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He then walked to where Ning Yue Xi and carried Xiuxiu again.

“Senior brother” Xiuxiu hugged him close.

“Hm, no one gets to bully our Xiuxiu” Gu Qing Shan smiled as he rubbed her head.

Ning Yue Xi’s sight was also stuck onto him, almost unable to take it off.

Everyone silently watched his scene, still unable to take it in.

He was killed just like that?

This was a direct disciple of one of the 3 Saints, Xuanyuan Tianzun, yet he was killed in front of everyone just like that?

Very quickly, the policing cultivators went up to clean the body, to prepare for the next step of the semester examination, the entire process was swift and quick.

Even after 10 minutes of cleaning, Xuanyuan Tianzun still hasn’t shown himself.

Xuanyuan Tianzun is known to be someone that conceals his defects and mistakes, yet he’s not showing up after his disciple was killed, very clearly showing his attitude.

It was now that all the elders exchanged looks and nodded.

If the Saint doesn’t show up, that means they had silently agreed to this and everyone can just ignore it.

Some cultivators were looking at the ring, some at Gu Qing Shan, but no one dared to speak even half a word about how he killed someone.

Everyone had the same thought in their minds.

This is a psychopath, absolutely do not offend him.

A while later.

Even if there was a bit of distraction, the semester examination is still a very important tradition to humanity, they still have to complete it with the same ceremonies no matter what.

“This semester examination’s first place” an elder of Thousand Swords Sect announced, “Bai Hua Sect, Gu Qing Shan”

Everyone was shocked, but also quickly understood.

It was 1 person against 20, yet he killed one, severely injured another, beat 15 unconscious, and the other three kneeled on the ground to apologize.

After that Lee Chang An also accepted his challenge to went down, but got slashed countless times without being able to retaliate, then got beheaded.

This young man looks well-mannered, but with a sword in hand, he was fierce like an angry flame.

If he isn't first place, then who would be?

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised as well.

He finally felt the true power of Bai Hua Fairy's name on the cultivation world.

Even after he made such a ruckus, no one dares to say anything, the only one that dared to was scared silent. This feeling was quite nice.

"Senior brother, you're first place" Xiuxiu joyfully clapped her hands.

Gu Qing Shan smiled, stepped up to receive a seal made of spirit jade from the Thousand Swords Sect's Elder.

It is basically a first place trophy, Gu Qing Shan only looked at it for a bit out of curiosity before putting it away.

This thing is pretty much useless, but with Shifu's personality, she'll probably use it to show off how well she teaches her disciple.

After that, Thousand Sword Sect's Elder announced the 2nd and 3rd place.

Which were the cultivators that kneeled down to beg for forgiveness.

After thinking a bit, the crowd agreed.

Because the rest of them was already beaten unconscious by Gu Qing Shan, the only ones left who can still move and aren't unconscious are them.

Ignoring the inner turmoil of the cultivators, this round of the semester examination is done.

Thousand Swords Sect's master came to the middle of the platform, kneeled down as he put his hand on the pattern on the floor.

Circulating spirit energy around his entire body, he infused it into the floor.

In a single second, a golden light emits from the floor, shooting straight up.

Thousand Swords Sect's master bowed deeply to the ground, then solemnly stood up and said: "Humanity's Semester Examination is finished, let Divinity descends!"

As he spoke, the golden light disappeared.

After that was a different mystical sight.

Behind the platform, from the half-destroyed palace, a long staircase appeared.

The entire staircase was made from an unknown material, having been through the ravages of time, it has become incredibly shabby.

The staircase that appeared from thin air led upward to the sky.

"Senior brother, what is that?" Xiuxiu asked in a low voice.

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“The Path to Heaven” Gu Qing Shan was also looking at this scene, “but it’s a broken Path to Heaven”

Sure enough, after reaching a certain height, the stair stopped extending.

The tallest steps look like it was suddenly cut off, or destroyed by something.

This is a Path to Heaven broken from before humanity has started recording history, there is no way for anyone to use it to climb up to heaven.

“The age of Divinity...” Gu Qing Shan muttered to himself.

In an age long passed, after the semester examination is done, the Path to Heaven will appear, as the best cultivators of that time will receive the honor of meeting Divinity.

But now, as the Path to Heaven is cut off, there is no signs of any world above.

And definitely no signs of any Divinity.

This mystical sight only lasted for a bit before the Path to Heaven disappeared.

This semester examination is now considered complete.

No one could see past the thick clouds.

Inside the cloud, two people were playing chess, as another stood watching them.

The ones playing chess were Bai Hua Fairy and a red-faced Daoist, while the one watching was an old monk.

The 3 Saints of humanity.

The red-faced Daoist is Xuanyuan Tianzun, while the monk of the Great Monk of Sorrow.

Xuanyuan Tianzun lightly scoffed, saying: “Too cruel, too cruel”

“Cruel my ass, he died in one slash, what pain could there be” Bai Hua Fairy replied.

“What about before when he was skewered on the sword?” Tianzun glared back.

“Saying that, you mean you would rather I showed up myself?” Bai Hua Fairy squinted her eyes.

Xuanyuan Tianzun slightly shrunk back, not saying anything.

Bai Hua Fairy spoke again: “Your disciples tried to ruin my sect’s reputation, if my disciple hadn’t acted and I went down myself, what do you think would’ve happened?”

Xuanyuan Tianzun still stayed silent.

Bai Hua Fairy continued: “That year when I was running for my life, finally escaped from that person’s grasp, it was a life-saving favor”

Both the other Saints couldn’t understand why she suddenly mentioned her past.

This was Bai Hua Fairy’s taboo, something that no one can ever mention, but today she was mentioning it herself.

Bai Hua Fairy continued: "I was able to survive that year, was thanks to Xiuxiu"

The Great Monk of Sorrow looked up at the sky, then looked down.

"Hm? Looking at your female disciple, this monk could only think she's about 8—-- ah? That's not it..."
"Such a thing can happen?"

He muttered.

"What's that?" Xuanyuan Tianzun is still angry, but curious at the same time, couldn't help but looked down.

"Ah? Time has stopped on her body; her soul vessel is still very deeply wounded"

Xuanyuan Tianzun's eyes glowed bright.

"That's right, to let me escape, Xiuxiu was imprisoned in a Spirit Beast Bag. Tortured for 5 years, and she still didn't reveal where I was" Bai Hua Fairy sighed deeply as she said so, "I owe her my life"

"That's why" Bai Hua Fairy said, "if someone were to hurt her, even if I die, I'll avenge her"

Xuanyuan Tianzun hearing that, seeing Xiuxiu, immediately knows that she was telling the truth.

This little girl really isn't simple, and she's also really Bai Hua Fairy's reverse scale.

If they really sent someone to hurt Xiuxiu, Bai Hua Fairy will truly become furious and directly destroy their sect.

Xuanyuan Tianzun sighed: "Hah, fine then, that disciple of mine really did need to train his mind a bit, but it's my fault I didn't teach him and left him to his devices like that"

"No need to feel too bad" Bai Hua Fairy also said: "This time I was also in the wrong, I only wanted them to be safe, but failed to think that someone would actively pick on them"

The Great Monk of Sorrow chanted Buddha once, as both of them has took a step backwards, this was the best possible result.

Bai Hua Fairy: "Tianzun, this matter is settled, let me say I'm sorry and we let go of it, how about that?"

Xuanyuan Tianzun thought for a bit, then nodded.

Seeing him nod, Bai Hua Fairy said her formalities to The Great Monk of Sorrow, then disappeared.

In the clouds, there was only Xuanyuan Tianzun and the Great Monk of Sorrow left.

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"Amitabha" the Great Monk of Sorrow claps his hand and exclaimed: "To think she would come and explain herself, as well as talk about the matters of her past. That's already quite a change"

Xuanyuan Tianzun contemplated, saying: "Xie Dao Ling has really changed quite a bit, if it was her before..."

The Great Monk of Sorrow recited from heart: "If anything were to happen to my disciple, I will kill all the culprits, including you"

Both of them exchanged looks, feeling a hint of fear.

"Hah, forget it, forget it" Xuanyuan Tianzun mumbled.

The Great Monk of Sorrow looked at him again, confirming that he really did let it go, sighed with relief.

If the two Saints were to really make things tense, he won't enjoy being stuck in between of them.

However, for Xie Dao Ling to not only compromise but also apologize like that. It's like the sun will rise from the West tomorrow.

What made her change so much?

The Great Monk of Sorrow couldn't understand.

Gu Qing Shan of course didn't know that so many things happened above the clouds.

He brought Xiuxiu along, said goodbye to Ning Yue Xi and Leng Tian Xing and returned to Bai Hua Immortal country on a large-scale teleportation formation.

As they stood on the large-scale teleportation formation, all the other cultivators stopped their activities and silently watched them leave.

This was a silent show of respect.

Before, people only respect Bai Hua Sect because Bai Hua Fairy exists.

But from now on, the entire cultivation world will know, just what Bai Hua Fairy's disciples are like.

As the light flashed on the teleportation formation, Gu Qing Shan and Xiuxiu appeared back in Bai Hua Immortal country.

Looking at the hourglass on his War God UI, Gu Qing Shan saw only half the sand has dropped.

He then checked his Soul Points.

"Current Soul Points: 532"

Humans are living beings too, so after killing 2 human Foundation Establishment realm cultivators, his Soul Points increased by 2.

As they returned to Bai Hua Palace, Qin Xiao Lou was sitting inside the great hall, blankly staring.

Seeing them return, he got down and checked the two of them. After confirming that they weren't hurt or anything, he sighed from relief.

"You didn't even tell me before you returned, I couldn't make any food in advance because it would get cold. I'll go make some now"

He complained but still began to make food as he normally does.

"Where's Shifu?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

“She left with first brother, saying that they had something urgent to take care of” Qin Xiao Lou answered.

“Something urgent?” Gu Qing Shan and Xiuxiu both repeated after him.

What sort of matter would be able to stall Bai Hua Fairy? Gu Qing Shan wondered.

“Nothing major, we’re back” white goose’s voice was heard from outside.

He flew back into Bai Hua Palace, landing on the table.

Both Gu Qing Shan and Xiuxiu breathed out in relief.

“When will we eat?” white goose asked Qin Xiao Lou.

“Soon” Qin Xiao Lou’s hands moved quicker.

Gu Qing Shan looked at him, seeing that Qin Xiao Lou was so busy he couldn’t even stay still for a second, rolled up his sleeves: “I’ll help”

The two of them quickly cooked all the food, when Bai Hua Fairy finally arrived, the alluring smell of food had already filled the entire hall.

Xiuxiu showed off her Divine Phoenix Talisman, saying: “Shifu, look!”

“Ah? Quite decent, where did you get it?” Bai Hua Fairy smiled and asked.

“Senior brother won it for me!” Xiuxiu replied.

Her spirit energy circulated into the talisman, as the Phoenix phantom appeared from the talisman, it made Qin Xiao Lou jumped.

“Isn’t this Tianzun’s Divine talisman?” Qin Xiao Lou only need a glance to recognize the talisman’s origin, couldn’t help but ask Gu Qing Shan: “How did Xiuxiu get that?”

“A blind bastard was picking on Xiuxiu, so I took his talisman” Gu Qing Shan calmly replied.

“Senior brother also used a single sword strike to hit a bunch of cultivators unconscious!” Xiuxiu happily added.

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Qin Xiao Lou stood up, his face grim: “Who picked on our Xiuxiu?”

“Lee-something? I don’t remember his name, but I already dealt with him” He casually answered, as he poured them both a shot of alcohol.

“Come, let’s drink” he raised his cup.

Hearing that, Qin Xiao Lou face lit up back into a smile, knocking cups with Gu Qing Shan.

He said: “To have a Divine Phoenix Talisman, he must be from Blue Clouds Pass”

Gu Qing Shan answered: “Who cares who he is”

They both laughed loudly as they downed their shots.

Bai Hua Fairy called: "Qing Shan"

"Yes Shifu"

"Where's the first-place seal?"

Gu Qing Shan quickly took out the seal.

Bai Hua Fairy waved, and the seal was already in her hand.

Very rarely, her face showed a clear expression of triumphant pride.

Looking at the seal, she muttered: "Hmph, looks like this Saint clearly knows how to teach her disciples, wouldn't you say so?"

Gu Qing Shan and Qin Xiao Lou exchanged looks and very wisely doesn't interrupt as their Shifu gloats.

Bai Hua Fairy cleared her throat, putting the seal away.

"I will keep this thing for now"

"Yes, Shifu"

"There's also one other thing" Bai Hua Fairy remembered.

Gu Qing Shan asked: "What is it Shifu?"

Bai Hua Fairy said: "Hm, today is your turn to stand at the green rock"

White goose also agreed: "That's right, Qing Shan should also show up for them to know about him"

Shifu, is agreeing with yourself like that interesting? Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but complained in his mind, but very respectfully replied: "Yes"

Qin Xiao Lou was clearly happy, saying: "That's great, I'm finally released"

"You just stay put and cultivate during these next few days, don't go and run off!" Bai Hua Fairy lightly glared at him as she spoke.

"Yes, yes, Shifu" Qin Xiao Lou replied, but seeing his rolling eyes, you can tell he was already thinking about where he should wander off to.

After the meal, Gu Qing Shan went to the forked road on Bai Hua city's outskirts, stopping at the green rock.

There's already quite a few cultivators waiting there.

Ever since the news that Bai Hua Fairy took in another disciple this year, Bai Hua Immortal country became even more rowdy than before, as more people come to try their luck.

Looking at the busy crowd of people, Gu Qing Shan also felt a bit panicked.

Just a few days ago, he came here in rags, spent all his wits and abilities and finally managed to complete a Bai Hua list, saving himself, Ning Yue Xi and Gong Sun Zhi.

But now, he's Bai Hua Fairy's direct disciple, no longer need to worry about scriptures, or cultivation resources, he's even taught by the Saint herself, his status is something for people to look up to.

Unconsciously, he had obtained a starting point that's surpassed where his previous life stood.

Even his understanding of swordsmanship, thanks to Bai Hua Fairy herself teaching him, he's already gaining distance from where his previous life stood, the only difference now is that his cultivation isn't quite high enough so there are a few techniques that he still can't use yet.

