and Xiong were in the training hall exercising. Ye Xiajie and An Shizhe looked at them, looking a bit taken aback.

The God of Destruction said, "Oh, your back. Welcome home. Do you want some popcorn?"

"I'm home," said the God of Void, and he picked up his wife, took a seat in his place, and placed him on his lap, hugging him from behind.

Approaching the couple, "Child, it's not good to eat too much snack at midnight," said the World Eater as he ate more than half of the popcorn in the bowl.

Hei Anjing didn't care that his bowl was half empty and even passed black coffee to his husband and An Shizhe. Normally, this kind of service was something the God of Void would receive from the God of Destruction. Now, there is another one, which is a surprise for Yun Ming and Greene. Of course, Ye Xiajie also noticed, but for some reason he didn't mind at all.

The God of Destruction asked, "How many have you caught?"

"Only three. The old man ate two plus a huge shark," said the God of Void.

Hei Anjing pulled out a struggling soul out of nowhere and gave it to his husband, "Here. You can devour this. I've cleansed its soul; you can absorb it easier."

"Thank you, baby~" said the God of Void as he happily took the soul his wife gave him.

However, before he absorbed it, it was devoured by An Shizhe instead. He happily munches on it while giving Ye Xiajie a taunting glance.

"Indeed~ a cleansed ancient soul is better than the bitter one covered in resentment," said the World Eater.

The God of Void said, "Old man, that's mine!"

"Heh~ I've already eaten it; what can you do?" taunted An Shizhe.

The one in between them, Hei Anjing, could only sigh and passed another one to his husband, "Here, eat this one instead." He had to stop the fight between the two, and thankfully that man he killed had two souls with him. They seem to be lovers and are sharing one body.

Only then did the two men stop their childish fight. Yun Ming and Greene were a bit afraid of the World Eater, as his presence alone was enough to overwhelm them. The two gestured to Hei Anjing that he would retire for the night and left after saying goodnight. In the end, only the couple, Hei Anjing and Ye Xiajie, as well as An Shizhe, remain in the living room.

The World Eater asked, "So, what do you guys plan to do about the situation? Though we won't be affected by the destruction of the world, the humans under your protection will die if that happens."

"I don't really care much. They are strangers after all," said the God of Destruction.

The God of Void turned serious all of a sudden and said, "The fragment of the Ancient God of Chaos must be taken back or our trial will fail. Jing'er, it will definitely affect you if we fail."

"Don't worry. He will come to us when he is done here, as he has no other place to go," said the God of Destruction.

The World Eater asked, "What kind of trial are you undergoing?"

"The trial of resurrection," answered Hei Anjing.

Startled for a moment, the World Eater frowned and questioned them, "What do you mean by resurrection? Who died among the two of you?"

"Both of us. Me first and Jing'er second. After Jing'er resurrected me, he was badly injured and needed to die as a prerequisite for the final stage of the first phase of the trial," said Ye Xiajie. He didn't hide the fact that he was forced to kill his beloved.

The World Eater is not a fool and instantly understood the meaning of the God of Void's words. Anger appeared on his face as he looked at Ye Xiajie. The latter didn't avoid this fierce glare, but he still feels guilty in his heart.

"You killed him?!" He asked in rage.

Chapter 1663: 22.49 Third Red Star - Real Gluttony

"You killed him?!"

The cold and terrifying voice from the World Eater echoes in the whole room. Such a deep tone with hints of anger and negativity. As if answering 'Yes' would lead to this man falling in rage. However, the one who asked was fearless and honest. This is something the God of Void could lie about, and he, himself, was not willing to lie.

Meeting the fierce eyes of the World Eater, An Shizhe, the God of Void answers, "Yes."

Tsk!

As expected, the older man was angry and stretched his hand to grab the neck of Ye Xiajie. There is anger imprinted on his face, as if he wanted to kill the younger man within his line of sight. However, before he was able to touch the neck of the God of Void, a slender hand blocked and pushed away his hand. Which caught everyone by surprise, the World Eater and the God of Void, looked at the God of Destruction that was in between them both.

Slap!

Hei Anjing said, "Don't blame him! I made him do it as he is not even willing to think of such a thing! But if we don't do it, his trial will fail and he will not get resurrected. I made the choice and forced him into it. Don't hurt him. He is my other half. Harming him is hurting me!"

It was only at this moment that An Shizhe, whose eyes were clouded with rage, slowly calmed down and lowered his hand as he looked at those familiar-looking silver eyes with crimson linings. Every time he saw this pair of eyes, the World Eater recalled the very same person he loved and possessed a similar shade of eyes. Someone whom he misses badly and had given his whole being to, including his love and his life.

"I'm sorry," Ye Xiajie, upon seeing An Shizhe's reaction, couldn't help but apologize. But he didn't know why he felt he needed to say these words to this older man.

"It's because... I'm...weak," mumbles the God of Void.

The God of Destruction said, "You are not weak, and you aren't at fault either! That is something that is included in the process of the Trial of Resurrection. One must die to be reborn. This trial involves two people. I was destined to die at the end of the final stage of the first phase of the Trial of Resurrection!"

"Who made this ridiculous trial?" asked An Shizhe.

Hei Anjing answered, "Divine Laws."

"Who are the divine laws?" asked An Shizhe.

"Who else is it? It's your other half. You're wife!" said Hei Anjing.

The World Eater, "....."

Ye Xiajie was hearing this for the first time and asked, "Really?"

"Ancient Gods had roles and that's how they are born from the cosmos. The Ancient God of Origin signifies the beginning and birth, while the Ancient God of End signifies conclusion and death. The World Eater signifies endless gluttony. Devouring everything to its extermination. Most laws that restrain the Gods are created by the Ancient God of Chaos. As chaos is born from the origin and the end itself, he exists to balance all existences. That's why chaos energy can evolve a world or can cause destruction to it. The strongest Ancient God. Thus, all other gods are to follow the laws he created. He has the original power of creation. Thus, creating laws is not a surprise," explained Hei Anjing.

The World Eater spoke, "You know a lot about the ancient times. As if you were born during that period."

Hei Anjing showed no strange reactions at the words of An Shizhe. He remains composed and calm. Showing that he isn't involved in anything primordial. However, is that truly true? This is the thought the World Eater possessed at this moment.

Hei Anjing said, "I might have been reborn multiple times. If you want to know about the original origins, then only one person might be able to give you an answer. Unfortunately, you are currently unable to meet. We would like to take a rest now. Please feel free to take any empty guest rooms if you wish to stay. You are also free to leave as you will. Have a pleasant day."

After saying these words, the God of Destruction and the God of Void disappeared on the spot, leaving only An Shizhe in the living room. An Shizhe turned quiet as if falling through his deepest thoughts.

Suddenly he mumbles in the darkness, "Sly as a fox. A bit similar to me~"

He also disappeared a few moments after he murmured these words in the darkness. As for where he had gone, no one else knows. The World Eater had always been as free as the wind. Just appearing anywhere and disappearing as he wishes to. In reality, he reappeared just above the mansion, which he was in just now. Looking down at the land under his eyes, he stares at a certain point where Hei Anjing and Ye Xiajie reside.

The World Eater, An Shizhe, said, "I haven't returned to my peak. But the potency of my aura can terrify them. That brat will protect you instead of me."

He controlled the power of gluttony, and a dark purple aura gathered around him. This aura flew down to where the young couple were and finally entered the body of the God of Void, increasing his affinity and power to devour. Normally, such a potent aura can instantly turn one mad. But for the God of Void, which is protected by the blessing of marriage, all negativity had no effects on him. This includes the side effect of madness for using gluttony as his ability. After seeing what he wanted, he took his leave.

In the master's bedroom, the couple had just changed their clothes and waited for the water to turn hot to take a bath before going to sleep.

Ye Xiajie asked, "Baby, is it alright to leave him there alone?"