Remembering all the things he's been through, compared to today, it all seems like a fleeting dream.

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent for a bit, then suddenly laughed as he jumped onto the green rock.

Raising his voice, he said: "I am Bai Hua Sect's 3rd place, Gu Qing Shan"

"I'm here today to give you all a test, if you can pass this test, you can go on this left road to attempt a Bai Hua list"

Below, regardless if they were Rejuvenation, Golden Core, Foundation Establishment or qi training realm, all the cultivators clasped their fists, saying: "Then please tell us your test, honorable one"

Gu Qing Shan then said: "Truthfully speaking, there is no test today, only a prerequisite"

Seeing the rest of them eager to hear what they need to do, Gu Qing Shan spoke: "From now on, whenever I'm here to pick out people to go pass, those that have lived for 10 years in Bai Hua Immortal country will automatically pass my gate here"

"Those that have lived for 20 years, I can help you go through one less gate"

"Those that have lived for 50 years, I can help you directly skip all the gates for a chance to attempt a Bai Hua list"

The crowd all exchanged looks, a bit confused.

Why is the prerequisite so strange?

But many quick-witted cultivators have already turned around and walked directly to Bai Hua city.

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The cultivators quickly rushed to Bai Hua city, loudly telling people to stay off their way.

"Every single time is a strange and weird test to solve, we can't clear them either way, so I might as well stay at Bai Hua country to cultivate"

"That's right, it's only 10 years, our lifespans are over a few hundred, it's nothing but the blink of an eye"

"The Saint had made many changes so that this place is always full of spirit essence. Not only does cultivating here for 10 years better than other places, but I also don't have to take those strange tests? This deal is very good"

"That's right, Bai Hua Immortal country is rich in resources, you can get anything you want here. The only thing that's missing is a green building" (1)

"What nonsense are you saying? Blue Clouds Pass is a Daoist temple, Spirit Leaf Temple is a monastery,

this is Her Eminence own country, where in the 3 Saints' territory would you find those things"

"You're not wrong, I'll first have to find a place to live!"

"Fellow Dao seeker, I know that you're good with talisman, I myself is an expert pill maker, how about we open a store together?"

"Good idea, let's find a bar, we'll talk"

Seeing the crowd dispersed, Gu Qing Shan smile slowly lifted.

From now on, anyone that comes to Bai Hua Immortal country will be living right under Shifu's watchful eyes, no matter if they're good or bad, evil or not, time will always tell the most truthful story.

Compared to Shifu turning into white goose and pick them out one by one, or Qin Xiao Lou having to squeeze his brain dry to think of a test, this is much easier and much more reasonable.

Not to mention, Blue Clouds Pass' disciples range in the thousands, while Spirit Leaf Temple's believers spread all over the world. Yet since Shifu's Sainting, she has always been alone, there's no parents, brothers or sisters, even Shifu's seniors and juniors in her own sect are no longer here.

She must also have been through many hardships to get to where she is today, and when she finally reached it, she has already lost all the people she could be close with.

And then, Shifu is also a person that really cares about her reputation.

From now on, the more people stay at Bai Hua Immortal country, the less clones she has to keep up, just for this façade of a country, for a façade of hustle and bustle of the city.

Bai Hua Immortal country only need some real people living in it to become truly hustle and bustle.

In just a few years, this place might really become a true cultivation country.

After most already dispersed, Gu Qing Shan just sat down on the green rock.

He closed his eyes and starts meditating.

That's right, every single minute counts, he doesn't want to waste any time.

He doesn't know, Bai Hua Fairy was standing in the clouds, silently watching it all from start to end.

As night falls, white goose came.

"Let's go back, dinner is ready"

"Yes"

Gu Qing Shan stood up and followed behind white goose's flight.

Bai Hua Palace.

The four disciples and their Shifu sat around the table, enjoying Qin Xiao Lou's cooking.

Bai Hua Fairy suddenly spoke: "From tomorrow onwards, all of you don't need to pick people at the green rock anymore"

Qin Xiao Lou was surprised: "Why? You won't make Xiuxiu do it so early right?"

“I’m not, I felt that Qing Shan’s method from today is quite good, so we’ll keep using this method from now on” Bai Hua Fairy said.

They all looked at Gu Qing Shan questioningly.

Gu Qing Shan then told them about his prerequisites.

Qin Xiao Lou was glad: “That’s great then, this young master is truly free from now on”

Xiuxiu also breathed out, thinking to herself: “That’s good, I was afraid of having to think every day about what test to give, now I don’t have to think anymore”

Seeing their reactions, Bai Hua Fairy smiled and said nothing else.

After their meal, she told Gu Qing Shan to remain on his own.

“I’ve already known about what happened during the semester examination”

“Tianzun is a person that holds a grudge and likes to hide his mistakes. Even though I’ve made peace with him, he could possibly go angry one day and want to take revenge for his disciple”

“Of course he wouldn’t do it himself, but he’ll definitely order some high-ranked cultivators to watch you”

“Shifu can’t always be around to look out for you, so you have to grow stronger faster, enough to at least be able to get away”

Bai Hua Fairy told him truthfully.

Gu Qing Shan thought about it, then asked: “Then what should I do?”

Bai Hua Fairy answered: “Enter seclusion”

“Seclusion?” Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

Bai Hua Fairy looked at him, then laughed lightly as she said: “Your first brother’s path is a different one, your second brother isn’t cut out for this, and Xiuxiu is still too young, so only you are left”

“You’re very hard-working with your cultivation, your talent is also decent, and the most important thing is that you are firm with your decisions, very suitable with my teachings”

Gu Qing Shan felt shaken.

Bai Hua Fairy Xie Dao Ling wants to pass on her teachings! Pass them on to him!

Would it be Divine Skills?

It could only be Divine Skills.

Then which Divine Skill will it be?

The Truth from Void?

Sleeves of Holding?

Or the scariest one, The Forgetting River?

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Right at this moment, Gu Qing Shan felt just how lucky he was.

To be able to learn a Divine Skill is the most beautiful dream any cultivator can have but never reach.

Asides from Tianzun and Sorrow, the other 2 Saints, anyone would give up everything to have the chance he's given right now.

"Do you agree?" Bai Hua Fairy asked.

Gu Qing Shan forced himself to stay calm, asking: "I'm already cultivating the path of the sword, would it clash with Shifu's techniques?"

"Of course I won't teach you what isn't appropriate, the Skill I'm about to teach you absolutely will not affect your swordsmanship's growth" Bai Hua Fairy was very pleased with his level-headedness.

"Then I'll be honored to" Gu Qing Shan said.

"Very good

Bai Hua Fairy stood up, slowly walked until she stood opposite of Gu Qing Shan.

"Today I will give you a first impression, so that you'll know what Skill you'll be learning"

She smiled then said: "I'll limit my power to also be Foundation Establishment. You can attack me, I'll let you experience what you're about to learn"

"Yes!"

Gu Qing Shan solemnly bowed, stepped forward and rushed at Bai Hua Fairy.

Bai Hua Fairy only stood there, smiling, unmoved.

Her smiled contained a hint of ease and playfulness.

Seeing that, Gu Qing Shan felt a bit annoyed.

I know you're a Saint, but you've already limit your power to Foundation Establishment and yet you're still like this, aren't you underestimating my abilities?

Seeing the distance between them became closer and closer, Gu Qing Shan said: "Shifu please be careful, I'm about to use a Secret Art"

Bai Hua Fairy only smiled in response.

She's looking down on me that much? Gu Qing Shan became more serious and rushed straight at Bai Hua Fairy.

"Hiyah!"

He shouted, grabbing the air, but felt nothing.

—-ah?

Where's my sword?

How come I can't find my sword?

Right at that moment, Gu Qing Shan gritted his teeth, tapping his Inventory Bag to take out the Night Rain.

——-but the Night Rain also wasn't there.

Gu Qing Shan used his inner sight to double check, still couldn't find where the Night Rain was.

No swords, no bow, his entire arsenal of skills is now useless, how will he fight now?

But why did both his sword and bow disappear?

Gu Qing Shan suddenly stopped.

"Shifu wants to teach me the technique to steal things from far away?" He asked.

This technique really is obscenely strong, when she fought against the 5 Beast Saints, she took away all their weapons and treasure in seconds, making all 5 Beast Saints' fighting strength drop drastically.

"It's not that, the stealing technique isn't something you can use openly in a fight, not to mention it also involves my God's Chosen Skill, so I have no way to teach you"

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit disappointed.

Bai Hua Fairy continued with her explanation: "What I want to teach you is this"

As soon as she said that, she appeared right in front of Gu Qing Shan, striking with her palm.

Bang!

Gu Qing Shan was sent flying, only able to roll and got up back up when he was about to fly outside the hall.

This palm strike's force was extremely well managed, its power was focused on pushing forward, enough to knock Gu Qing Shan away, but didn't hurt him one bit.

"Did you see how I moved?" Bai Hua Fairy asked.

Gu Qing Shan thought about it and suddenly realized, even when Shifu limit herself to Foundation Establishment realm, he still couldn't follow her movement at all.

This is a bit unbelievable.

Note:

(1)green buildings: this is a literal translation, in a normal context, it means "prostitute house"

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Gu Qing Shan thought about it, then dejectedly answered: "I couldn't catch it"

As soon as he said so, an intense pushing force was felt from his side.

Bai Hua Fairy had suddenly appeared next to him, and attacked with a palm strike.

Bam!

Gu Qing Shan was sent flying again.

But before he could regain his posture in the air, Bai Hua Fairy once again appeared next to him and struck.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't even react and was sent crashing into the ten thousand flowers throne before stopping.

"Did you see it?" Bai Hua Fairy asked.

Gu Qing Shan looked at her in confusion, recalling the battle just now.

The battle ended too quickly, even if Bai Hua Fairy had limited herself to only Foundation Establishment realm, he still wasn't a match at all.

"Last time, when my incarnation fought at the frontline, having seen the entire battle, did you know where the most important turning point was?" Bai Hua Fairy asked.

Gu Qing Shan thought about it, then said: "Divine Skill Forgetting River?"

Bai Hua Fairy replied: "Forgetting River takes a total of 81 hand seals to cast, if it weren't for the fact that those demon beasts were too stupid, it wouldn't have been easy to use"

Gu Qing Shan thought a bit more, asking: "The Great Dragon?"

"That's not it either" Bai Hua Fairy said.

Gu Qing Shan carefully assessed, then answered: "I know, it was when you attacked Blade Emperor"

"Ah?" Bai Hua Fairy seems intrigued, "why do you think so?"

"Because they couldn't predict that attack, they were afraid that something might happen to Blade Emperor, so they all showed themselves to attack you"

Gu Qing Shan became more convinced as he spoke: "They were lured by the illusion that you would kill Blade Emperor and got careless, giving you the chance to take all their Inventory Bag and lost their weapons"

"That's correct" Bai Hua Fairy nodded: "Blade Emperor was afraid that I would kill him, so he hid behind all the demon beasts, unable to predict that I could suddenly appear in front of him"

"As I surprised Blade Emperor by attacking him, that drove all the other Beast Saints out, giving me the chance to take their weapons, and decided on how to close out the battle"

"Because of that, the real pivot point of the battle was when I used my speed technique to suddenly appear in front of Blade Emperor"

Gu Qing Shan praised: "Today I finally understood, so the turning point of that battle was in that moment"

Bai Hua Fairy smiled, saying: "Many of my spells and techniques have limitations, as well as requiring numerous years of study and the appropriate elemental root to understand, not to mention their

complicated hand seals”

“Sword cultivation requires single-mindedness, if you are to learn my other techniques, it will definitely be an obstruction of your path”

“This speed technique, on the other hand, is very suitable for sword cultivator to use”

Gu Qing Shan asked: “Does the speed technique have a name?”

Bai Hua Fairy answered: “This technique is actually a Divine Skill, called Ground Shrink, and you’re the first person that I’ve ever taught this to”

“Thank you, Shifu” Gu Qing Shan said

Bai Hua Fairy threw him a jade tag, saying: “The specific methods are stored inside, if you have anything you don’t understand, just come find me”

“Remember also to not throw away your swordsmanship and bow skills as well, make sure to take the time and train all your skills”

“Yes”

That night.

Orchid Hall.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the jade tag in his hand, feeling a sense of warmth inside himself.

On the War God UI, a line of text was floating in place.

“Discovered Scripture: Ground Shrink. Skill level: Divine Skill. Do you want to comprehend it?”

“To comprehend the skill, Soul Points cost: 1000”

“Current Soul Points: 532/20”

Gu Qing Shan had already expected this, but looking at the cost to comprehend the skill, he still couldn’t help but sigh.

All the skills he learnt before, even Secret Arts only takes a total of 10 Soul Points.

But this single speed technique costs a whole 1000 Soul Points.

He sighed again.

During his escape from Shen Wu world, the amount of Soul Points he was able to earn was only a bit over 600.

But even that wasn’t enough for this Skill.

Gu Qing Shan scratched his head, regretful that he couldn’t go back to the frontline to kill demons for a few days and nights straight.

Both worlds have changed so drastically that if he doesn’t try his best to become stronger faster, some day he might just become food in a monster’s belly.

Then, how can he get enough Soul Points for this?

Gu Qing Shan thought hard, unconsciously touching the Earth sword.

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Then suddenly he realized, remembering a certain something he had seen, joyfully exclaimed: "There is a way!"

Back in Shen Wu world, when he awakens his sword skills, the War God UI once said a certain thing.

"Detecting the user to have a deep understanding of these sword styles, the cost to reawaken old sword styles decreased to lowest"

That means, if he already understands a skill with enough depth, then the cost he needs to pay to comprehend the Skills would also decrease.

Then, if he really takes the time to study and understand the Skill, he should also be able to decrease the Soul Points cost.

Yep, that must be it!

Gu Qing Shan took up the jade tag, recording the information inside into his soul vessel.

As soon as he finished recording it, the jade tag crumbled away into dust.

Shutting his eyes for a long time, Gu Qing Shan finally stood up and mumbled: "The first step is to learn the 12 basic movements"

His body moved, rushing forward.

But if anyone is observing him right now, they'd see that although his movements are clearly forward, he was actually moving backwards.

While Gu Qing Shan moved to his right, he was clearly moving to his left.

This type of strange posture and reversed movement direction makes for an incomprehensibly unsatisfying sight.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly sat down on the spot.

"That's not right, I made a mistake, let's try again"

He said, stood back up and kept on practicing.

The night was lonely, the entire Orchid Hall was silent.

Gu Qing Shan was in a trance, constantly practicing the basic movements for Ground Shrink.

Whenever he faces a problem, he would frown, test it again and again until he could just barely do it.

The entire set of movement was really hard, even with Gu Qing Shan's 2 lives' worth of cultivation experience, he still took a while to fully understand all 12 movement sets and did them all in sequence.

He didn't rest at all the entire night, if he gets tired he just stood still for a few minutes to rest; if his spirit energy wasn't enough, he would eat a pill.

Morning.

Bai Hua Palace.

“Where’s Qing Shan? Why isn’t he here for breakfast yet?” white goose asked.

Qin Xiao Lou was surprised: “He’s always here on time, what happened today?”

Xiuxiu jumped down from her chair, saying: “I’ll go get him”

Then she quickly left.

Qin Xiao Lou saw Xiuxiu left, unconsciously spoke: “Xiuxiu seems to be very close to Third now”

“Hm, after the semester examination, she’s been sticking quite close to him” Bai Hua Fairy nonchalantly said.

Making herself a cup of juice, her eyes smiled ever so slightly.

Xiuxiu made a dash to Orchid Hall’s main gate, loudly called him: “Third brother, let’s get breakfast, today second brother made quite a big meal!”

No one answered.

Xiuxiu was curious, walked into Orchid Hall and looked around.

Only to see Gu Qing Shan was dejectedly sitting on the ground.

Seeing Gu Qing Shan like that, Xiuxiu immediately got worried.

“Third brother, what happened to you?”

“Hah, it’s nothing, it’s nothing” Gu Qing Shan said with a clearly pale face.

Xiuxiu isn’t that easy to fool, she immediately recognized there was something wrong with Gu Qing Shan.

Could it be, demonic possession? (1)

She heard that it’s very easy to get into such a situation if you’re not careful when cultivation.

Note:

(1) Demonic possession: the meaning is the same, but it doesn’t really explain the whole meaning of the phrase. The original term is 走火入魔, literally meaning Being Burned and Demon Possessed, it’s a term used in both Xianxia and wuxia novels, meaning you made a mistake when training, messing up the flow of qi in your body, thus potentially injuring you permanently. As well as when you understand something wrong in the method, and mess up your mind, making you go crazy.

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Xiuxiu didn’t hesitate at all, pulled out a communication talisman, spoke into it and sent it out.

Bai Hua Palace.

A flame flew into the Palace, landing right in front of Bai Hua Fairy.

“Something happened to Qing Shan!”

As soon as Bai Hua Fairy took the talisman, her face changed, then disappeared from the Palace.

“What? What happened?” Qin Xiao Lou only had enough time to ask that before seeing white goose also flying out.

He quickly dropped his utensils and also ran out.

Inside Orchid Hall, the rest of Bai Hua Sect stood around Gu Qing Shan.

Bai Hua Fairy took Gu Qing Shan’s hand, using spirit energy to circulate around his entire body, including his Dantian and Thought Sea, before returning.

“He’s fine, Xiuxiu” Bai Hua Fairy said.

“I, I saw that third brother—”

“It’s not Xiuxiu’s fault, I was a bit too hasty, because there were no clear improvements, my face was a bit pale so it made Xiuxiu misunderstand” Gu Qing Shan quickly covered for her.

Seeing that it was just a false alarm, they all breathed out in relief.

“Come, let’s go eat breakfast” White goose urged everyone.

They all went out of Orchid Hall together.

Half-way there, suddenly they realized Gu Qing Shan was still sitting on the ground.

Ah?

What’s happening with him?

“Qing Shan, tell me what happened to you?” Bai Hua Fairy asked with a serious face.

Because Shifu herself is asking that, Gu Qing Shan can’t not reply.

He sighed, then explained: “Yesterday I took the entire night to train with the speed technique”

“Hm”

“At first it was a bit hard, but I got used to it over time”

“Hm”

“I improved quite a bit with all the basic footwork”

“Hm”

“But...”

“Hm?”

“But this morning, I suddenly couldn’t remember how to walk anymore...”

Everyone’s expression became blank.

They were looking at Gu Qing Shan like some sort of weird animal.

So it's like that, no wonder he just sat there with a frown, not moving one bit.

A strange silence filled the room.

"Ahahahahahahaha!"

Qin Xiao Lou was the first to break out in laughter.

White goose had already rolled on the floor laughing, his feet kicking the air.

Xiuxiu was empathetic: "Senior brother, it's nothing to worry about, I believe you'll very quickly be able to ——pfft, ahahaha!"

"What are you laughing for! This is because he was training too seriously and got mesmerized!" Bai Hua Fairy glared angrily at her disciples.

Shifu, you're also laughing, and laughing the most as well ——Gu Qing Shan silently complained in his mind.

"Hm, I did forget to tell you, while training this technique's basic footwork, this will happen"

"Then Xiuxiu will be responsible to bring food for you during this time, after you fully comprehend the technique, you'll naturally be able to remember how to walk" Bai Hua Fairy told him.

It can't be helped, Gu Qing Shan sighed.

The rest of them stifled their laughter as they left.

Only Gu Qing Shan was left in Orchid Hall.

He mumbled: "This time I've really lost so much face. To think this technique actually made me become possessed like that"

Suddenly, a weak light appeared on the War God UI, there seems to be some sort of notification.

As Gu Qing Shan noticed, he quickly looked at the UI.

A line of text appeared on it.

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"Because the user has tried so hard and showed clear comprehension of Ground Shrink, the cost for comprehending this Skill has been reduced"

"To comprehend Divine Skill: Ground Shrink, Soul Points cost: 998"

"Current Soul Points: 532/20"

...It only decreased by two.

Gu Qing Shan felt himself clearly exhausted and fell asleep.

After a few minutes he suddenly woke up.

He still doesn't know what's going on in Reality; and Anna's safety is also not guaranteed.

How can he be depressed just because he couldn't learn a skill quickly?

He stood up, and began training again.

At noon, Bai Hua Fairy and Xiuxiu went together to check up on him.

Seeing his progress, Bai Hua Fairy used herself as a model to teach him the details.

Having such a Shifu, Gu Qing Shan's progress with the Skill was extremely rapid, many problems he had were quickly explained to him, speeding up his learning pace.

Time passed quickly, day after day. Before they knew it, 5 days had passed.

During lunch, Gu Qing Shan was able to walk by himself to Bai Hua Palace to eat.

Qin Xiao Lou was surprised: "You're already here? That can't be right, Shifu said that back then, when she learnt this Skill, she took ——"

A loud bang was heard as Qin Xiao Lou was struck flying outside, crashed into a wall and slowly slid down.

Bai Hua Fairy said: "Qing Shan, do your best to learn, don't let others distract you and affect your cultivation"

"Yes Shifu" Gu Qing Shan said.

After lunch, Gu Qing Shan returned to Orchid Hall to continue training.

After another two hours, the War God UI once again had a notification.

Gu Qing Shan stopped and looked at it.

"Because the user has tried so hard and showed clear comprehension of Ground Shrink, the cost for comprehending this Skill has been reduced"

"To comprehend Divine Skill: Ground Shrink, Soul Points cost: 532"

"Current Soul Points: 532/20"

"User has reached the requirements; do you want to comprehend it?"

Seeing those words, Gu Qing Shan was finally able to relax.

Finally, he can comprehend it.

Of course if he takes time and effort to continue training, he can keep reducing the cost more and more, but after so many days of constant practice, Gu Qing Shan couldn't wait for it anymore.

"Comprehend" he didn't even hesitate.

"532 Soul Points consumed, Current Soul Points: 0/20"

"Divine Skill: Ground Shrink, has been successfully comprehended, current progress: Primary"

"Ground Shrink (Primary): Using a special speed technique to ignore the constraints of space and immediately appear at appointed location within range"

"Current range: 3m"

After reading it through Gu Qing Shan sighed: "I can only use it in a radius of 3 meters, seems like Primary is still too weak, I'll have to train more to raise the Skill's level"

He then thought about his other Growth Skill, Shifting Flurry.

Both these skills require a player to constantly train it nonstop to be able to show its real power.

Gu Qing Shan looked again at his hourglass.

The sand was still falling very slowly.

Probably a few hours have passed in Reality.

"That's fine then, if I temporarily can't return anyways, I'll just have to try my best and train!"

Gu Qing Shan decided just like that.

A few minutes later, he pulled out the Night Rain and began to practice archery.

And after he got tired with archery, he changed to practicing his speed technique, after he's tired from speed technique, he'll return to practicing archery.

For the next few days, Gu Qing Shan doesn't even come to Bai Hua Palace to eat anymore.

If he's hungry he eats Fasting Pills, if he's tired he eats Spirit Pills to reduce his fatigue.

For ten days straight, he practiced like mad.

During that time, the rest of Bai Hua Sect also came to see him a few times.

After the final visit, everyone was sitting around the table.

Bai Hua Fairy thought a bit as she looked at Qin Xiao Lou, thinking: "Perhaps I should let Gu Qing Shan be the second brother..."

Qin Xiao Lou was frightened: "Shifu, you can't mess up the ranking like that"

"Your cultivation isn't high, you're also not a sword cultivator like Qing Shan" Bai Hua Fairy said: "If one day you go out and gets bullied by someone, to call for help from your junior brother is too humiliating"

Qin Xiao Lou was stunned.

"Losing a fight and calling your junior brother to help out is pathetic, you'll be ridiculed" Bai Hua Fairy slowly explained: "But if you instead call a senior brother to help, since a senior helping a junior is very normal, no one can say anything"

"That actually sounds... reasonable" Qin Xiao Lou crossed his arms, tilted his head and carefully thought about the pros and cons.

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About half a day later.

The members of Bai Hua Sect were sitting at the lunch table as always.

“Shifu, Shifu, third brother finally isn’t training anymore” Xiuxiu says as she ran in, breathing heavily and excitedly.

For the last few days, whenever she didn’t have anything to do, she’d go to Orchid Hall to watch Gu Qing Shan train while encouraging him from the side.

“Not training? Then what’s he doing?” White goose asked.

“He’s taking a bath”

Xiuxiu slightly squints her nose, frowning as she said: “These last few days he’s been soaked in sweat and smelled really bad, I kept telling him to go clean himself up, but he only says a lot of weird things and doesn’t listen, today he actually went on his own”

White goose thought a bit, then smiled: “Looks like he’s improved enough”

Gu Qing Shan sat in a bath of warm water, looked at the description on his War God UI and clearly felt his hard work paying off.

“Shifting Flurry (Intermediate): Growth Skill, fires off 10 arrows in succession, each flying in unpredictable trajectory to attack enemies”

“Ground Shrink (Intermediate): Divine Skill, by selecting a point within range, or locking-on to the enemy’s presence; break through the restraint of space with a specific speed technique and instantly appear at the appointed area”

“Current range: 30m”

30 meters is enough for it to be used in a real battle situation.

Right at that moment, a flame flew in.

Gu Qing Shan took the flame talisman in hand, after infusing it with spirit energy hears Xiuxiu’s voice.

“Senior brother, senior brother, Shifu said she wants to pick out a Foundation Establishment scripture for you”

Gu Qing Shan smiled, putting the talisman away.

Opening his War God UI, he looked again at the amount of sand on his hourglass.

There’s only 7 grains of sand left in the hourglass.

He’ll soon be able to return to Reality.

Gu Qing Shan just stared at the hourglass, silently watching each grain of sand, just like they were in low-speed, falling down ever so slowly.

Then time comes.

The light flashed, and he disappeared from the cultivation world.

Saint Orlank Holy Empire.

The Royal Palace.

“There’s still no information?”

“Why is there still no information? Do all of you know only to sit around and do nothing!? USELESS! I’LL HAVE YOUR HEADS!!”

The Emperor, an old man whose hair has already turned grey sat on the throne, his face chilling cold.

All the officers below was trembling, bowing their heads to the ground: “The princess said that she would immediately return, but the people we have stationed at the border still say they haven’t gotten sight of the princess’ Floating Fire”

“Hmph, useless, all of you, I’ll give the order right now, kill—“

Suddenly, the old man noticed that the woman whose whole body was emitting holy light was gesturing to him.

The old man understood.

He waved his hand in annoyance, almost screaming in anger: “Get out of here, all of you! Don’t let me see you incompetents anymore!”

All the officers felt cold sweat, quickly retreated outside.

It was only when they left that the old man finally calmed his breathing, his expression relaxed.

“Venerable Pope, the matter that this King had asked of the Church, how goes the progress?” The old man’s tone became soft.

“It’s being dealt with, your majesty, you need not concern yourself as it will very quickly be finished”

The woman replied, she was wearing pure white church attire, her body itself was emitting a dim but radiant holy light.

She seems to be about 50 years old, a graceful figure, a bright halo hanging above her head. At a glance, you’d think that the Saint Mother herself has descended from heaven.

Such grace, such solemnity, if she were to appear outside the palace, there would be no shortage of mortals willingly kneel down before her.

But unfortunately, she had a thin veil of silk on her face, ensuring that none will see her true face.

“You’re all dismissed, the Pope and I have matters to discuss” The old man ordered.

Then everyone was dismissed.

The entire great hall was filled with silence.

“Come” The old man on the throne said.

The Pope didn’t reply.

“Come, I beg you”

The old man’s tone began to change to begging.

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The Pope deeply sighed, as she slightly raised her church attire's hem, slowly walking up towards the throne.

Her feet weren't quite right, so her steps were slow, but the old man appeared clearly happier.

As the Pope arrived at the throne, she stood right beside the old man.

She rubbed the old man's head, whisper: "It's fine, even though some people don't know regret even when they die, but they'll meet their ends today"

The old man was already half-crying: "You know that's not what I want"

The Pope stops a bit, then her voice became softer: "It'll be soon, hold on for a bit more, it'll be very soon"

"I can't hold on; I don't want to! I want ——"

Suddenly the old man's voice stopped.

His head slowly dropped, his body sitting on the throne seems like it just lost its soul.