"He is busy regaining his former powers. He will not stay as it is," said Hei Anjing. "My love, are you not going to ask why I act so kindly at him?"

The God of Void hugged him and said, "I love you. Thus, those whom you wanted to treat kindly, I shall as well. No need for questions."

All of a sudden, the two of them felt a power aura coming towards them. Ye Xiajie immediately pulled his wife to his back and protected him.

"Watch out!" He shouted.

However, he is wrong. This aura had no intention of attacking them at all, and the target is definitely not the God of Destruction. Thus, before he reacts, this aura enters his body, instantly evolving the power of gluttony in his soul. Ye Xiajie fell into a short trance as he needed to communicate with gluttony. Gluttony is a power with its own ego born from its host.

Hei Anjing watched this scene calmly and didn't distract his beloved from gaining a power that was meant for him. He took a few strides to the open window and looked at the brightening sky on the horizon. He bowed his head as if giving someone's gratitude. For a proud being like Hei Anjing, he only lowers his head for his beloved and family. He was thanking the World Eater for giving his beloved the real power of gluttony.

While the God of Void has entered the state of meditation, a grayish aura comes out from Ye Xiajie wearing the same face, similar to what he truly looks like in reality. This being, who looks like the God of Void, kneels down before the God of Destruction and calls him Master.

{Master, the fragment of gluttony the other master had inherited was about to be born so I took my leave.}

Hei Anjing said, "Good work. Return to your original form, gluttony."

{Yes, Master! }

The man before him turned into a dark purple snowflake, which returned to the body once again. This is the power of gluttony he had given to his beloved to enhance his power. However, since this is something that he owns, he can never truly become Ye Xiajie's power. Now that he was given an original fragment of the power of gluttony, his own gluttony will be born within him and gain an ego born from his soul.

Gluttony is the main power of the World Eater, and only from him can the real power of gluttony be received. Even those beings born from his remnant fragment can barely control gluttony, and a gluttony without an ego is just a fake power that can just eat and not think for itself. Hei Anjing watches over his beloved, who finally gains a new power aside from darkness.

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Meanwhile, in the soul domain of the God of Void...

Ye Xiajie opened his eyes and saw a purple egg floating near him. A voice was coming from it, saying,

{Master, I'm hungry~. Feed me. Feed me anything! I want to be born,} the purple egg said.

The God of Void was confused at first and didn't directly give anything to the weird egg. He observes the round thing floating before him and asks,

"What are you? How did you enter my body?" Ye Xiajie asked.

{Master, I am gluttony. I can only be born if you hatch me. I will become your power once I am born. The Lord had bestowed me to you.}

A bewildered expression appeared on Ye Xiajie's face and said, "You are gluttony? Impossible. I've awakened this power before. How come there is another one?"

{You mean the one inside the master's body? He already left when I was born. After all, I am born from you, while the one from before was someone else's power lent to you. That's why he can't communicate with you.}

"A power lent to me?" mumbles the God of Void.

Chapter 1664: 22.50 Third Red Star - Doubts

The God of Void finally learned that the power of gluttony he had previously used as his own was something he never owned. That means the man who appeared to look like him, showed him that memory, and gave him the power of gluttony was someone who owned that power and lent it to him. In his life, only one man is capable of giving him his abilities and sharing everything he owns with him.

Ye Xiajie mumbles, "Was it Jing'er? But how did he possess such an ability?"

The purple-black egg was bouncing around his master, seeing the latter was in a dazed state.

{Master! Master! I'm hungry! feed me!}

It even becomes a monster egg with a mouth and rows of sharp teeth on its master's leg. Of course, it can't eat its master. This kind of bite was similar to the play bite the dogs do when playing with their owner. It was only then did the God of Void recall the egg.

Ye Xiajie looked at the egg biting him and yanked it off him forcibly. He said, "I can feed you with anything, right?"

The purple egg shook in the hands of the God of Void. Ye Xiajie used the darkness within him to feed the thing in his hand as much as it could take. The purple egg was like a bottomless pit as it swallowed all the darkness provided to him by his master. It was shaking happily as it ate. Seeing that the egg would take a while before it was done eating, he threw it inside the abyss. The void is the source of endless darkness; the egg can eat as much as it wants, and it won't be able to do anything to the abyss.

After doing that, he waited as he was thinking about the strange thing about the memory he received from that fake gluttony that lent its ability to him. Only then did he notice the disparities he never noticed before. The point of view of that memory shows not only Hunluan was also the World Eater, An Shizhe.

That memory would sometimes shake as if glitching, but in reality, it was because the point of view of the third party was being banned for him to experience. The only point of view he had experienced at that time was An Shizhe's side. As if it's to make him believe that the world eater is him.

Ye Xiajie mumbles, "But for what reason?"

It was at this moment that the egg was suddenly thrown out of the abyss by his servants inside. The God of Void was surprised by this unexpected event. Roi, the black dragon, told him how this egg turned havoc within the abyss, annoying everyone inside until they could no longer hold back and threatened him to throw it out.

{Master, that egg is annoying. It woke up the big ones sleeping inside, and the abyss was in chaos. It even dared to eat a titan and got stomped. Everyone is irritated but can't do anything about it. They ask

me to throw it out. It seems to be full too. So Master, the rest is in your hand.} said Roi, the black dragon of the abyss.

The portal to the abyss was shut out as the God of Void started at the former purple egg that is more like a black one with a purple shade. It was unexpectedly quiet, as if it had fallen asleep.

{Master... Full... Sleepy... Wait for me to hatch. Gluttony will... be helpful.}

Seeing this, Ye Xiajie created a nest out of thin air and placed it under the world tree with white leaves within his domain. This is something that connects his beloved's soul domain to his. He had forgotten when this tree had appeared in his soul domain. He couldn't help but stare at it. Now he is feeling a bit lost and doesn't know who he truly is right now.

Is he a fragment of the World Eater or not?

Is he the God of Darkness and Void or not?

Is he worthy of the love that the God of Destruction gives him or not?

Is his beloved truly in love with him or just using him?

Just what the hell is he truly?

So much question lingers in his mind, and there is no way to get the answer to everything. His beloved might have an answer, but will he be able to bear his response? He would have gone crazy if the person he loves said that he had been using him all this time and that his use was about to expire. If this is the truth, was there a need for him to come back to life? He was so confused that he didn't know what to do at this moment.

Just as he was questioning his existence, a voice forcibly pulled him back into reality.

{Come out, A'Xia!}

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Pulled out by something cold, Ye Xiajie gasped and opened his eyes in the real world. He saw the ceiling of the master's bedroom, where he and Hei Anjing slept. There he saw the worried expression of his beloved. Those pairs of silver eyes were full of love for him. He couldn't help but scold himself for thinking that this man didn't love him at all. The God of Void smiles and reaches out his hand to touch the cheeks of his beloved, looking at him.

"I'm alright. What's wrong, Baby?" Ye Xiajie asked with a smile that even he didn't expect to wear.

All of a sudden, Ye Xiajie's head was pulled into a hug. Hei Anjing didn't say anything right away. But just hug his man in silence. The God of Void waits for his beloved to speak. All the questions in his mind before had vanished instantly under this gesture. He can even feel his wife slightly trembling, which is a great surprise for him.

'My other half is a powerful god. Unparalleled on the battlefield, full of confidence and strong will. He doesn't feel fear towards death as he is immortal. However, only when I am involved does this powerful man show weakness. His fear of death for himself was nonexistent, only towards my death that he would be greatly terrified to the point that it had become a trauma. He didn't feel pain, whether it was physical or mental; he couldn't feel it. Only the pain I inflicted will be harmful for him. As if he had given me all the right to control his weakness. He only becomes emotional when I am involved. It was I who gave life to his existence.'

These are the thoughts of the God of Void when talking about the God of Destruction.

Ye Xiajie gently caresses his wife's cheeks as if comforting him and whispers softly, "No need to force yourself to tell me anything. I can wait."