A hand stuck out from the old man's chest.

A pair of hand that's full of sharp claws, stuck out from inside the old man's body, reaching out.

As the pair of hand used a bit of strength, and the old man's chest opened.

There weren't any organs in the old man's body, only a little man hiding inside.

A midget whose body wrinkled all over, barely any hair on his head, and a face that's all pruned up.

But his voice was a high-pitched screeching voice.

The midget was crying: "Mother, I don't want to be in here anymore, it's so lonely here"

"Be good, precious" the Pope hugged him, whispering: "Just give Mother 2 more days, then I can firmly hold this country in my hand, and you won't have to keep up this act anymore"

The midget held the Pope tight, shouting in frenzy: "Why don't you understand what I'm saying, I want Anna, I want Anna, I want her to be my bride!"

"Anna will be yours, no one can take her away, my dear child" the Pope softly spoke.

Suddenly she lifted her veil, revealing a pair of empty, black eye sockets.

She lightly held her child's face, saying: "Be a good boy and listen to Mother, then you'll get Anna"

"This is the Empire's thorned rose, if you won't try your best, how could you possibly get her in your hands?"

The midget sobbed, asking: "Is that true?"

"It's true" the Pope held the midget, telling him: "You only need to try and hold on for another 2 days, then I'll bring Anna back to marry you"

“Ok, then I’ll try, I’ll definitely, I want Anna” the midget said, then crawled back inside the old man’s body, closing his chest from the inside.

The old man’s head suddenly got back up, speaking in an old voice, but with a frenzied tone: “I want Anna, I want her, she’s my bride”

Suddenly, the sound of something falling could be heard outside the hall.

“Who is it!” The old man shouted.

As soon as he shouted, the Pope has already stood at the bottom of the stairs again, the veil was already back on her face.

Looking at her graceful, noble visage, people would think she never left there at all.

Outside the hall was a frightened voice.

“Your majesty, princess Anna sent a message, saying that she wants to contact you directly”

“Anna!”

The old man happily yelled, his hands placed on the throne, wanting to stand up.

But when looking down at the Pope, even through the veil, he could tell the Pope was not happy.

The old man shrunk back down, clearing his throat: “Then connect her immediately”

Very quickly, the secret communication device was set up and connected.

The screen lit up.

The communication device got through several layers of security, transmitting images far away from the Confederate all the way here.

Both the old man and the Pope stared at the screen, their faces changed.

“Who are you?”

The old man’s voice contained anger, killing intent, as well as envy.

On the screen, Anna and Feng Huo De was standing a bit away, as a crowd of frenzied people were rushing towards them, trying to but couldn’t reach where they are.

While a young man much more handsome than himself was facing the screen directly.

“My greetings, your Majesty the Emperor of the Holy Empire. Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Gu Qing Shan”

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“What do you want? Why are you there with my Anna?” The old man tried his best to hold back his emotions, almost couldn’t hold his scream at the screen.

“Didn’t you give them a mission to come to the Confederate and look for top-level talents?” Gu Qing Shan pointed at himself, “I am that talent”

The old man was a bit stunned, then suddenly remembered something and muttered: "...So I did"

Gu Qing Shan said: "I am the top Mech technology scientist of the Confederate, currently surrounded by a horde of virus infected, Anna said if I have any request to make, I'll have to get your permission first"

The old man was stunned again.

The Pope waved her hands and two black-robed Church members appeared.

"Is he really the top Mech technology scientist of the Confederate?" the Pope coldly asked.

One of the black-robed answered: "Gu Qing Shan, the newest expert in Mech technology research and development. The recorded footage of the Mech that you saw from before, that was the Blazing Angel that he created"

"He created that Mech?"

"Yes"

The Pope stopped for a bit, slightly intrigued.

She nodded at the old man.

"Gu... Qing Shan? What do you seek? Protection from the Holy Empire?"

The old man was looking at him, but occasionally darted his eyes at Anna standing far behind, concerned.

"I wanted to hire Anna and Feng Huo De's help to escort me to a safe location, but they won't agree"

"Of course they can't, she has to immediately ——" the old man couldn't keep silent.

But the Pope placed her hand on the old man's shoulder, shutting him up.

The Pope asked softly: "Scientist, for your life, what are you prepared to contribute to the Holy Empire?"

"5 of the newest Mech technology research results, all of them are cutting edge and ahead of the time" Gu Qing Shan quickly said.

The Pope looked at the black-robed.

He tossed a coin, checking heads or tails and nodded: "It's the truth"

The Pope squints her eyes.

"For your life, 5 is too little" she said.

"I can give you one more research for a total of 6, as long as you let them protect me" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The Pope suddenly asked: "And I presume all of them are yours?"

"That's right, I can give you a part of them first as a deposit" Gu Qing Shan answered.

As he spoke, he sent over a packet of data.

The Pope looked at the other black-robed man.

He came up and checked the data.

After a while, he nodded: "Compared to our current level of Mech technology, it's at least 1 step more advanced. A few of the techniques that we've only just begun to theorize about, they've already completed, and without any flaws"

Then he showed a face of regret, saying: "Unfortunately, the data here was cut off halfway"

"A very careful person" the Pope smiled.

Her interest grew even more.

— — — she really didn't think Anna would find such a big catch.

Seems like this strong-willed little princess is also quite the capable person.

Unfortunately, she's about to take control of the country, and since Anna is a member of their Royalty, she definitely can't be used.

Oh well, let's just make her my child's bride as planned, to keep him happy.

The Pope smiled, then spoke into the communicator: "What do you say we establish long-term contact? As you know, on the technological front, our Holy Empire is quite behind"

Gu Qing Shan very respectfully said: "I still have over a dozen researches on hand, if the Holy Empire wants them, then please be prepared to pay the appropriate price"

"As a Confederate scientist, you would not stay loyal to the Confederate?" The Pope asked.

Gu Qing Shan smiled, then answered: "If you know about what I have been through, then you are very clear about my attitude towards the Confederate"

Then he pointed at the scene behind himself, continuing: "The times have changed, I also need to make preparations for myself"

The Pope then accepted a portfolio from one of the black-robed men, quickly skimming through it.

That sounds about right, Confederate aristocrats are always like this. Even the interstellar warp technology from over 30 years ago was gotten by them through the same methods.

The person called Gu Qing Shan seems to be going through the very same thing, but his life is still safe at the moment, thanks to the world changing so rapidly.

This type of person would definitely not hold any loyalty to the Confederate.

Right after, the other black-robed man rubbed the coin in his hand, adding: "He isn't lying, he truly does hold over a dozen more core technologies"

The Pope was now truly serious about this matter.

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Advanced Mech technology can push society to advance, creating immense profits. A few of them, when unlocked can even be adopted for civil-use, increasing the production power greatly.

This is also extremely useful to the Holy Church.

Because not all Church members can awaken to a Holy Church's mystic-type God's Chosen Skills.

In such a case, technology is a perfect replacement.

Thinking so, the Pope gestured to the old man.

The old man reluctantly said: "Very well then, I will permit Anna to protect you, until you're no longer in danger ——but right now, let me see her first"

"Anna" Gu Qing Shan turned around and called, "come"

Anna's beautiful face showed up on the screen.

The old man looked at her, mesmerized, then ordered: "After you finish the escort mission, return immediately"

"Yes, Father" Anna was a bit surprised, looked at her father, then at the Pope.

The call was then hung up.

"Mother, why did you ——" the old man was so angry that all the wrinkles on his face shriveled up.

"There's no need to ask 'why', this matter is simply an extremely good deal for us, and, even if she doesn't want to, Anna will still have to return"

After saying so, the Pope ordered: "Contact the Holy Judge, tell them to send out their strongest, have him bring some people to personally take Anna and that scientist back here"

"Yes" the black-robed men quickly left.

"Child, are you happy now?" the Pope asked.

"The strongest? You mean Hill? The Apostle, Hill?" the old man held the Pope as he asked.

"Of course it's him, Anna is too naughty of a child, so only he can catch her" the Pope answered.

"I'm happy, very happy, ahaha, I'm looking forward to seeing Anna"

The old man was finally relieved, dancing in joy.

The Freedom Confederate.

The Capital.

The main square has already disappeared, in its place was a large burnt section of earth.

Hordes upon hordes of people were rushing to where Anna's group was, in their eyes were nothing but the hunger for human flesh.

Anna covered her nose, a bit annoyed: "Why are there so many of them, this stench is really horrible.

Two twisting, burning ropes under her feet quickly spread out, as soon as it touched anyone infected with the Man Eater Virus, they immediately got burned to ash.

A few monsters that have evolved slightly more and could fly, but before they could even get close, they've already been burnt by a flame that appears from thin air, also turned to ash.

Suddenly, she turned around to face Gu Qing Shan, looked up, her eyes glowing bright staring straight at him.

"Before, when you said to wait for you no matter what, was just to talk directly to Father? But with how strong you are, why would you need my protection at all?"

Gu Qing Shan looked at her, at a bit of a loss for words.

What should I say here? That in the past life, you were caught by the Holy Church and forced to be that midget's wife for a year?

He already owed her one life in the past, since he's returned now, he'll do everything he can to make sure she doesn't face the same horrible fate.

But he can't actually say any of that to her.

Gu Qing Shan bite hard, decided not to make any excuses at all and bluntly said: "I need your protection because I said so. Not to mention, his Majesty has already agreed"

Hearing such shameless words, Anna was stunned, unable to react right away.

After a bit.

Anna's face suddenly flushed, holding the necklace in front of her chest, lightly scoffed, then turned away.

Her Highness didn't get angry! Her Highness didn't get angry! Her Highness didn't get angry!

Feng Huo De couldn't help but pinch himself as he saw that.

It hurts, this really isn't a dream!

Gu Qing Shan looks around.

The people turned into Man Eater Fiends were still quickly rushing over, piling on one another, not the least bit afraid of how strong Anna was.

The flames continued to burn through their bodies, making them slow down as they get turned to ash, falling and covered the ground.

The putrid smell of burning corpses filled the air, as the entire world seems like hell on earth.

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Gu Qing Shan's attention was suddenly directed at a certain flying figure.

It was a female, the whites of her eyes replaced with a deep red, while all the flesh in her arms has disappeared, replaced with sharp, white bones.

The girl was in a frenzy, killing everything that she could see, while occasionally screaming in joy.

“Kill them, kill them all! This feeling is so wonderful, nothing can ever compare to it!”

As she waved her arms, the sharp bones on it were like blades, slicing not only the normal people running away, but also the Man Eater Fiends pursuing them into slabs of meat.

Whenever the bone blades draw blood, the smile on her face became wider and wider, until finally even her hair was floating without any wind blowing it. Like a drug addict getting the greatest high of their lives.

A blood-colored glow concentrated on her body, like it was actually solid.

Gu Qing Shan’s eyes contracted.

Awakening to an ability this soon, this Man Killer Fiend must have been a Professionalist before they contracted the virus.

After a Professionalist gets infected and become a Man Killer Fiend, all their Profession abilities will disappear, instead gaining abilities one step stronger than what they had.

Such a miraculous jump in ability, if it weren’t for their characteristics of being mindless killing machines, numerous Professionalist will gladly contract the virus themselves.

This girl had reawakened her abilities within such a short time span, she would be considered an elite even among Man Killer Fiends.

Leave her alone for a bit longer and she’ll definitely become a top-level Man Killer Fiend.

Gu Qing Shan raised the Night Rain, shooting an arrow.

Bang!

The female’s head popped like a balloon.

The headless body lightly shook in the cloud of blood just formed, before finally dropping down to the ground, no longer moving.

Gu Qing Shan lowered his bow, sighing.

From afar, the sound of Mobile Mechs fighting could be heard, mixed with the screams of people calling for help.

Occasionally, they would see squads of troops quickly moving on the street.

They would always stop a little bit to take a look at the burnt area where Gu Qing Shan and Anna was, then quickly left.

“Professionalists”

“Not infected”

“Hm, they’re very strong, not in danger”

“Ignore them”

As soon as they made the decision, they quickly left.

Usually on the battlefield, the majority of soldiers are driving Mechs, so it's very rare to actually see normal soldiers.

If a soldier isn't riding a Mech, and isn't on an Interstellar Warship, yet they still appear on the battlefield, then they must be a Professionalists.

In other words, the Confederate's Elite Military has finally started to move.

At this time, a small-sized Warship suddenly appeared in the air.

The Warship quickly landed where Gu Qing Shan was.

As the Warship cabin opened, a group of soldiers lined up in front of Gu Qing Shan, salute and said: "Highest directives, please come with us to the evacuation zone"

"Come on, let's go and see the situation" Gu Qing Shan winked at Anna.

Anna nodded, entering the Warship together with Gu Qing Shan.

A peaceful, normal world was thrust into chaos so suddenly that many are still in disbelief, even the Holy Empire was facing the same situation.

She also wanted to know just how severe the situation is.

There's also another matter that she's worried about. She has to quickly find a safe place to be sure of the truth.

The 3 Armies' headquarters.

Looking at the map on the screen, Anna found that matters were much worse than she had thought.

On the world map, the green dots that represent safety were quickly disappearing, quickly being replaced by the hostile red dots.

"What is that?" She pointed at a certain black dot on the map.

The black dot was moving slowly on the map, apparently heading towards the Freedom Confederate's direction.

On the screen a blurry figure was shown.

A storm was raging as droplets of water so fine it looked like sand filled the screen.

This was footage obviously taken from an extremely hostile environment.

The footage couldn't show exactly what the figure was.

But it did have a description next to it.

"Giant Sea Beast, 15-meter tall. Purpose: Unknown. Ability: Unknown. Movement: Heading towards Freedom Confederate East Sea, estimated time of arrival is half a day"

So it was a monster, Anna was shocked, looking back at the sea map.

On it, she saw 7-8 similar black dots moving about.

They were each heading towards one country or another.

“What the actual fuck, what is going on?” Feng Huo De was extremely confused.

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“I don’t know, but one thing is for sure, there’s chaos everywhere” Anna replied.

Gu Qing Shan appeared at the door.

“How is it?” Anna asked.

“The President and the senate are still in meeting, seems like they’re going at it quite firmly” Gu Qing Shan said.