All of a sudden, Hei Anjing stares at him with bloodshot eyes, and tears start falling on his face.

He bellows, "If so, stop questioning my love for you! That is more painful than you stabbing a knife in my heart! I didn't intend to hide everything from you. I was planning on telling you everything. However, now is not the right time. Because..."

A finger stopped the words that were meant to be told by the God of Destruction.

"It's okay. Don't speak. I can wait."

"A'Xia, don't hate me. I truly love you. You are my everything. I'm afraid if you know what I've done that you would hate me~" whispered Hei Anjing as he whimpered.

Ye Xiajie finally sat up, startling Hei Anjing, who looked at him at a loss as if he had lost something supporting. Only when the former pulled the latter into a deeper hug that Hei Anjing started to calm down as he clung on to his man.

The God of Void whispers, "I will never hate you. No matter what you have done, I am willing to forgive you. My life is yours, the moment you gave your everything for my sake."

The person he loved within his embrace silently cried. However, no one knows what the meaning behind his tears is—was it guilt, pain, sadness, or something else? But to the God of Void, no one matters; as long as the man in his embrace is his, nothing else matters anymore. No matter what he is, what his beloved is trying so hard to hide. Nothing else matters anymore; after all, they have each other. The two fell on the bed and fell asleep like this.

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Meanwhile, under the sea...

The God of Sea, the Mermaid Emperor, felt what the World Eater had done. He looks a bit dissatisfied with what An Shizhe had done, and his mood unnaturally becomes bad.

"Fool. You aren't fully back to your original strength, and you gave an inheritance to someone that is supposed to become you. I wonder how the original will react if he learns that his progeny made such a choice."

The Mermaid Emperor looked in the direction of the and noticed that there are still some pests lingering that the World Eater hasn't devoured yet. These pests were the reason why he intended to destroy this world and prevented them from escaping somewhere else. Ancient God Souls that had longed to become tainted must all be exterminated or devoured by the World Eater to regain the balance of the world.

"I will wait for a bit longer. If they still haven't killed all those old bastard souls in land, this world will follow its destiny and can only be destroyed," mumbles the Mermaid Emperor sitting on his throne and slowly closes his eyes as if waiting for the right moment to strike.

Chapter 1665: 22.51 Third Red Star - Baiting

As Ye Xiajie and An Shizhe continue to hunt ancient gods' souls among the humans, their presence is noticed by those they are hunting. Because of this, their targets started hidden, and they could hardly catch one in a day. The reputation of the former General Ye was also greatly affected by his last appearance. After all, no one noticed that the young lady they caught before was one of the unknown beings causing chaos in the land. They treated him no differently than the mermaid king, who forced them to die without the treatment of the little mermaids.

Even though the sea had gotten quieter after its last tsunami, the situation caused by the unknown beings started a series of deaths and homicides in the city. This made the atmosphere in the city tense and quieter. No one wanted to leave their houses unless it was necessary. They would also have to avoid humans who smell bad, like something rotting or the scent of death. Since they are afraid of being taken over and getting their families killed, they rarely come out of their houses.

The Ancient Gods' souls were also now desperate. There aren't enough human souls to nourish theirs. They also need a lot of blood to strengthen their abilities. After all, they are now fierce ghosts well-known for their cruelty. Especially since they are being hunted by the God of Void and the World Eater.

In the General's Mansion...

The World Eater, An Shizhe, had once again stayed over for a meal. Since An Shizhe is around, the only people to eat at the same table as him are Hei Anjing and Ye Xiajie, who aren't afraid of him. An Shizhe was so used to this kind of reaction and didn't mind at all. He was delighted that there were two in front of him that showed no hints of fear towards him.

Hei Anjing said, "To come too early on this thing, you haven't caught anything for days, have you?"

The World Eater looked at the God of Void, who responded, shaking his head a bit as if saying he didn't say anything.

The God of Destruction said, "Don't look at A'Xia. He didn't say anything. It's just that there were no changes in your aura these few days. There is a way to catch them. The question is if you are willing to do it."

"I don't agree, Jing'er," said Ye Xiajie.

Hei Anjing said, "I will be alright, my love."

"What are you guys talking about?" The World Eater, An Shizhe, asked.

Ye Xiajie said, "He plans to use himself as bait. He said that the chaotic energy in him would attract those ancient gods' souls into targeting him."

The World Eater was stunned for a moment and understood why the God of Void didn't agree to this plan. This is simply using the God of Destruction as bait. Which is the most useful, as he hasn't shown himself in the crowd for days. Those would have never realized that this mermaid king is a god in a mortal's vessel. Baiting them out is a possibility. Those menaces would definitely not miss such a powerful soul who possessed chaotic energy that was capable of bringing them back to their peak.

After hearing the plan, An Shizhe hesitated. If it were before meeting this child, he would definitely use him as bait if it's that effective. However, it's different now. He didn't want to put this child in danger at all.

"I... also don't agree," said the World Eater.

The God of Destruction sighed and said, "This is the only way to get them all. If we fail, the whole world will flood. Though that itself is not a bad plan, it's annoying to repair a destroyed world. Also, I want to go back. I miss our children. Either the world is destroyed or not. As long as his soul fragments return with us without a fuss, there is no problem. Or I will have to reap his soul out and bring it back with us."

"Brat, your wife is quite scary. Did he just say he would reap Hunluan's soul fragment?" An Shizhe whispered to Ye Xiajie.

The God of Void retorted, "Have you forgotten how he stole my soul from you when we first met? He almost killed you that time."

"Indeed. If not because you're his first priority, that natal weapon of his would be able to injure me badly," said the World Eater. "But do you two have children? How many?"

"Four. Two boys and a twin dragon and a phoenix," said Ye Xiajie as he proudly told the older man about his children.

The World Eater said, "Four and even a princess. You have a nice family. I and Luan'er were supposed to have a child too. But he was taken after being born and... was killed by those damn old bastards. How can they threaten me with the life of my child!"

The two men didn't notice Hei Anjing paused his movements for a moment when he heard about the world eater's child.

Hei Anjing asked, "So, what do you think of my plan? If you are that worried, just protect me. A'Xia can hide in my shadow. The old man can keep your distance. Anyway, there is no other way to catch them all."

"Alright. But you aren't likable in the eyes of the humans as well. How will you expose yourself in the crowd?" The World Eater, An Shizhe, asked.

The God of Destruction said, "I will use my human form. No one has seen it yet in this world."

"What human form?" asked the World Eater.

Before his eyes, Hei Anjing's silver hair turned black, and his silver became deep sapphire. His vibe changed completely as well. He feels no different from a real mortal. It is just that in this form, Hei Anjing can hardly use his skill that involves divinity.

The World Eater, An Shizhe, observed Hei Anjing before him and said, "Is this your human form? Your clan is strange. How can you have both human form and god form?"

"My Mo Clan is born from the remnant chaos after the said death of Hunluan. But during our birth, not all chaos energy was left in our body. We spread it within the cosmos together with our familiar. Using the remnant chaos energy to nurture the worlds and allow the universe to give birth to more of them. That's why we have a human form when mixing in the lower realm, and god form while in the upper realm," said Hei Anjing.

Ye Xiajie asked, "Is that why you are always not in Vearth before? Because you need to go to the lower realm to balance the world and nurture newly born stars?"

"No. The other members of the Mo family do it, like my aunt and her husband as well as my dads. I'm one of the strongest in the clan. While my uncle stays in Vearth to support the God of Light, I go to the battlefields to clean up the distortions and end the wars. I like it, so I do it," said Hei Anjing. "I only came back when I heard that something had happened to A'Xia."

The God of Void recalls the times when the God of Destruction would always leave Vearth to undertake Executioner's missions on his own. He had taken most jobs to clean up the evil gods and demonic gods that cause imbalance to the worlds in the lower realm. Making him the strongest executioner in Vearth. If not for him, his beloved would have stayed on the fighting endlessly on the frontlines.