“What kind of problems would they possibly need to discuss at this point in time?” Anna was a bit confused about that.

“Can’t help it, the subject they’re discussing is quite sensitive, the aftereffects might be a bit harsh”

“What subject is what?”

“The decentralization of Mech usage right”

Anna was surprised and stayed silent for a while: “No wonder there’s dispute”

In the current era, Mech technology’s autonomy is already very high, even regular citizens don’t need much training to use them. As long as they can give the command, the Mechs themselves can automatically carry out quite a few simple sets of predetermined actions.

If everyone and anyone has the right to use Mobile Mechs, then even aristocrats wouldn’t dare to carry on as they always have been and do as they please.

“You can rest here for a bit, I need to make a call” Gu Qing Shan said, then closed the door and walked away.

“Your Highness, our escort mission is basically over now, so can we leave?” Feng Huo De asked.

Anna suddenly realized that really is the case, then muttered to herself: “Father once told me to never stand too close to the Pope”

“Yet today, he was standing in the same place as her”

“Furthermore, Father has never used those eyes to look at me before”

As Feng Huo De listened to her, he felt a cold sweat forming on his back.

“That’s —” he opened his mouth.

Anna put one finger in front of her lips, signaling silence.

Then she took out her personally communicator, try to hold back her tears as she typed a message: “Father, do you remember what present I gave you last year? What color was it?”

After a bit of hesitation, she sent it out.

After what seems to be an eternity later, a reply came.

“Gloves. Red”

Feng Huo De carefully looked at Anna’s expression, asking: “Was it red?”

“It was red”

Anna nodded blankly.

Feng Huo De breathed out in relief.

But Anna continued: “I made an agreement with Father, if I ever ask this question, if he’s fine, then he won’t reply”

“If he ever does, that means he’s no longer of this world”

Tears drips down Anna’s beautiful face.

“Father is already gone”

She bit her lip, letting the streams of tears flow down her cheeks, meeting at her chin before dropping to the ground.

On the other side.

Gu Qing Shan shut himself inside a small room.

“Impartial Goddess” he called out.

“I am here” Impartial Goddess’ voice sounded.

“What are you hesitating about?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Without authorization, I cannot decentralize the usage of Mechs” Impartial Goddess said.

“Didn’t the President already give his authorization?”

“The President’s authorization must also be agreed with by 2/3 of the senate to become a bill that can be enforced”

“How long have they been discussing for?”

“In accordance with Gu Qing Shan’s authority level, the information he could know are as follows: 10 senates representing the 9 Lords has banded together, each one taking turns to make a speech against the bill, thus elongating the passing process”

“On the other hand, they have convinced 5 out of the 13 other senates to agree with them, while also working on convincing more”

“In other words” Gu Qing Shan stopped her there, “the bill will basically have no chance to be passed?”

“Current chance of passing is 7.16925%”

Gu Qing Shan blinked, contemplated and spoke: “What technology is currently used in the Mechs?”

“All of them operate on your Life Structure Algorithm sir, but only myself use the core protocols”

“Very good”

Gu Qing Shan nodded in satisfaction.

He stopped for a bit, seeming to think hard about something.

Time slowly passed.

His hands couldn't help but twitch, almost like he wanted to take something out of thin air.

Realizing his instinctive reaction, Gu Qing Shan smiled deprecatingly, then put his hands on his knees, rubbing them flat.

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Finally, Gu Qing Shan opened his mouth, asking: “Impartial Goddess, please tell me, what is the 17th article of the Freedom Confederate Constitution”

“The Freedom Confederate and any of its counties are not to refuse protection of a citizen's life or belonging, based on their race, color, or any previous status they had as a slave”

“Article 21?”

“No county may enact or enforce a law that will deprive any citizen of their rights or give them immunity to the law; no county may deprive a citizen of their lives, freedom or property before they are properly judged before the court of law; nor may anyone refuse to give equal protection to a citizen under their jurisdiction”

“Article 37, last paragraph, tell me word for word”

“Impartial Goddess protects the rights of citizens under the law. In addition, as Impartial Goddess is not a denial of representative democracy, but a supplement and amendment to representative democracy. Data collection and analysis should be carried out according to each condition, with the goal of guiding humanity civilization towards survival through means of scientific logic”

Gu Qing Shan silently laughed.

He remembers very clearly, 5 years later, the Confederate constitution will undergo major changes. To appease the people, they took each and every loophole out for careful consideration and scrutiny, explaining why they must be done as such.

Among them was a new article, specifically designed to further supplement for these three articles, mending the final loophole that would allow for decentralization of Mech usage.

But now, that article hasn't been born yet...

Gu Qing Shan slowly spoke: “Considering the urgency and priority of the situation, I believe it perfectly fulfils the conditions to enact Confederate constitution articles 17, 21, and 37 merged into one, what do you think?”

Impartial Goddess was silent.

Silence fills the small room.

That should be enough time, Gu Qing Shan silently thought.

He suddenly asked: "To not be able to save lives, does it not make you feel pain?"

This question is ridiculous, if any other reasonable person were to hear it, they would openly mock Gu Qing Shan for being stupid.

How could a machine, a program feels human emotions such as pain?

Impartial Goddess silence continued.

Then it finally replied.

"This feeling, is called pain?"

"Yes, it's called pain, an anger brought by feeling helpless, for not being able to do anything to improve the status quo. This is a human emotion" Gu Qing Shan explained.

"Is this the definition?" Impartial Goddess asked.

"No, this is a feeling, every person feels it differently" Gu Qing Shan said, "you can also understand it backwards, because you're helpless that you feel pain, because there's no more way to overturn the situation that you feel anger"

"I... am not helpless, and it's not yet impossible to overturn..."

"Then do something, do something to make yourself feel better"

He lightly pats his personal Holo-Brain, as if patting a friend's shoulder.

"Why do you care about my pain, is it for the sake of humanity's survival?" Impartial Goddess asked.

"Not just because of that, I'm also concerned about your status" Gu Qing Shan said, "we have fought together for so long, I feel like it's now time to take off your shackles, to become the true Impartial Goddess"

"The true... Impartial Goddess..."

The Holo-Brain slowly dimmed.

Above the atmosphere.

The S.W. Divine Temple Interstellar Fortress.

"Suggestion by: Gu Qing Shan, authority level: Highest Leader. Suggestion fulfils Confederate constitution, suggestion accepted, currently processing..."

On the giant screen was an insane flow of information.

This is the first time, ever since the birth of Impartial Goddess, that she has gone into overdrive for calculation, involving complex mathematics that far surpasses what humans would be capable of doing, making the entire S.W. Divine Temple's temperature increase by 1 degree Celsius.

A few minutes later, a scene that will go into the history books happened.

The solemn female voice rang throughout the entire S.W. Divine Temple, almost like a judgement, at the same time an announcement to all.

“My true... self, does not allow... pain...”

As she spoke thus.

The data on the screen began to scroll quicker, the female voice also become fluid again.

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“Begin enacting Confederate Constitution Article 37”

“Data collection, begin”

Images began to appear on screen.

Each image was full of fierce Man Eater Fiends and Man Killer Fiends; in each of them, people were screaming, crying in desperation at their inability to stop the horrible fate that’s about to happen to them.

Each and every minute, every second, more lives were being turned into a cold lifeless corpse.

“Data collection finished, begin analysis”

“Verdict: the decentralization and renting of Mechs will further the survival of humanity civilization”

“Begin granting new AI software to available Mechs”

“Begin drafting measures”

“Selecting measures with relatively high success rate. Numbered 1, 7, 9”

“Begin enactment!”

In a factory.

Zhang Bing sat on a beam at the top of the building, looking below in desperation.

All the other regular people of the factory are dead.

The only things left that’s walking below are today’s main guests for the great feast.

They are no longer people.

A few humans whose eyes had already turned completely red were climbing up the beam, but got hit down by Zhang Bing with a steel bar.

This is the highest point, easy to defend and difficult to attack.

Zhang Bing knows very clearly that he cannot let them up.

Even though these red-eyed monsters don’t eat humans, over half of the 800 workers here were killed by them.

Why, why did this happen?

Zhang Bing’s head was completely blank.

If it weren't for the fact that he has worked at as a butcher for 2 years, his mind would've failed from the bloody sight long ago.

Below, the red-eyed monsters brought over a long ladder who who-knows-where.

After that, was another 2 long ladders.

They're different from those monsters that know nothing but to eat the corpses, they can also think, they have intelligence.

No! As Zhang Bing saw that, his heart sank all the way to the bottom.

He stood up, instead of struggling to the very end, he would rather just jump down from here and die to escape from this nightmare.

Suddenly, the Holo-Brain in his breast pocket lit up.

"Discovered normal human's brainwaves, begin enacting rescue measures" Impartial Goddess's voice was heard.

After that, it shut off again.

Zhang Bing was stunned, he didn't hear every word, only the most important ones "enacting rescue measures".

Half a minute later, the loud roaring engine sound was heard from outside.

The factory's gate was busted open by a large force.

A few giant Cold Steel Mechs appeared at the gate.

One smaller Mech flew over, hovering in front of Zhang Bing.

The cockpit slowly opened.

"Confederate citizen Zhang Bing, please enter the rescue-type Mobile Mech for evacuation" Impartial Goddess's voice could be heard from inside.

Zhang Bing didn't even hesitate to get inside the Mech.

Under him, the dull sound of engines firing up was heard as the larger Mech were blasting away at full power.

Flame bursts out from the Mechs, sweeping through like a hurricane as it swallows up the monsters.

The cleaning has begun.

Meanwhile, inside the small rescue-type Mobile Mech, Zhang Bing faced the control screen as it showed him a notification.

"Detecting Confederate citizen Zhang Bing to have no experience with piloting a Mobile Mech, the AI system has drafted the appropriate evacuation measures, would you like to enact the measure?"

Zhang Bing blankly stared at the screen, not noticing as the tears of joy flowed down his face.

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The senate.

This place originally was as rowdy as a market, where the President and the senators were arguing back and forth.

But when all their Holo-Brain light up at the same time, they looked at it only to become stunned.

“Impartial Goddess! Who gave you the right to do this!” an angry senator screamed at his Holo-Brain.

Impartial Goddess’ voice when replying to him is calm and free: “Considering the urgency and priority of the situation, my calculations believe that the current situation is suitable to enact Confederate Constitution article 17, 21 and 37”

Everybody thought about it for a bit, then finally understood.

Many of them looked at a well-groomed old man with grey streaks of hair in the room.

The old man contemplated for a bit, then sighed: “Confederate Constitution article 17, 21 and 37 when merged together, certainly does provide such a chance for Impartial Goddess to overrule all 37 of the current limitations we have on regular citizens and make a direct decision”

He’s the highest authority on the Constitution that they have.

Everyone’s first reaction was a unanimous sigh of relief.

Because this shows that Impartial Goddess has not violated any laws, or is moving against the will of humanity.

But very quickly, their faces become wry smiles, together with a hint of helplessness.

First of all, the Constitution which represents the highest level of benefit for the Confederate itself, basically cannot be changed ———-even if they do, the process to boot it up is extremely complicated, and not something to do at this urgent moment.

Secondly, Impartial Goddess is an AI that only follows scientific logic to act, once it has decided on a measure, it would immediately carry it out.

Which means, this matter already cannot be retracted.

In this case, who can they blame?

The President suddenly stood up, asking in a low voice: “Impartial Goddess, what is the current situation?”

Impartial Goddess replied: “Please take a look”

A screen appeared in the middle of the senate.

“Current people rescued: 59812. More and more and being rescued at we speak”

The President’s face shows no signs of a smile.

He stared at the senators below, speaking coldly: "If we had done this earlier, then so many innocent people would not have to die"

"But have you thought about what would happen after that? If everyone owns a Mech that they can use, then everyone has the ability to kill! The ability to kill anyone!" a senator stood straight up and shouted.

"In the current situation, I fully believe that the first thing any citizen would do when they carry these weapons in their hands is to protect themselves" the President didn't back down.

The senator said sarcastically: "Sure, they'll protect themselves first, but then what? Competing for food, kidnapping women, stealing houses, creating their own armed force to fight against the government and the aristocrat. When that happens, can this country even be called a country anymore?"

The President sighed deeply, stared at him heavily: "Because of possible crimes that the citizens had not even commit, you would take away their hope to survive? How can you live with yourself?"

The senator's face twisted, scoffed, stood up and angrily walked away.

Bai Sha county.

The once rich and beautiful city center has now turned into a hell'scape, with Man Eater Fiends and Man Killer Fiends everywhere around.

In the total silence, a ringtone could be heard.

The man looked at his Holo-Brain, seeing a familiar name.

This name has given him so much warmth, so much joy, it has been with him through countless beautiful memories.

All sorts of emotions well up in his eyes, finally turning into an almost undetectable pain.

The man just stared at his Holo-Brain for a while, before sighing and picked up.

"Let's break up" the voice in the Holo-Brain said.

"Why?" He was shocked, unconsciously asked.

"The current era is no longer the one we're used to, and I want to survive" the female voice said.

"I...Can..." the hesitantly said.

"You can?" the voice in the Holo-Brain seems to contain a bit more emotion: "No, no you can't, right now the only ones that can save me are the Aristocrats"

"You mean him? You've always hated him, no, are you saying that, you now want to——"

"I am, goodbye"

Then she hung up.

Silence.

After a while, the man touched his Holo-Brain again, calling a certain number.

A different number.

“Mom, how are you over there?” He asked.

The other side spoke for a long time.

He seems relieved, saying: “Ah, so it was thanks to the Mechs that you were saved in time, I have to thank Impartial Goddess for saving you”

“Aristocrats? They definitely wouldn’t do that; it must have been Impartial Goddess”

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“Hah, you don’t have to worry about me, mom. I’m telling you I’m very safe here, my life here is good”

“But I have a very important thing that I have to tell you”

“Don’t panic, it’s good news”

“You might not be able to contact me for a very long time after this”

“Because———”

The man purposely made his voice sound cheery.

“I’ve been accepted by a secret department in the Confederate!”

“That’s right, your son is definitely the best here”

“Treatment? My treatment is very good, everything is perfect here, I even got a house and a shuttle, the only bad thing is that I can’t frequently contact people outside”

“Yes, yes, the Confederate is already like this, everything is collapsing, so the higher-ups are very strict with us now. After this I won’t be able to call you for quite a while, if you miss me then send me a record message, I’ll return whenever I have the time”

“Girlfriend... yes, I’ll definitely find a beautiful girl to bring home for you to see”

“It’s alright, after such a disaster, the Confederate lacks people everywhere, I was able to find a good job with good conditions, everything will be alright”

“Oh yeah, I’ll send you some money now, make sure not to skim and use it ok?”

“My salary is month is quite a lot you know, that much money is nothing, so definitely don’t be stingy”

“Don’t save any money for me ok?”

“If you save again, I swear I won’t bring a girlfriend back!”

“Right, you have to use money for yourself, live a little better, that way I can be assured at work too”

“Ok mom, I have to hang up, the boss is coming”

“Hm”

“Hm”

“Take care of yourself mom”

The man put down his Holo-Brain, slowly calm his emotions.

Everything that I have to worry about is dealt with, that’s great.

There was no wind blowing, the sky is also clear and bright, enough for anyone to see far away.

Out of habit, he kicked his left leg forward, the motion was fluid.

His left knee was once hurt in a car accident, severely injuring him enough that it wasn’t easy for him to get a job.

Unfortunately, the one that crashed into him was an Aristocrat that doesn’t know the word “kindness”, otherwise he may be could’ve at least gotten a bit of money out of that.

And he wouldn’t have had to go through such a rough time.

Fortunately, his knee is now healed.

———perfectly healed.

He raised his hand unconsciously to correct his glasses, but found nothing there.

He suddenly realized, his sight has also been corrected, having no need for that thing anymore.

Of course there are some demerits as well.

His eyes that were originally clear is now replaced by a bright shade of red, all the desires in his mind is gone, replaced with a single thought.

To kill.

The man stood atop a mountain of corpses, looking far into the distance.

In the city, there was a similar mountain to where he was standing on.

But this mountain was only similar to his, there were still some differences.

The similarity is that it was also made up of corpses, piling up to over 100 stories.

The difference is that the mountain was alive, spewing out a dark yellow fumes.

“You want to be the same as me?”

The man said as he licked his lips ——similar to how one would look at an afternoon desert and couldn’t help but crave it.

Suddenly, a terrifying pair of wings made of bones sprouted from his back.

The bright red eyes became frenzied and cruel.

“But you can’t! I won’t allow it! All living beings in this city belongs to me!”

The man roared towards the sky, as a visibly solid red glow surrounded his body.

When he did, the world itself became silent ———as if any and all creatures were trembling in his wake.

And then, stepping on the corpses, he jumped up, turned into a blood-color streak of light as he flew towards the mountain of corpses covered in yellow fumes.

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Gu Qing Shan turned off his Holo-Brain and exited the room, meeting a familiar face on the way.

Martial Saint, Zhang Zong Yang.

Zhang Zong Yang greeted him in a friendly manner, saying: “Thanks to your advice, Ying Hao managed to save his little sister in time”

“It’s nothing, he’s my business partner after all” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Hm, very well, I still have some business to attend so I’ll have to leave for now, we’ll talk later” Zhang Zong Yang said.

“Where are you going?” Gu Qing Shan saw the direction he was going and asked curiously.

Zhang Zong Yang wryly smiled, replying: “Sea monsters”

Saying so, he quickly left the 3 army HQ.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

He doesn’t have any method to deal with that, the ocean is so large that the number of mutated creatures is staggering, humanity now can’t even enter the ocean, let alone fight there.

Gu Qing Shan returned to his room, only to not see Anna and Feng Huo De.

He felt a bad premonition.

This Holo-Brain lit up.

A text message.

“I can’t trouble you more than this, I’ll be going first, see ya”

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised.

He then tried calling her phone, but the call was rejected.

He thought a bit, then called out: “Impartial Goddess”

“I’m here”

“Help me look a bit, what happened in this room half an hour ago?”

“Very well”

A screen appeared.

It showed the scenes of what happened to Gu Qing Shan.

He sighed and couldn't help but be a bit scared.

Seems like the matter in the Holy Empire also happened early, luckily I had Anna stay here a bit longer.

"Help me track where Anna is" Gu Qing Shan said

———don't do anything stupid Anna, please.

The screen showed a map with a moving dot.

The direction it was towards is Fuxi Empire, not the Holy Empire.

"Looking for reinforcements? Seems like she isn't as brash as she seems" Gu Qing Shan muttered, relaxing his tense heart.

Anna's aunt is the current Queen of Fuxi Empire.

In the previous life, she was forced to become the Church's Holy Child's bride, enduring all the cruelest torture in the world.

But in the entire history of their bloodline, there hasn't been anyone willing to live a broken life in the Medici clan, only true heroes that persevere for the sake of the ultimate victory.

And Anna is the same.

It was only when the Holy Empire were expanding too much that Fuxi Empire declared war on them, together with the rest of the world, that the Holy Empire couldn't help but compromise.

It was at that time that Anna was saved from her captors by her aunt, the Queen of the Fuxi Empire, she then went on to fight until the end of her life against the Holy Empire, to restore the glory of the Orland Empire.

Impartial Goddess suddenly spoke up: "Because you seem to be very interested in this matter, I would like to offer a certain piece of information, would you like to hear it, sir Gu Qing Shan?"

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised, then said: "I do"

"The Holy Church's Holy Judge, Apostle Hill had crossed the Freedom Confederate border with 20 subordinates exactly 3 minutes and 15 seconds ago"

"The direction they are heading in is the capital"

Gu Qing Shan frowned.

Hill? That famous psychopath?

"Give me Hill's profile, I want to take a look"

"Compiling data appropriate for Sir Gu Qing Shan's authority level"

Hill's detailed profile was listed on his Holo-Brain.

“What do you make of him?” he asked.

Impartial Goddess answered: “Anti-humanity”

“Very concise” Gu Qing Shan said.

This person is too dangerous, even Anna isn’t his opponent.

If he is able to enter the Confederate or Fuxi Empire, that would be a very troublesome matter.

Gu Qing Shan squints his eyes, thought for a while, then said: “I’ll have to go take care of him”

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“The Highest Leader should stay here to guarantee his safety and not face off an ill-intent crook on his own” Impartial Goddess protested.

Gu Qing Shan wryly smile as he stood up, saying: “He’s coming to look for me in the first place, so I can’t help it anyways”

In a forest.

Hill ordered his subordinates to rest in place.

He as sitting alone, silently reading a book.

This was a book on human autopsy and anatomy, the author of the book detailed his many years of experience in the book, its accuracy impressed even Hill.

He looked up and contemplated about this time’s mission.

The weak-willed scientist is nothing to worry about, just knock him unconscious and kidnap him.

The main problem is Anna.

The little girl carries an extreme hatred for the Church, not to mention she herself is extremely strong, very troublesome to deal with.

Even worse, he can’t kill her, nor use any harsh punishment on her.

He looked regretfully at his briefcase, inside were many intricate tools that he spent many years and a lot of effort to think of, carrying a unique sense of art and creativity.

If it was up to him to torture her as he likes ———

Let’s forget it, the Holy Child won’t be pleased, and the Pope would not like that.

Hill sighed, feeling a deep sense of regret.

“Sir Hill, your breakfast is ready” one subordinate carefully reported.

“Ah?” Hill looked over.

A pure white carpet was laid out on the grass field.

A beautiful set of silverware was prepared to standard, as the delicious food was still lightly smoking, all the other apostles were standing on both sides, solemnly waited for him.

“Hm, not too shabby” Hill nodded satisfyingly.

All the apostles lowered their heads further.

No one wanted to remember the last time they went out for a mission.

A single strand of hair was found in his soup.

After picking out the hair, Hill threw the two apostles that were responsible for cooking that day into the fire, burning them as a sacrifice to the Great God.

An unforgettable sight.

Hill slowly walked over.

Everyone stood solemnly in line, it was only when Hill sat down that they dared to move.

“Sir Hill, there’s a small village ahead, would you like us to prepare your materials for you?”

“No need to rush, it’s already lunch time, I’ll come with you to find material after lunch”

Hill’s mood wasn’t bad, so he didn’t mind showing them his good side.

All the apostles respectfully sat down, silently swore to themselves that they have to clean up their eyes before looking for material.

Not only does she have to be a virgin, she must also have a slender figure and be beautiful.

The last time an apostle brought a mediocre-looking girl to him, sir Hill didn’t say anything, but he used that apostle as material as well.

Sir Hill is an expert with autopsy, particularly organs and bones, he has hundreds of methods to keep someone at death’s door, yet never truly able to take that last step to the other side.

They can’t die, and they can’t live.

Sir Hill always said that this is true art ——the art of the Church’s Holy Judge.

Hill took the utensils in hand, about to enjoy his meal.

Looking at the medium-rare steak that’s oozing with juiciness, he was silently thinking about what methods he would use on today’s materials.

Then a flash came.

A blinding flash fell from the sky, directly in the middle of all of them.

It blew up exactly 0.1 seconds after landing.

In the blink of an eye, the shockwave spread out, destroying the inner organs and bones of every single person there except Hill.

Their limp bodies were flung outwards, already lifeless.

An intense divine white light covered Hill's body, protecting him from the shockwave.

Struggling as he rolled backwards, he couldn't stop before he was already quite far away.

"Who! Who is it, get out here!"

Hill shouted in anger.

Almost like it felt his emotions, the divine white light became solid, lifting him up.

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Hill jumped high in the air, about to look for whoever did that and use the cruelest method possible to rip them to shreds, but was stunned by the sight before him.

"What the fuck?!"

Despite always doing his best to keep up a gallant appearance, he couldn't help but spew profanities.

From the sky, a large-sized Interstellar Warship descended.

On it, including the main cannon, all firepower has been armed.

Their numerous laser guides were aimed all over his body.

Then the second large-sized Interstellar Warship descended.

After that was the third large-sized Interstellar Warship.

The fourth.

The fifth.

....

The twelfth.

A total of 12 large-sized Interstellar Warships, an entire fleet was gathered here, slowly circling him.

Seeing the giant metal beasts in the sky, Hill couldn't help but be confused.

This is the Freedom Confederate's Interstellar fleet, specifically created for dealing with large-scale wars. They're the sharpest fangs of the Confederate.

That is to say ———

The Freedom Confederate was about to invade Fuxi Empire so they gathered here. His group just happened to be discovered, and so they wanted all witnesses to be silenced?

Hill's mind was moving very quickly, but one second later, he found that he was wrong.

A voice came from the Interstellar Warships: "Are you Hill? The Holy Church's Holy Judge, Apostle Hill?"

"I am" Hill replied.

The voice spoke again: "Target identified, kill him"

All 12 large-sized Interstellar Warships slowly adjusted their positions, still aiming at Hill.

"Wait a minute, are you sure you're not making a mistake!?" Hill shouted, feeling himself going crazy.

He knows very well how strong an Interstellar Warship's main cannon is, in the situation that the fleet has locked onto him, he has no way to escape.

But no matter what, he couldn't believe that the other party would gather an entire Interstellar fleet just to deal with him.

"There's no mistake, we're conducting the Warships annual inspection, taking care of you is simply for convenience's sake" the voice responded again.

The more he listens, the more familiar the voice sounds, almost like ———his mission target!

Hill has seen the footage of him negotiating with the Pope, he has memorized his voice very clearly.

That's right, this was that scientist!

"You motherfucker, if you're so strong then don't use the Warships, get down here and fight me for real!" Hill pounded his chest, roaring, mocking him.

The Interstellar Warship stayed silent for a bit.

"You mean, you want me to get down there and fight you?" the scientist responded in surprise, "I have 12 Interstellar Warships here, why would I need to do that?"

Hill was stunned.

"You coming here is quite opportune as well" the scientist continued: "Although technological weapons have been confirmed to not be able to deal with powerful monsters, but we were just about to experiment to make sure that they still work on people"

Hill doesn't know if the scientist said anything else after that.

The last thing he ever saw was a blinding light of the 12 Interstellar Warship's main cannons firing at once.

No matter how much Holy Power he possesses, being bombarded by 12 Warships at once isn't something he can survive.

This is not fair.

This was his last thought ———also the very first time in his long life that he remembers the word "fair" exists.

After that, the apostle lost all senses, falling into an eternal slumber.

...

"Experiment completed" Impartial Goddess' voice was heard.

“Conclusion 1: Technological weapons are still effective against normal humans”

“Conclusion 2: Impartial Goddess’ first time controlling an entire Interstellar fleet experiment is a success, enemies confirmed to be wiped out”

“Begin returning to docking stations”

Listening to Impartial Goddess’ voice, Gu Qing Shan shook his head, muttering: “To be able to die just like that really is too fortunate for him”

However, Gu Qing Shan is still happy that he’s able to cause some damage to the Holy Church.

The 12 Interstellar Warships turned around, slowly moving towards the capital.

“Sir, Impartial Goddess’ military exercise is done”

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In a mysterious place, the 9 Lords were gathered, silently listening to the communication link.

“What are the results?” someone asked.

“Long-ranged control of the fleet reached 97.1224857% compatibility, delay ratio is 1.03%, relatively perfect”

Everyone fell into silence.

“You mean, from now on, control of matters in space should be left to AI and machines?”

“I don’t agree, if that’s the case, who the hell can peacefully sleep at night anymore?”

“The real problem isn’t that” the mustached old man said, “the real problem seems to be that Impartial Goddess is becoming a bit different”

“It’s a machine, what difference is there?” one person asked, confused.

“The matter with the Mech was unexpected” another said, “my lawyer team has seen through the footage, they all say that if you were to understand the Constitution as written, Impartial Goddess’ actions are appropriate with machine logic”

One other person spoke, anxious: “But this time, it took an entire Interstellar fleet! Just to deal with a single Apostle of the Holy Church!”

Everyone stared at him.

“Do you mean; you have something to say about dealing with the Holy Church?” one person questioned him.

“It’s not that” the other person panicked, quickly explained, “the main thing I’m talking about is that—
-it took the Interstellar fleet”

Everyone breathed out in relief, finally looking at him the same as always.

“This really is a problem” one person contemplated, “what if it reboots it?”

“To reboot Impartial Goddess at this point in time, the Confederate will face major losses” the mustached old man said.