Hei Anjing said, "Okay. Let's do it after we eat."

The two men had no other words to convince the God of Destruction and could only protect him as closely as possible. After eating, Warden Yun Ming sent ordinary clothing for his master to wear as he went out. At the gates, before they left, Hei Anjing ordered the two systems to erect the barrier around the territory instead.

"Yue, Yang, handle the barrier after we leave," said Hei Anjing.

The small sun and the tiny moon hovered around the God of Destruction and collectively agreed to the task they were given: [Lord Hei (Master), please leave the mansion to us!]

Hei Anjing warned them as well, "This might be the last. Make preparations to leave the star. I had a feeling that he could no longer wait."

"Master, what about the mortals?" asked Yun Ming.

"Save if they can be saved, but if it would put you in danger, keep your life as the top priority. Do you understand?" The God of Destruction said.

The two wardens and the two systems saluted, "Yes, Lord Hei (Master)!"

It was after saying these words that the three took their leave. As the three reached the main city street, Ye Xiajie hid himself in the shadow of his beloved, while An Shizhe kept his distance and erased his presence.

Ye Xiajie and An Shizhe said to Hei Anjing, "Be careful."

"I will~" said the God of Destruction.

Hei Anjing had a skill of acting. Thus, for him to pretend like a young master among the mortals is normal. His cold demeanor suddenly fades, replacing it with an arrogant and haughty personality. He acted like a bored, good-for-nothing young master who escaped from his house. It was morning, and the marketplace was almost empty with only a few stalls open. People were hurriedly buying and running back to their homes after getting what they wanted. There are more patrols from the knights of the imperial palace and police.

Looking through the open stall with a dissatisfied look, Hei Anjing mumbles, "What the hell is this marketplace? Why does it look like a ghost town? Tsk! I escaped home for nothing~"

He was looking around for something fun when a beggar approached him. "Young master, can you give me food?"

Hei Anjing glanced at the beggar and looked at him with disdain. He pinched his nose and shouted at the beggar, "What the hell?! A beggar! Tsk! Go away. I don't have anything to give you."

The beggar didn't leave even after being shooed and instead followed after him. More beggars approached due to him looking like a young master who escaped from home.

"Young master, food please~"

"Anything will do~"

"We haven't eaten for long. Young master, please."

Some other people looking like elite people helped the young master and said, "Oi! Stay away from the boy!"

"Tsk! Damn beggar! Don't you know you stink!?"

"Didn't they say that those killers were smelling bad? Maybe it's one of you? Go away!" Hei Anjing shouted.

Before the others noticed, Hei Anjing was surrounded by both the group of beggars and people looking like elite men and women. The police were about to come and break the fight when suddenly an old man wearing an elegant suit grabbed Hei Anjing's wrist.

"Finally, a new vessel~"

"I want that body too!"

"There is a scent of chaos energy inside of him. I want that body!"

Obviously, Hei Anjing had expected this and remained calm about the situation.

"Hehe~ first come, first serve," said the old man holding his wrist.

Hei Anjing said with a mischievous smile, "Finally, all of you come out."

Chapter 1666: 22.52 Third Red Star - Capture

It was a few hours before the God of Destruction caught the ancient gods' souls and started targeting him. It was just after Hei Anjing entered the main city's marketplace in his human form. As planned, Hei Anjing acted like a naive, real master that just successfully escaped from his home and was looking for something fun in the marketplace. Actually, as soon as Hei Anjing entered the marketplace, a lot of eyes had fallen on him. He was not only young. He is also fearless and seems a bit innocent. Especially for a situation like this, where an unknown danger is everywhere.

At a restaurant somewhere in the city.

People instantly notice the arrival of the young master wearing ordinary clothes but obviously looking like someone from an elite family. Such a fair-skinned, beautiful young master. Looking around as if finding everything in the street is something unique, marveling at how the lives of the commoners are completely different from his life.

At a certain table in the restaurant, a few nobles were watching the God of Destruction.

"Young, and beautiful. It should be my turn now, right?"

"Look how old my current vessel is. I'm dying. Give this vessel to me."

"No, there are too many other vessels around. Change your old one for now. But this exquisite vessel must be mine. Look how enticing the scent this child has."

"Is this chaos energy? How can a mortal still be sane with his kind of energy in him?"

"No, look how white his skin is. I am the only woman in the group. Give this body to me. Even if it's a male's body, I can definitely serve you guys well~"

"Let's catch him first and investigate. We can debate later to whom this body will be given."

Standing in front of a Tanghulu seller, the beautiful young master couldn't decide what to buy between a strawberry and an apple. The seller of Tanghulu felt teasing the young man especially when he couldn't decide to buy one.

"Young master~ have you decided yet?"

"N-No, not yet. I'm confused why the strawberry one has three pieces while the apple has only one but the same price," Hei Anjing mumbles. "Is it because strawberries are smaller in size? But how can one be sure that three strawberries are enough for one apple?"

The Tanghulu seller was smiling at the young man. In the eyes of the adults, the current god of destruction was a little cute.

'So cute~ this young man's eyes are so clear, obviously someone born from a good family. Even though he is wearing a pair of commoner clothes, his demeanor and grace cannot be covered at all.'

'Is he lost? Maybe he escaped his house? But the outside world is dangerous and he didn't even have guards with him.'

The seller of tanghulu couldn't help but worry, "Young master, you should go home. I will give you both this strawberry tanghulu and apple tanghulu. It's dangerous outside."

Hei Anjing, who was craving sweets, accepted the two sticks of fruit tanghulu. He first bit the strawberry tanghulu, and his tongue was suddenly assaulted with sourness and finally sweetness. It was the kind of combination that was both acceptable and delicious.

"But uncle, I just escaped from home. I want to play first before going home~" said Hei Anjing.

The Tanghulu seller asked, "Do you not have guards with you? If you are in danger, find a knight on patrol or a police officer. Stay away from rotten people."

"I will, kind uncle. I will give you this. How about you go home for today?" The God of Destruction said as he gave a gold coin to the seller of Tanghulu.

It was a real gold coin, and the tanghulu seller felt that the items he was selling had disappeared together with the young master from before. Even though he was terrified, he bowed down in whatever direction and went home as he was asked to. After all, his Tanghulus was not even worth a few silver coins, and with this gold coin, he and his family can stay at home for a whole year at least. He and his family can wait at home until the current situation passes.

As for Hei Anjing, he appeared in another store. But unlike the tanghulu seller from before, the other stores are trying to rip him off, which he needed the most to act like a proud young master.

He exclaims, "A gold coin for a cup of juice?! Who are you trying to kid around?! Hmp!"

The God of Destruction walks away as he finally notices the eyes staring at him, but he pretends not to notice. He was still annoyed that someone had tried to rip him off when suddenly his sleeves were caught by someone. When he turned around, he saw a few beggars gathering near his feet.

"Young master, please give us some food~"

"We are hungry. Please pity us~"

"Food~ Give us some, please~"

Hei Anjing acted as if panicking as his clothes were grabbed by these unknown people and covered his nose in disgust. "Who are you people? Let go of me!"

From the other side, a group of nobles blocked Hei Anjing after getting the edge of his clothes caught by the hand of the beggar out of the latter's hand. The one in front of him seems like an old elite gentleman, but his eyes are creepy, as if he wanted to eat him alive. Behind him were people from the noble clans wearing expensive clothes and all. The scene looks like an elder catching a young master who escaped from home. That's why the police and the knight in patrol stayed at the side and watched for now.

"Let go of the child. It's time for him to go home!"

"Who are you, old man?" said Hei Anjing as he dodged the first hand that reached out to grab him.

The fake smile on the old man's face twitched and finally grabbed Hei Anjing's wrist.

"Finally, a new vessel~"

The other people around Hei Anjing started shouting, including the beggars from the other side.

"I want that body too~"

"There's a scent of chaos energy inside of him. I want that body!"

"Hehe~ first come, first serve," said the old man holding the wrist of the God of Destruction.

Suddenly, the innocent and panicking expression of the young master faded, and an extreme ecstatic and mischievous smile appeared on his beautiful face. A wall of ice surrounded the crowd that gathered around Hei Anjing, and everyone was caught off guard.

Under everyone's eyes, the black hair and sapphire eyes of a young man change in appearance. His short black hair grew longer and turned white; even the blue eyes within those phoenix-shaped eyes turned silver as if the moon were peering on you.

They heard a playful but alluring voice. A voice no one could not recognize. "Finally, all of you come out~"

"Dammit! It's a trap! Run!"

Once these words were spoken, the people around Hei Anjing tried to escape, but their shadows had grabbed their ankles, preventing them from leaving. A black figure appeared behind the mermaid king and turned into the face of the former general, hugging the waist of his beloved. It was the God of Void.

Ye Xiajie said, "You cannot escape from here!"

AGHHH~

Something fell from the sky and broke the hand holding the wrist of Hei Anjing. It was the World Eater who was watching the fun from a distance and finally entered the net where the prey were all caught together.

"This is a huge haul~," said An Shizhe.

The God of Destruction said, "Ice domain, ascend!"

The moment he entered, Hei Anjing enclosed the whole area into an ice barrier. The humans outside had seen everything from the beginning to the end and even heard the whole conversation, especially when they heard the voices of the nobles and the beggars around the young master didn't fit their faces. All of them had hoarse and eerie voices. It's similar to the voice on the surveillance camera from those homicide cases.

Moreover, the words of these people fight for the young man as if seeing him as just a mere vessel. They shiver just thinking about how these unknown beings gather before them without them even noticing that these are the culprits of those killings. Only then did they understand what was happening. These people are not humans, and the one who baited them all to come out was the mermaid king with the help of the former general and that inhuman man.

This only means that the young lady, the former general, and the inhuman man caught before were most likely not human as well. They had been helping them catch the killers all this time, and here they thought that the general had betrayed humanity and deliberated on him. They destroyed his reputation, making them sinners that can be compared to these killers.

Hei Anjing said, "Kill them all. Leave nothing alive!"

"Yes sir~"

The two men made a move as they started killing the human inside the ice dome while the mermaid king stood at the center of everything, calm and expressionless. He pulled another stick of tanghulu, and it's a grape this time. Ignoring the gory scene surrounding him, he happily ate his snack. The human outside watches dazed outside the dome.

Among the crowd was the kind tanghulu seller who was looking curiously and saw his products; the young master had been taken away. Only then did he recognize that the kind young master before was the mermaid king, who was feared by everyone in the starweb. But for him, this mermaid king is the savior of his family. That gold coin was enough for his family not to worry about food for a whole year.

The Tanghulu seller mumbles, "So the mermaid king was not the enemy of our human race."

His voice was not too loud, but everyone around him heard his words. The humans finally believe that the mermaid king was not their enemy, and it was they who kept offending him, angering him, and using his brethren as tools. He was kind enough not to directly kill them like those unknown beings they feared for them, saving them once again.

Chapter 1667: 22.53 Third Red Star - No Scent

Their plan to start baiting was quite successful, and everyone who was caught was killed and devoured by the God of Void and the World Eater. However, that isn't all of them. Somewhere in the imperial palace, especially at the throne hall, one of their heads successfully sneaks in and is in the process of taking over the king's vessel.

At the throne, the current king was choked by a man following the command of another man whose appearance was hidden under a hooded cloak.

Ugh~

"You! How come... you don't... have... s-scent!" The current king questioned.

The man strangling him snorted and said, "Why do you think we will be the same as those fools? They still think they are exalted gods, and nothing can kill them once they escape from the soul prison."

"G-Gods! You... are Gods!" The current king exclaims.

He couldn't believe that the one taking their body was a god, but they were like monsters as they stole someone else's body like a thief.

"You seem confused as to why we are taking over your body; the answer to this is simple. He wants to leave this world and return to the upper realm. Without a body, the soul will disintegrate in space, much less travel through the void," said the man who was grasping the king's neck.

The other man whose face was hidden in a hooded cloak said, "Don't waste any more time. If they notice you, getting that body will be useless."

"Yes, My Lord!"

"N-No~"

In the end, the current king of the federation had his body taken over by the ancient soul and took over the king's identity. Almost simultaneously, the two bodies confronting each other fell. The former vessel of the Ancient God fell lifeless on the ground while the body of the king slowly woke up and moved. Making a few movements of cracking bones, the current king of the federation was replaced.

He said, "This body is a bit stiff. Is it because it's older than my last vessel? Whatever, what should I do now, my lord?"

The other man in a hooded cloak spoke, "Use the masses to put pressure on the former general's territory. That place is protected by a film barrier made of water. We need to sneak inside and kill everyone. The humans in that place are mostly people from the military and the strongest in this world. What's more, the mermaid king resides in the general's mansion together with the former general and his close aides. Their bodies are the most suitable for this star."

"But how will I be able to enter? There is no way they will allow us to enter," said the king whose soul had been replaced.

"Rally the humans. To pressure a human, another human is all we need," said the other man. Before he disappeared, he said, "I will wait for you guys inside the general's territory."

The federation king said, "So, the lord is already inside, but why does he need us to support him? Is there someone dangerous inside?"

All of a sudden, a group of royal knights came to the throne hall and saw a dead assassin near their king. Of course, the scene is quite strange; seeing a dead body near the king was like saying that something happened here, and the possibility of someone exchanging their vessel for a new one cannot be ignored.

The king said, "You guys are finally here. That guy suddenly attacked this king. Clean him up!"

However, the royal knights were all vigilant after all the strange beings who kept changing their vessels were all over the place, and it is hard to differentiate them if not for their scent. The king noticed the hesitation of the knight and narrowed his eyes dangerously.

"Are you thinking that this king's soul was replaced? If so, smell me! I will not be easily defeated by something like those unknown things!" Declared the king of the federation.

The royal knights did as they were tasked to, and the royal knight's captain approached the king with his permission to check if he was possessed or not. Only after this was done that the captain stated that there was nothing wrong with their king. Only then did the royal knights follow the king's command and take away the corpse near his throne.

The king suddenly sent out a decree. "Send my decree to all the nobles. Come to the palace as this king had something to say. This is a royal decree!"

The knights of the royal family fell on their knees and saluted the king. The moment they left the hall, they all spread the news and passed the royal decree from their king about summoning the nobles to the imperial palace.

On the other hand, at the marketplace...

After everything inside the domain of ice was killed, Hei Anjing suddenly looked in the direction of the imperial palace and smiled a bit. Once his lover and the World Eater finished devouring the souls of the ancient gods, the dome of ice melted and turned into a pool of water. The corpses underneath their feet were frozen, then melted, turning into a mist of blood. The humans who were watching from outside the domain stared at them with speechless expressions on their faces.

Even though they knew that they were saved, they still did not feel it was safe to approach these three men. Among the three, two are not humans, and the last one is their former general, who abandoned them.

The World Eater asked, "Do you think that's all of them?"

"Did you not count how many souls escaped, old man?" asked the God of Void.

The World Eater said, "Who would count while one is busy eating? Whatever, if there are still some that remain on land, the one from the sea would attack once again to clean it up. Anyway, I need time to digest. See you later~"

Not caring for something else, the world eater took his leave, as he said. He disappeared on the spot, leaving only a drop of water in his place. The humans in the area were dumbfounded. Hei Anjing didn't mind that An Shizhe left them behind.

He grabs Ye Xiajie's hand and says, "A'Xia. Let's go home."

The former general ignored their eyes on them and kissed his sweetheart on his forehead and said, "Alright. Let's go home."

The two of them also teleported on the spot, seeing that the people tried to stop them for a moment, but it was already too late to touch them, and they disappeared on the spot. However, at the last moment before the couple teleported, Hei Anjing saw the kind uncle who wanted to give him candy for free. He smiles at him and waves his hand in a friendly manner.