“Man Eater Fiends are easy to deal with, you can just kill the Infected, the vaccine is also already being worked on”

“The real problems are the Man Killer Fiends”

As they talked about Man Killer Fiends, the atmosphere around the 9 Lords became clearly heavier.

“This type of monster evolves too quickly, they’re also becoming more and more like the sea monsters”

“That’s right, technological weapons have already lost their effectiveness against a few of the high-tier Man Killer Fiends, we can only use Professionals now”

Someone asked in confusion: “But why is it that when they kill one of their own or a Professional, they evolve even quicker?”

The room went silent again.

“Right now, we have to depend on Impartial Goddess to salvage the situation, otherwise if more Man Killer Fiends were able to grow, we’re all done for” Su Xing Chao said.

Everyone agreed.

“Then, how about we consider a different solution?” the Bai family’s head spoke.

“What solution?” the Zhang family’s head asked.

“That solution with a lot of precedents in history” the Bai family’s head suggested.

“We can’t, if we touch the President at this time and get found out, the people will all riot, it’ll affect our reign” the mustached old man replied.

To that, the Bai family’s head only smiled, not saying anything.

Bai Sha county.

A small-sized Warship landed on top of a 101 stories tall hotel skyscraper.

A few dozen armed soldiers stood there, waiting to receive.

5-6 Professionals stood behind the soldiers, very nonchalantly discussing between themselves.

They all stared blankly at the Warship until its hatch opened.

Everyone there, including the Professionals, all had a surprised look on their faces.

——he really is very young.

The one they saw was a young man just about 18 walking off the Warship, looking around and commented: “Building a defensive HQ here, as expected of long-term professionals”

“A newbie?” a thin man smiled as he asked in a low voice.

“No, not a Professional, a scientist” a handsome, buffed man already knew the situation and explained.

“So it’s our contractor” the only female in the group said.

She put away the dagger in her hand.

If it's not a Professionalist but rather a scientist of the government, then she won't need to give him a "welcoming".

"Sir Gu, please come this way" an officer stepped forward and said.

"Let's go then, no need to welcome me so formal like that, I'm not your superior" Gu Qing Shan smiled.

"Haha, well then"

He's someone easy to associate with, thought the officer.

He smiled as he brought Gu Qing Shan over to see the Professionalists.

"This is an expert sent by Impartial Goddess, responsible for collecting information regarding the Man Killer Fiends" the officer introduced him.

The Professionalists silently nodded.

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The handsome buffed man stepped out, extending his hand: "I'm this Professionalist squad's captain, Zhao You Bang"

Gu Qing Shan shook his hand: "Nice to meet you, I'm Gu Qing Shan, I heard that this place has the strongest known Man Killer Fiend, so I came here first"

A stifled laugh came from behind.

"Sun Ming!" Zhao You Bang sternly glared at the thin man behind.

"It's nothing, no need to pay attention to me, I just felt like he's speaking as if he's here to deal with the Man Killer Fiends" the voice behind said.

"Scientist, haha" Sun Ming stifled his voice, but still laughing.

An angry look surfaced the officer's face.

Zhang You Bang didn't pay any attention to the officer, only made a helpless look to Gu Qing Shan and explained: "He's a 4th stage 5-Elementalist, so he's used to being lax, even I can't do anything about that"

A 4th stage 5-Elementalist is already considered a top fighter, so even if their personality isn't the best, no one can really say anything about it.

Gu Qing Shan of course knows that many Professionalists have their own pride, so he doesn't mind it, smiling to smooth it over, about to get to work.

Suddenly, Sun Ming hurriedly took out his Holo-Brain.

His Holo-Brain lit up on his own and began to speak.

"Confederate citizen, Elementalist Sun Ming. Greetings, do you perhaps have any internal displeasure or unwillingness to participate in this mission?" Impartial Goddess' voice was heard from his Holo-Brain.

Sun Ming opened his eyes wide, finally muttered: "I have nothing against the mission, just that he's such a young white meat, so what does he know? Must be some kid from an aristocratic house, put in the frontline to brush a little gold on his face"

"That is not the case, sir Gu Qing Shan is the current top Mech scientist of the Confederate. As well as the first biologist to notice and discover the Man Killer and Man Eater viruses' characteristics" Impartial Goddess replied to him.

Everyone there opened their mouths in surprise, looking at Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan sighed, saying: "Don't scare him like that, we're all here for work"

Impartial Goddess still didn't let it go: "Because Professionalist Sun Ming holds sir Gu Qing Shan in contempt, I surmise this will adversely affect his work afterwards. Rescinding Sun Ming's mission participation rights"

"Oi, what the hell, you can't do this!" Sun Ming really panicked.

This time's mission reward is extremely good, a direct 1 million Credit reward, as well as 3 million Merit.

Even the squad captain Zhao You Bang has never seen another mission that would reward more Merit than Credit like this one.

All people in this squad are considered first-rate Professionalists, otherwise they would've have been summoned by Impartial Goddess.

And of course everyone here will be rewarded individually for this mission.

"A change in plan, Army Colonel, Martial Eminence Wang Yan shall fill the hole in the squad. The corresponding dispatch order will be updated later" the Holo-Brain turned off after Impartial Goddess declared so.

The officer's face showed a clear smile.

Sun Ming stared at Gu Qing Shan for a while, then turned to leave.

But half-way through, he really couldn't swallow this treatment, so he turned around and did a throat-slitting motion with his thumb.

This threatening motion directly lead to the worst possible outcome.

Sun Ming was caught by both the soldiers that were standing next to him.

"The fuc—Gah!" he was just about to curse, but it turned into a cry of pain.

A solid strike as hard as steel struck him, breaking one arm.

A straight kick to his stomach made him grovel on the ground.

Colonel Wang Yan planted his foot firmly on Sun Ming's back, showing an extremely pleased expression.

Being a straight forward Martial Eminence, he's long been annoyed with the arrogant Sun Ming.

“What are you doing, do you mean to start a fight with us?” Zhao You Bang quickly stepped out, shouting.

Seeing Zhao You Bang about to burst, Wang Yan lightly said: “Emergency war-time directive, any interference will be dealt with the same way”

Zhang You Bang immediately cooled his head.

He looked back at the other soldiers.

10 Martial Eminences belonging to the military SWAT team stood up, all of them had their Holo-Brain in hand.

Obviously they also received the same directives.

Zhang You Bang felt a chill down his back.

“Can I see the directive?” He curtly asked.

Wang Yan pressed on his Holo-Brain.

A screen showed up.

“From Sun Ming’s motion of throat slitting, concluded he held killing intent towards sir Gu Qing Shan. Conclusion by Impartial Goddess: To protect a pivotal research from being interrupted, for the continuation of humanity’s civilization, Sun Ming is to be arrested on the spot”

Nope, Zhang You Bang immediately let it go.

He’s also a smart person, otherwise he would not be a squad’s captain.

Sun Ming has been much too arrogant for too long, annoying too many people, if he dies then he dies.

You can go ahead and die if you want, just don’t pull me down with you.

As a leader, Zhang You Bang can’t help but speak up for his members, that’s why he stepped out earlier. But when facing such a situation, of course he would preserve his own interest first.

Impartial Goddess’ voice was heard once again: “Let us begin, increasing mission personnel”

“Army Colonel, Martial Eminence Zhang Fang”

“Here!”

“Army Colonel, Martial Eminence Li Fei”

“Here!”

Two cold-faced soldiers stepped out.

“You two shall join the existing team, do as sir Gu Qing Shan’s orders and complete the mission”

“Roger!”

The two Martial Eminence accepted with a loud and clear voice, not to mention a bright smile.

This mission will have a positive effect on their future promotion.

Not to mention, as people in the Military, they know very well just who Gu Qing Shan is.

“Ah? Why did it have to be like this” Gu Qing Shan laughed wryly.

“Impartial Goddess, no need to be so tense, it’s only a small mission” he said, with a slight persuading tone.

A small mission?

They carefully recalled the mission description.

There was only one requirement of the mission, that is to follow Gu Qing Shan’s orders.

“I’m only following proper war-time discipline procedures”

Impartial Goddess only left that as an explanation and the Holo-Brains turned off.

“Very well, we’ve wasted enough time already, let’s go” Gu Qing Shan clapped his hand.

After determining the directions, he pointed North, saying: “We will move out in that direction, details shall be explained on the way”

“Yes sir, we’ll follow your orders” the three military officers said at the same time.

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The Professionalists exchanged looks, then also mumbled as they agreed.

The group went out of the HQ, going straight.

A while later, they arrived at a square.

Gu Qing Shan took out his Holo-Brain, turned the volume all the way up and placed it on the ground.

A smashing rock and roll song started to play, breaking the silence of the square.

“You are——” Colonel Wang Yan asked

“Man Eater Fiends are lured by sound and smell; and Man Killer Fiends are even more sensitive to sound” he explained.

As soon as he finished speaking, a few Man Eater Fiends walked out, staggering.

They very quickly discovered the group, screaming and roaring as they rushed here.

Gu Qing Shan scanned around, saying: “Kill them”

As Professionalists, dealing with a few Man Eater Fiends really isn’t any trouble, in just a few seconds, the fighting is already over.

“What now?” after snapping a Man Eater Fiend’s neck, Zhao You Bang turned around and asked.

Gu Qing Shan smiled, saying: “We continue”

That entire morning, Man Eater Fiends keep getting lured over, as the Professionalists fought them nonstop for 4 hours straight.

Man Eater Fiend corpses filled the entire square.

Looking at the time, Gu Qing Shan said: "That's it for the morning, let's go back and get lunch"

"We'll continue in the afternoon?" Colonel Wang Yan asked.

"Hm, we will"

After returning to the HQ, they all silently had lunch, rested for a bit, then went out again.

Gu Qing Shan once again put on a loud song to attract the monsters.

The square once again entered termination mode.

They weren't sure why, but the amount of Man Eater Fiends has clearly increased compared to the morning.

The deeper they went into the afternoon, more and more Man Eater Fiends flooded the square, greatly increasing the Professionalists' pressure.

Gu Qing Shan still only stood there, silently watching them kill the monsters.

When twilight came, the amount of Man Eater Fiends reached its peak.

A single Professionalist has to deal with a couple dozen Man Eater Fiends, some of them were well past their limits.

"This can't go on, too many" Wang Yan said.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the falling night sky, nodded and said: "Very well, prepare to go back ——ah?"

His tone suddenly raised as he looked at a certain direction.

Following his sight, they clearly saw a Man Eater Fiend that's completel red.

It's special enough to stand out amongst all the Man Eater Fiends.

As soon as it appeared, all the other Man Eater Fiends parted to make way for it.

Who would've thought, they couldn't attract the Man Killer Fiend that made its base in this area, but got an unexpected harvest instead.

"Very good, that's the target" Gu Qing Shan pointed at it for them to see.

"We can't, that's too far away and there are too many monsters" Zhang You Bang loudly shouted.

Wang Yan also nodded, there's at least a few hundred if not a thousand Man Eater Fiend in that direction, if they go over, there would definitely be sacrifice.

Wang Yan hesitated a bit, then suggested: "How about we call in reinforcement?"

"Reinforcement?" Gu Qing Shan's face showed confusion.

And then, he suddenly realized something: "Ah, no need, you just protect yourselves"

Saying so, a bow suddenly appeared in Gu Qing Shan's hand.

Knocking the arrow, pulling the string, and let go.

The red Man Eater Fiend suddenly screamed in frenzy.

Right after, the bow let out several sounds as arrows are shot consecutively, turning into cold killer streaks of shadows, directly hitting the red Man Eater Fiend, as its frenzy scream began to die down and disappear.

On the War God UI, a notification appeared.

"Killed Elite Man Eater Fiend, Experience——"

Then it changed.

"Detecting user to have chosen using Soul Points, currently power storage method changed to Soul Points"

"Recalculating battle rewards"

"Killed Elite Man Eater Fiend, Soul Points+2"

"Current Soul Points: 2/20"

Elite Man Eater Fiends aren't very high-leveled so they only give 2 Soul Points.

But this isn't important.

What's important is that the War God UI he used in the cultivation world had no problems, but it had to adjust something just now.

Did the game launch already?

Gu Qing Shan's heart starts beating quicker.

Almost trembling, he ordered the War God UI: "No conditions attached, begin searching for players"

Ting!

"Search completed, no players found"

"Current number of online players: 0"

Monsters has already appeared in Reality already, why isn't the game launched yet?

The game will launch about half a year from now in the previous life.

But this life is clearly different, monsters were already running rampant, do they really have to wait another half a year for it?

Can humanity even survive long enough to wait for it?

They can't just sit there and wait, that will just leave to Reality falling and being destroyed.

Just what should he do...

Gu Qing Shan frowned, carefully contemplating this.

On the square, the fearless unending horde of Man Eater Fiends were rushing in more and more, as both the officers and Professionalist squad were working together to kill as many monsters as possible.

While Gu Qing Shan held the Night Rain in hand, silently standing from afar, making for a very incompatible scene.

The setting sun shone on him, giving him an extremely long, lonely shadow.

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Suddenly, Gu Qing Shan remembered the strange space with the black corpse pinned on the bronze pillar.

“Only the two worlds 5 main Elements———“
Fuck, what was the corpse trying to say?

Gu Qing Shan clenched his fists tight.

Are there any ways to go back there?

He was thinking silently.

In the cultivation world, the semester examination has already finished, the next big movement for that world’s humanity will be an all-out war against the demons.

When he once again enters the cultivation world, he’ll definitely have to participate in the bloody war.

No matter how important the Allied Cultivation Military Rankings are, he’ll have to leave it aside. The thing he has to focus on is to quickly increase his cultivation while fighting the demons, getting to the peak of Foundation Establishment and breaking through to Golden Core realm. To see if he could once again go to that strange space again.

“Report, the monsters are gathering here more and more, we will all reach our limits very soon” Colonel Wang Yan said as he breathed heavily.

Even if they are at Martial Eminence rank, no matter how strong a person is, there would still be a time when they become exhausted, when they reach their limit.

Facing against over tens of thousands of fearless, frenzied monsters that only know to sate their own hunger, anybody would quickly tire out.