Back to the General's Mansion...

Hei Anjing and Ye Xiajie were welcomed by their subordinates. Though these guys didn't dare to come out whenever the World Eater was around, now that the scary figure was gone, they all gathered around the couple.

Greene asked, "Is he gone?"

"Why are you so scared? He won't harm you. You are my friend," said the God of Destruction.

Greene said, "Well, the fear is instinctive. His aura and presence alone are overwhelming for us. If he lives in Vearth, even those arrogant high gods won't dare come out of their lairs."

"He will not live in Vearth even if he ascended. They will most likely live somewhere quiet and away from the others. After all, they were betrayed, used, and harmed by the ancient gods who were supposed to revere them," said Hei Anjing.

Warden Yun Ming said, "Like the Ancient God of Origin and the Ancient God of End, they live somewhere away from the others. Ancient gods affect those gods weaker than they are. They will most likely find another star to live on."

"I heard that ever since the Ancient God of Chaos appeared, the presence of the Ancient God of Origin had disappeared from Vearth as well," said the Chief Warden.

Xiong asked, "Are they leaving together then? Those two are parents and child, right?"

"Yes. But living together might not be possible. The Origin and the End hated the World Eater. They are also the cause of deaths of the beings Hunluan deemed as important people. If the World Eater meets them, he will most likely devour them on the spot," said the God of Destruction.

Lang said, "The problems of the Ancient Gods had nothing to do with us. Let's just complete the mission as something is giving me a bad vibe."

Greene and Xiong frowned when they heard their lover say that. After all, between the three of them, the one with the sharpest instinct for danger had always been Lang. It can be said he had always been sensitive to this type of thing, and after becoming a god, this ability had gotten stronger.

Chief Warden, who knew about the skills of his friends, asked, "Explain it more if you could, Lang."

"The sea is listless, but the danger I am feeling is not from there, but something is about to come inside," said Lang.

The God of Void said, "Something is about to happen in this territory."

Chapter 1668: 22.54 Third Red Star - Rearrangement

Everyone believes the words of Lang that something is about to happen in the territory they are in right now. It was not a surprise that someone or something was targeting them right now. After all, compared to the other places in the federation, this land they were in is the safest place on the land. There are gods like them guarding it, and no one dares to attack it as the former strongest man and the mermaid king guard it. However, the warning from Lang's instinct cannot be ignored as well.

Greene asked, "What should we do then?"

"Keep your eyes on Sirius von Shaka," said Hei Anjing.

Everyone was stunned that someone like Sirius was personally mentioned by the God of Destruction. After all, for someone like this who is uninterested in almost everything except for him and his toys, that keeps him from boredom.

The God of Void asked, "Baby, is there something about this mortal?"

"He had been going out of the territory lately, and this is with him being able to avoid my barrier. What he didn't expect is that the whole territory was made into a temporary domain by me, and the barrier was created only to put the mortals at ease and for show. But what is weird is that his soul isn't smelling like the scent of death. Is there a way to cover it up?" asked the God of Destruction.

The Chief Warden answered, "Yes. There is. You need to bathe in the blood of pure things. For example, children."

Silence descended in the whole area, and they all sneaked a peek at the God of Destruction, whose aura had suddenly turned a bit eerie. After all, regardless of the cruelty and mercilessness, this god is. He is quite soft towards children who are both innocent and pure.

Hei Anjing said, "Investigate the number of children in the territory. Do it discreetly and tally their number. After that, compare it to the original number of people listed before I erected the barrier. Also, secretly investigate any kind of location that is possibly used as a place to drain their blood."

"As you wish, Lord Hei!" Except for the God of Void, the rest responded.

Hei Anjing said, "Also, prepare for the sea to fall on this land. He will be making his move soon."

"Is he our enemy?" The God of Void asked.

Hei Anjing answered, "If he doesn't return with us, then he will be."

"Okay. How about resting for now? Keeping the barrier might not be too much of a burden, but the domain is on the mortal's body. Let's sleep. Let them take over the barrier of now," said Ye Xiajie.

System Yue said, [Lord Hei, My Lord, please leave the barrier to me and A'Yang!]

[Please rest well, master.] System Yang said.

Hei Anjing said, "Keep a few items that repel soul invasion just in case. Be careful of Ancient God's soul."

"Yes, sir!" They collectively answered before Ye Xiajie carried away Hei Anjing to return to their room and rest.

Another barrier appeared around the territory of the general, and the almost invisible water barrier Hei Anjing erected temporarily faded as the barrier created by Zhi Yang and Zhi Yue took over the duties for the protection of their land. Unlike the invisible barrier of Hei Anjing, the barrier created by the two systems can be seen through a mortal's naked eyes. Thus, most mortals who suddenly saw an erect barrier were frightened as they felt that something was about to come over. That's why a barrier was made by their superiors.

At the residence area of the former general's territory...

A commotion was happening just on the streets. Most soldiers and their family members were pointing at the sky, which had changed in shade due to the purple-colored barrier around the land. It was such a

surprise that some soldiers had assembled, even waiting for the command of their superior. There are even soldiers who asked Lieutenant Shaka about this situation. In reality, he himself was shocked by that purple barrier.

"Oh my god! Why is the sky in that color?"

"It's the end of the world!"

"Can we even survive?"

"Hm? Wait, that doesn't like the sky color at all."

"Something is surrounding our land. Is that a barrier?"

"Did the lords make it?"

A captain among the soldiers was commanded to check the boundaries. Is that strange-colored sky above their heads caused by a barrier or not? The soldiers move systemically and in order. One group checks the boundaries, while the other group calms down the ordinary people and mermaids in the crowd. Among them, Lieutenant Shaka was staring at the purple barrier with a slightly dark face. There is no way he wouldn't recognize this barrier. It's an ancient class barrier used to capture ancient gods. There are only two possibilities for this barrier.

Lieutenant Sirius von Shaka's thoughts at this moment: 'Have I been caught? '

The first is that he is caught, and the others wanted to lock him inside. Second, the others are preparing to block the attack from the sea. If it is the second one, then there is nothing for him to worry about, as this means that his identity hasn't been revealed yet. He actually felt like getting a jackpot when he bumped into his body while he was sneaking around trying to save people in the dark.

After all, with this body, he can enter this territory where most soldiers leave. Though he can't absorb any soldiers as it is too conspicuous, killing a few mortals, especially children, is easy. He only needed to pretend that the child died from an illness when, in reality, he had drained their blood to cover the rotten smell of his soul.

The soldiers who came to check on the boundaries reported, "Captain! This is a barrier!"

"It's all around the land under the general's name!"

"Though this doesn't prevent us from coming out. Anything from the outside cannot go in!"

"How did you guys test that?" The captain asked.

"We picked a rock from outside the barrier and tried to throw it in. It bounced back and deflected completely."

"This barrier might have something to do with our superiors. I will ask the Colonel about it," the captain said.

All of a sudden they heard a voice coming from behind them saying, "No need to check. This is something the Mermaid King, Lord Hei, had erected for protection. Everyone should be prepared. The sea will be attacking again soon," said Colonel Lou Wuye.

Lieutenant Sirius von Shaka asked, "Colonel, what about the others outside? Can they not come inside?"

"That will be decided by the lords. But they will most likely allow them inside, as they sent us here to rearrange the residences and keep the area secured with more space," said Colonel Lou Wuye.

Warden Yun Ming said, "We will need to open an area to erect some more tents in case something happens. Also, the houses will be destroyed and tents will be erected to secure more space."

The young lieutenant wanted to speak up but halted when he saw this mermaid in human form looking at him and saying. "This is the decision made by the lords after hearing the pleas from this young lieutenant here who wanted to save the others."

The gentle smile on Yun Ming's face made Lieutenant Sirius von Shaka tremble. Especially, when he felt fierce and sharp eyes falling on him. Actually, that wasn't even his fault. The one who was asking for that was the original, not him. He didn't expect this naive young man to leave him a few bombs after taking over his body.

'Annoying prick! Why do our houses need to be destroyed just because we want to save others? '

'What is the use of saving those guys who looked down and treated Lord Ye and Lord Hei as enemies? '

'Ungrateful brat! Pressure the Lord for your own vanity! Tsk! '

The young lieutenant didn't dare to turn around even after feeling the glares falling on him. Sirius von Shaka said, "Colonel, maybe the houses don't need to be destroyed. How about erecting the tents on the streets or something?"

"That was the original plan, but after guessing the possible number of refugees, the current plan was implemented. Of course, you can disagree. It's just that the mermaid king said that he doesn't need selfish people on this land," Colonel Lou Wuye said.

An ordinary person asked, "Lord Colonel, sir! What does that mean?"

"It means you will be kicked out," said Yun Ming with a gentle smile.

However, at this moment, this gentle smile is more like a devil's smile in their eyes. This is a devil that will not be accepting no for an answer. Everyone can only take a step back and agree. They all went home and started packing up their things while the Chief Warden and Warden Yun Ming started their jobs, leaving the other no room to cry. They do not hate Lieutenant Sirius von Shaka, who is the source of these current events.

Lieutenant Sirius von Shaka mumbles, "But that wasn't even me?" For a god of ancient times, this is the first time he felt helpless for such a simple thing, and he was speechless about it.

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Without any means to stop people from destroying the houses in the residential area, the residents can only come to the Lord's mansion and plead for their homes to be saved. However, the general didn't come out to meet them and can only blame the person who had caused such a situation.

The ones who came out were the former human king and his former royal knight. Nokto's appearance made the faces of these people glow, and they thought the Lord had sent them to save their houses.

The former king, Nokto, said, "The Lords said that there will be no changes to the plans in the residential area. Everyone must be destroyed before it can be rebuilt again."

"In the first place, this was done so the residential area could be rebuilt and accommodate more people. The young lieutenant wishes to save as many as he can. He is the reason why this plan is implemented," said former royal knight Xion.

The former Royal Knight, Wolfred, said, "This is to save more people. The king of mermaids had prophesied that the sea would no longer remain calm as before. To prepare for future calamity, this plan had to be implemented."

While they are talking, the one mentioned as the person who started this situation had taken a step forward.

The young lieutenant, Sirius von Shaka, said, "Lords, I would like to meet Lord Ye and Lord Hei. There is something I must do for them."

"Well, go ahead inside. There in the mansion, you may find them yourself," Nokto said.

The young Lieutenant Sirius bows his head before passing them and heading to the mansion. Nokto and the other two were staring at him with a fake smile, which looked fake. The young lieutenant didn't know why these three were looking at him like this. Even so, he had no choice but to ignore their eyes and heads inside.

He wanted to get closer to his target as soon as possible. The former general and the mermaid king are the targets he had in mind.

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Meanwhile, in the residential area...

The soldiers were led by Warden Yun Ming and Colonel Lou Wuye. They didn't destroy any houses after kicking everyone out. They've checked all the buildings, especially the underground area. Their task with the two systems was to find the location where the killing of the human child was done.

Colonel Lou looked around the building he was in. He and his lover had split into two groups, trying to find the location for human sacrifice. System Yue left with Warden Yun Ming to check the other buildings while he was stuck with the Chief Warden.

"Zhi Yang, check if this building has an underground area," whispered the chief warden to System Yang.

Zhi Yang responded, [No. This building didn't have an underground facility.]

The Chief Warden prepares to leave for the next building and sends a few soldiers to check this place.

"Three will stay to check the area for an underground facility. If you find something strange, report it immediately. If none, follow after us right away," said Colonel Lou Wuye.

It was easy for them to decide which three to state before moving into another building. This had happened many times in the other buildings, but they still couldn't find the place they were looking for.

On the other hand, from the perspective of Yun Ming and System Yue, they had also checked a few residential buildings but still didn't find the location for the human sacrifice. They passed into a ruined and dilapidated old church, which caught the eyes of Yun Ming.

Zhi Yue noticed that the warden with him had suddenly stopped moving and asked, [What's wrong, Warden Yun? Have you found out something?]

Yun Ming thought for a moment. If there is a place for killing people secretly, then it must be done in a place where people will not venture or stay at all. After all, draining blood will allow the scent of blood to linger in place.

"Follow me. I've thought of something. Yue sends a message to the Chief Warden to watch out for abandoned buildings instead of underground facilities. I have an inkling that this abandoned temple is what we might be looking for," said Warden Yun Ming.

They went inside the abandoned temple, but as soon as they entered, the strong scent of blood made the soldiers with Yun Ming frown.

Yun Ming said, "It seems we found the right place. Immediately find a secret mechanism of this place. Find something that leads us underground!"

"Yes, sir!" The soldiers saluted before splitting around the ruined building looking for a secret hideout.

Yun Ming was checking the broken altar before him, touching lightly everything where the strongest scent of blood led him. He touched around and heard something click. Suddenly, the whole building started moving, and a secret path that led to the underground appeared before them.

Zhi Yue said, [Jackpot! We found the right place!]

Yun Ming said, "We are going down. Be vigilant!"

Meanwhile, Yun Ming takes the lead to the underground stone stairs. Colonel Lou Wuye and System Yang, who received the message from System Yue, found an old run-down clinic. Like the first group, they also found a secret path that leads to the underground.

"Follow after me. Prepare to fight and be careful!"

Zhi Yang said, [This path is connected to other paths, but the end seems to lead to one location. I can feel the presence of Yue'er getting closer.]

"That means they also found another path. We can meet them in the underground," said Colonel Lou Wuye.

They suddenly heard Zhi Yue's excited voice, [AH! It's A'Yang and the Chief Warden!]

The two wardens approached one another, and their groups merged and finally had the time to look around. When the two groups reached the end of their respective paths. But what welcomed them at the end was a gruesome scene of dead children with drying bodies hanging on the rocks like clothes. Their blood and flesh were drained, leaving only the skin they had on the surfaces. At the center of everything is a pool of crimson blood. The strong scent of blood and death lingers in place.

BLERGH~

Some soldiers, regardless of how experienced they are in war, couldn't help but puke at this scene. They ran over to some corner and vomited. The only ones that are calm are the two wardens and the two systems.

Zhi Yue said, [Even the flesh is gone. I thought he only needed the blood to remove the scent.]

"Fierce ghosts yearn for the blood and flesh of the living. It's their source of strength as well as their food," said Colonel Lou Wuye.

Zhi Yang said, [It seems that not only children are eaten. He even ate the original's mother. This is Madam Sheena's skin.]

Warden Yun Ming frowned in disgust. "I can't believe we are just noticing this now. How many lives had he taken while keeping a peaceful demeanor at the surface?"

Colonel Lou Wuye pats his lover's back in comfort and says, "Find evidence and destroy this area. Now that we have found this place, he can no longer escape!"

Grumbles~

All of a sudden, the whole land started trembling and shaking. Feeling the danger of the situation, Colonel Lou Wuye issued an order to leave.

"Retreat! Everyone retreated to the surface!"

Before they returned to the surface, Colonel Lou Wuye found an old terminal lying around on the ground, and it seemed to be something owned by Madam Sheena when she was still alive. He grabbed this and pulled his lover out of the place before the area crumbled and headed to the surface.

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At the General's Mansion

After Sirius von Shaka entered the mansion, he was looking around to ask someone where the former general and the Mermaid King were. However, there are no servants for him to ask for and he can only look for them on his own.

He suddenly heard splashes coming from the outside and realized that there must be a pool in this place. Since there is a sound of water, that means there are people. He heads to where the sound of water is coming from and finally finds the path that leads to the pool area.

Splash! SPLASHED!

Upon reaching the pool area, Sirius von Shaka was stunned to see a gorgeous silver mermaid. It was a little mermaid this federation is used to seeing. But a real human-sized mermaid, under the sunlight, looks like a fairy that controls the water.

Beautiful and elegant. As if watching the most perfect being of the sea appear before his eyes. Even for an Ancient God of the oldest times, this kind of ethereal beauty is rare, and the only being he had seen possessing the same type of beauty was only one person.

The Ancient God of Chaos, Hunluan.

The ancient soul in Sirius's body whispered, "Lord Hunluan?"

The mermaid with a silver fishtail turns his head to look at him with a cold gaze, rendering the latter stunned and speechless. He saw the resemblance of this mermaid to the Ancient God of Chaos he used to revere.

A cold and fierce deep voice was heard asking, "Who the hell is there? Come out!" This is the God of Void, who was annoyed seeing his private time with his beloved destroyed.

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The sudden arrival of the uninvited guest incurred the anger of the God of Void, as he was noticed staring at his beloved with a gaze that made others think of something. On the other hand, the God of Void didn't mind at all. He is used to being stared at no matter where he is. The natural allure he possessed plus his mischievous facade made him irresistible in the eyes of others.

Seeing Lieutenant Sirius von Shaka made the former general's eyes narrow in criticism. He stood before the farmer's line of sight, completely blocking the figure of his beloved in this man's eyes. This made the atmosphere not only awkward but also tense.

The God of Void asked him with a cold tone of voice, "What are you doing here?"

"My Lord, I want to ask you about something. It was regarding the residential area. Are you truly planning on destroying the houses in it?" The young lieutenant Sirius von Shaka questioned.

Ye Xiajie, though for a moment he seems to have forgotten about this plan. This plan was actually only made just so they could separate from that area while the wardens and the two systems work together to investigate the venue where he drains the blood of his victims.

"The one in the residential area. Yes, that is the plan. We plan to make it a free open land so tents can be stationed in it. This includes the hospital and command center. After all, no one knows what would happen if the sea god struck the land," said the God of Void.

The God of Destruction, in his mermaid form, sat at the edge of the pool, playing with his silver tail. Sirius von Shaka tried to sneak a peek, but the man in front of him was like a towering wall, preventing that from happening. He can only pretend that he didn't know the irritated expression of the former general on his face.

The young lieutenant said, "But sir, for the residents, the current houses treated those places as their home, so..."

Another voice was heard from behind the former general. It was filled with a sense of languidity and seductiveness. As if a lazy succumb was trying to talk to him with an allure one couldn't ignore at all.

"This is a surprise. Didn't you say that it is your dream to save as many as you can as a soldier? You even said that you cannot be called one if you can't save someone. We are now helping you do what your wish is. This is also a preparation for an impending calamity," said the king of mermaids.

Thoughts of the ancient god's soul inside Sirius von Shaka: 'This child is too beautiful. How come I had a feeling that I had seen him before? '

Sirius von Shaka was stunned as he finally saw the face of the mermaid king with a seductive voice and an alluring face. He was so dazed that the general slapped him behind his back and glared instinctively at the latter. Of course, the mermaid king just giggles at this scene.

Smack!

Hiss!

The God of Void looms his face near the young lieutenant, allowing the latter to see his dark expression. Making the latter ignore the pain in his head and recall his current identity.

"Sir?"

"Watch your eyes! That's mine," declared the former general.

The young lieutenant acted like he was panicking and said, "N-No, no, I didn't mean anything." In reality, his thoughts are: 'Damn brat. Whoever cares if he is your lover. Once I've eaten you both, you will still be together in my stomach!'

Rumbles~

The God of Void immediately went to his beloved and kept him safe. The whole land on the planet was shaking clearly. Some things are happening in this world that are capable of affecting the whole star. The shaking of the land happened for a while, but it also stopped and no longer got stronger.

Hei Anjing mumbles, "This is... not an earthquake. Something is happening in the sea."

"Had he made his move?" Ye Xiajie asked.

The God of Destruction responded, "Most likely."

Finally, the wardens and the systems contacted the terminal of the mermaid king to report. Normally, they would send the report to the God of Void, but since the task came from the God of Destruction, they reported to him directly instead.

Rings~

Click!

"What is it?" asked the mermaid king in a dazed manner.

The first one to speak was Yun Ming. [Master, we found it. We found a few paths connected to it and based on the number of dried corpses, there are at least a hundred.]

"I see. Return for now," commanded the God of Void.

Those all from the opposite side of the call collectively said, "Yes, Lord Hei!"

After the call ended, Sirius von Shaka, who was listening on the side, instantly realized what was happening. He immediately tried to escape, but his own shadow was beyond his control, and the vessel he was in was captured, making him unable to move.

Tsk!

Sirius von Shaka asked, "Since when did you know?! You two are gods, aren't you? Young ones truly don't have any manners." He tried to absorb the power of darkness but instantly felt that there was something wrong with it. The darkness that captured him wasn't any ordinary darkness but the purest darkness born from the void. It had that same effect of miasma—no, a much stronger effect on him. After all, this is the void that is feared by the other gods, even those from ancient times. The only element in existence that was born from the negativity of the world laws and is considered from the very beginning.

Sirius von Shaka, with a disbelieving look, asked, "You!? Are you the Sovereign God of Void!? The child was born with the same disgusting power as that menace! Someone like you should have never been born!"

The God of Destruction flicked his finger, and a small ball of silver energy hit the young lieutenant. Even though he wanted to be harmed in his physical body, his soul was directly injured by that small energy

ball. The ancient god's soul in Sirius von Shaka's body started screaming in pain after getting hit by that small silver energy ball.

AGHHH~

"Impossible! How can you control the power of chaos!? That is that person's ability!!" exclaimed the ancient god's soul in the body of the young lieutenant. The God of Destruction just gave him a glance and then ignored him. He looked at his beloved and said, "My love, you can devour him as you wish."

"Alright. Leave him to me," said the God of Void. He gave him a kiss before walking towards Sirius von Shaka.

The mind of the ancient god before them was in chaos. He couldn't understand what was happening right now. How can there be a young god capable of wielding the power of chaos? Not only that, his partner is also capable of devouring him, which is the power of gluttony. A purplish-black egg appeared in the hands of Ye Xijie. Though this egg is unhatched, it is capable of using its ability to devour. He only needs to get it near the prey, which might attract its hunger. As expected, the moment the egg smelled the fragrance of the ancient god's soul, it immediately revealed its nature to eat everything. It jumped into Sirius von Shaka's head, devouring the soul and everything this man had. In the process of death, the ancient god saw the blurring face of the God of Destruction looking at him with empty eyes within those silver irises, and the small figure of that prince merged with the ones the God of Destruction had.

"Ha-ha... I recognize you now. You are that child... the child born from Lord Chaos and that evil thing. Something we shouldn't have touched. If you didn't die, that menace wouldn't have devoured us until he had gone insane and Lord Chaos wouldn't have us to die. Prince, I..."

The figure of Sirius von Shaka was completely devoured. He disappeared on the spot while the God of Void stared at his beloved and couldn't believe what he had just heard. However, he had some guesses

in his heart as to why his beloved is too kind to the World Eater or why he tried to save him. Hearing everything now makes sense. Maybe in the first place, this beautiful person wasn't meant to fall in love with him.

Maybe he was meant to be someone he was fated to be; however, in the end, his other half chose him above everyone and anything. "I plan to tell you everything after this trial. However, at this point, there is no need to hide it anymore. A'Xia, can you hug me, please?"

Hei Anjing looked at him and smiled helplessly. He stretched out his hand, waiting for him to hug him back. Fear, which rarely appeared within those silver eyes, was now glowing brightly and could not be ignored. Without hesitation, the God of Void let himself fall into this warm embrace that gave him what he has right now.

Hugging the slightly trembling body in his embrace, the God of Void whispered, "Don't be afraid, Jing'er. I will accept everything you want to say. I will never leave you."

"Okay," said the God of Void.