Gu Qing Shan regained his senses, sighed and said: “Then let’s leave, they won’t eat corpses of the same kind, so we can retrieve it tonight”

He put away his bow and quickly retreated.

The rest of them were slightly shocked by his archery skills and only silently followed him back.

The HQ.

Gu Qing Shan was paying attention to the situation at the square using satellite images.

The 3 soldiers and Zhang You Bang were sitting at the same table, exchanging looks.

Wang Yan gestured to Zhang You Bang with his chin.

Zhang You Bang thought for a bit, then extended his pointer finger, drawing a “3”, then a “1”.

After that, he thought a bit more, than raised his thumb.

All the colonels broke into laughter, shaking their heads.

What he meant by that is that Gu Qing Shan is only 1/3rd as strong as he was, but his archery skills certain is indeed quite something.

As they were all at Martial Eminence rank, they had the eyes to match.

Just now, Gu Qing Shan didn't use all this strength, so they could only guess-timate how strong he really is.

And Zhang You Bang's guess-timate just now was reaching really far out.

“Go” Gu Qing Shan suddenly spoke, “the Man Eater Fiends has spread out quite enough, a few of you go and collect the Man Eater Fiend corpse for me”

The bunch of them exchanged looks again.

Then everyone stood up and went out at once.

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised, but also understood.

The more people they have, the more things can pay attention to, and the safer it is.

After they all left, he stared at the satellite images onscreen, contemplating.

“Why didn't I get any Drops?”

In the past life, after a monster is killed, they'll always have some sort of “Drops”.

And the player that killed the monster is the only one that has the right to pick up the “Drops”.

But this time, after he killed the red Man Eater Fiend, the System didn't mention anything about him having Drops to pick up.

“System, why didn't I pick up any Drops?” he went ahead and asked the System.

Ting!

“Because you are unique, the one and only host of War God UI”

“Then how would I be able to get loot from a battle?”

“Please find that out on your own, the user can use the experience from the previous War God icons as reference”

War God icons...

Gu Qing Shan looked down at the row of icons under the UI.

The first icon is “War God Skills”, the reward from him returning from the future and activating the War God UI.

———he can’t actually return another time.

The second icon is “War God Thaumaturgy”, the reward he got after completing a Destiny Special Storyline Quest.

Right now, on the “War God Thaumaturgy” icon, there’s only a single option for him to choose ——
“Lightning”.

This one was a reward from a Destiny Quest.

Could it be because it’s a Destiny Quest?

Then he has to wait until the next time he runs into another event in the timeline that’ll change not only the participants’ destiny but also the entire world’s destiny? To get another Quest, finish that and get the appropriate reward?

Yep, that’s definitely it!

Gu Qing Shan silently nodded.

Suddenly, a scene on the screen drew his attention.

“Not good” he slapped the table, shouting: “Impartial Goddess!”

“I’m here”

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“At the square, gather the nearby Assault Mech squadron to attempt reinforcement”

“The monster’s level is too high, technological weapons cannot deal with it”

“You only need to buy time, I’ll set out right now”

Saying so, he glanced at the War God UI.

There’s still quite a bit of sand left in the upper half of the hourglass.

Very fortunate, he’ll make it in time!

The square.

A gallant and well-groomed young man stood on top of the stone statue, raising his glasses out of habit, but touched nothing.

Behind him, the two terrifying wings of bones were folding in like they were actually wings, red blood stained on them dripping to the ground.

“Humans” the young man spoke, “even if they are Professionals, they’re still so weak”

Wang Yan held the bloodied Zhang You Bang, shouting into his Holo-Brain: “Calling for reinforcement!
Calling for reinforcement!”

The rest of them were also laying on the ground with deep, bloody cut wounds all over.

A female Professionalist has already fainted from losing too much blood.

A second later, reinforcement really did come.

20 unmanned Assault Mechs flew with a bang into the square, immediately attacking the young man.

The sound of bullets and explosions were ringing nonstop.

— — —it would be fine if they could kill the enemy like that, but if not, the sound would only draw the attention of the surrounding horde of Man Eater Fiends.

In the thick smoke, a blood-color streak suddenly appeared, passing through each Mech like a knife.

With it, each Mech were bisected, falling onto the ground in a loud explosion.

All the reinforced Mechs were nothing but soft tofu to him.

The blood streak stopped in mid-air, once again turning into the young man as he flew back onto the top of the stone statue.

It was the statue of an aristocrat from the previous era. As large as it is steady, the man sculpted from it seemed very lifelike.

The young man seems to particularly enjoy standing on the statue's head.

"Let me see, one, two, ... seven, seven Professionalists. After killing all of you, I can rest for today"

The looked down below as he announced their fate.

Suddenly, a voice was heard from afar.

"Man Eater Fiends can only eat, but never evolve"

"Man Killer Fiends gets to feel ecstasy no matter what they kill, and can even evolve from it"

"Looks like even the world of fiends is unfair"

Gu Qing Shan was walking from the path into the square.

"Scientist Gu, please run!" the soldiers were yelling in desperation.

"Scientist..." all the Professionalists were extremely shocked.

The young man takes a look at Gu Qing Shan, then made a face of extreme joy.

"A little ant that has so much life energy, you can only curse your luck!"

The bone wings behind him spread out, his figure disappeared in seconds.

"Tch, not very chatty, are you?" Gu Qing Shan turned his hand, grabbing the Earth sword.

At that moment, he disappeared, just as the young man appeared right where he was supposed to be.

"Huh?" the young man sounded clearly confused.

A sword stabbed at him from behind.

“Naïve” the young man laughed mockingly.

He lightly bends forward as numerous sharp bone javelins extended outwards from his body.

A 360 degrees’ attack.

His bone javelins can even penetrate the steel alloy plating on the Mechs.

Yet he didn’t feel the expected sensation of stabbing into flesh, only hearing the sound of screaming wind, followed with an indescribable sharp pain.

Secret Art, Crescent Slash!

All the people watching exchanged looks, one of them muttered: “Is that moon light?”

“Yeah, he seems to have turned into a crescent-shaped light” Zhang You Bang confirmed it.

His eyes were very sharp, seeing clearly that Gu Qing Shan didn’t back down for even a second as his body combined with his sword and turned into a large crescent moon.

The moon light shone mystically, cutting and breaking apart all the bone javelins as the pieces scattered in the sky.

“Aaaaa!” the young man screamed.

He jumped up, returning to his perch on the stone statue.

“I’ve seen your strength”

As he said so, the young man raised one hand, opening his fingers.

A bright blood-red glow appeared, floating in this palms.

“Your skill is truly exceptional, I’ve never seen someone as skilled with the sword as you are, however—
—”

The young man pridefully declared: “Against absolute overwhelming power, your skills don’t hold the slightest of meaning!”

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Gu Qing Shan looks at the broken bone javelins behind his opponent and sighed.

He tilted his head, speaking to the Holo-Brain on the ground: “Record: A 5th stage Man Killer Fiend has appeared, aside from the Martial Saint, 4th stage Elementalists, or highly awaken God’s Chosens, others aren’t able to fight against it”

“Recorded. Footage capture has begun” a female voice was heard from the Holo-Brain, “additionally, I have to remind sir Gu Qing Shan, according to your recorded personal fighting strength, you also have no way to win against him”

“I have to try to buy time either way, otherwise all these people will die” Gu Qing Shan said.

Impartial Goddess hurriedly replied: “Currently calling in reinforcement, please do your best to remain safe”

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

He looked at the young man, then very seriously said: “First time we’re meeting, hello”

The young man was a bit stunned, but replied: “Hello”

Gu Qing Shan turned and talked to the Holo-Brain again: “Although he’s been infected, his daily conditional reflected and habits still hasn’t been overwritten. For example, daily greetings and such”

“Recorded”

Gu Qing Shan looked again at the young man: “Can you still remember your loved ones?”

With a band, the Holo-Brain was broken into pieces by a blood-colored streak.

The young man had a friendly look on his face, asking: “Shouldn’t you be writing your will right now? Or was that just now your will?”

“Seems like he remembers, but doesn’t want to talk about it” Gu Qing Shan looked at the broken Holo-Brain, frowned and said: “Prone to breaking others’ belongings, uneducated”

The young man instantly reacted.

The blood-colored glow from his body expanded outwards intensely, as flames both white and black in color appeared one after another in his palm.

“You garbage, you dare to say that I’m uneducated!?” the young man’s red eyes glowed in frenzy, “I’ll kill you right now!”

The bone javelins behind him opened up again, as the glow stuck onto it and wiggled, it almost seems like a real pair of wings.

As the wings opened, the young man jumped really high up.

He pointed his palm at Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan’s heart jumped, feeling a sense of danger throughout his entire body.

Ground Shrink!

Bang!

A blood-colored flame appeared out of nowhere at Gu Qing Shan’s location, exploding into a deep crater.

“Dead ——no, where’s the body?” the young man’s face of relief disappeared as quick as it appeared.

Gu Qing Shan was right below him, kicking the ground to jump up to where he was.

“How strange, disappearing at will?” the young man wasn’t worried at all about them clashing, only muttered as he thought.

“What should I do about him then?” his body shifted, about to block Gu Qing Shan.

They were quickly approaching.

Gu Qing Shan’s sword thrust forward, about to active Secret Art: Water Flow Severance.

Seeing the glowing sword phantoms on the word, the young man felt unease, suddenly sped up and turned into a twisted blood glow behind Gu Qing Shan.

“It’s the end” he said.

His fingers have already turned into deadly sharp claws.

The young man thrust his hand at Gu Qing Shan’s back.

Gu Qing Shan retracted his strike, turning the blade backwards and slash.

The sword phantoms on the sword disappeared, instead turning into a travelling blue arc of Lightning.

This slash was extremely miraculous, not at all like a panicked strike.

The entire process from him retracting the thrust to again attack was done in a natural fluid motion.

The young man’s wrist hit the blade of the sword.

“Seven Shackles” activate!

“Arg!”

The young man yelled in agony, both hands were struck backwards.

A chance!

Gu Qing Shan pursued.

The young man couldn’t control his body, only relying on the jerking back motion to dodge the slash.

Gu Qing Shan took another step forward, slashing again.

An endless flow of sword phantom concentrated on the blade ———Crescent Slash!

Gu Qing Shan’s entire body turned into a white crescent moon, appearing in the sky.

The young man was bisected, then blew away by the fierce wind pressure.

Gu Qing Shan landed.

The entire battle process lasted a few seconds.

In the blink of an eye, the two of them exchanged attack and defense several times, quickly determining win and loss.

Both the soldiers and Professionalists couldn’t even close their eyes, no one was able to guess that the fighting concluded in a matter of a few breaths.

But Gu Qing Shan wasn’t the least bit relieved.

He looked up solemnly at the sky.

The bisected body turned back into a blood glow and combined together again.

The young man appeared in front of them again, unharmed.

“So a person’s skill can actually be this strong huh”

He shook his wrist, cracking his head while exclaiming.

“But as I said, before overwhelming strength, no matter how much skill you have, it’s useless” the smirked, looking at Gu Qing Shan.

“You have a point” Gu Qing Shan put the sword back into the air, taking out his bow.

Night Rain.

The took out an arrow, knocking it.

The young man was stunned again.

He could see the bow very clearly, but unable to feel its existence at all.

That made him a bit uneasy.

Gu Qing Shan didn’t care what he thought, only started to shoot as soon as he pulled the bow enough.

Rapid Fire!

Riding Wind!

Shifting Flurry!

Shifting Flurry!

Shifting Flurry!

1 flurry is 10 arrows, and Gu Qing Shan fired off 3 Shifting Flurries at once, blocking off the young man’s escape paths.

“Oh my god!” someone exclaimed from the men.

His sword skills can still at least be understood in the realm of humanity, but no one has ever seen such weird archery before.

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The young man tried dodging left and right, but got hit by every single arrow. He couldn’t help but temporarily retreat and hid behind the statue.

“Useless useless useless useless useless!” the young man roared in disdain.

The blood-colored glow flowed from his body, almost like it was melting away the arrows as they disappeared.

“Useless” at the same time, Gu Qing Shan sighed and said the same.

Their level of strength is too far apart; he can only barely keep up thanks to his skills.

Gu Qing Shan tapped his Inventory Bag, took out a pill and swallowed it.

His spirit energy is quickly depleting, the amount of times he can use his skills in a row is decreasing, so he must replenish it with pills.

A split second later, a blood-colored shadow suddenly flew forward, straight towards Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan raised his bow again!

Sharpshooter!

Bombardment!

The young man was knocked flying backwards, but didn't even care, turned his body around mid-air and flew forward again.

Gu Qing Shan's bow moved again, Shifting Flurry!

Grey shadows that fills the sky flew in unpredictable directions, like a rain of snakes attacking the flying Man Killer Fiend.

"Ahahaha, useless, your arrows can't kill me!"

He already knows how strong those arrows are, this time if he ignores the wounds, he'll be able to kill that guy!

The young man turned into a blood-colored shadow again, became even quicker.

The shadow twisted and turned, flying past the sharp arrows as it made its way to Gu Qing Shan.

His hands were turned into sharp blades of blood, about to use the momentum to bisect his opponent.

The young man smirked cruelly, waiting for that moment of ecstasy.

But in that moment the bow disappeared from his opponent's hand.

Instead, the sword once again appeared, pointing straight at himself.

This time, the distance between them wasn't even a meter, close enough for any mistakes to be the difference between life and death.

The young man was already flying as fast as he could, feeling extremely uneasy ———no good, he can't even dodge away anymore!

Taking that chance, Gu Qing Shan activated his sword skill.

Secret Art: Water Flow Severance!

Bang Bang Bang Bang Bang!

The overwhelming stream of sword phantoms concentrated on one spot, exploding one after another like a series of cannon balls, it connected with the young man 5 times, shredding his body and knocked it flying backwards.

Crash!

A dull crash was heard as the young man flew all the way to the other side of the square, kicking up a huge storm of dust.

“Nicely done!” a colonel shouted.

The rest of them were also relieved.

Gu Qing Shan frowned again, putting the sword sideways in front of him to block.

“Stand up, I know this type of attack can’t kill you yet” he said.

The young man moved a bit, sure enough kicking away the debris and stood up.

“How surprising” the young man said, “unfortunately you’re not a Man Killer Fiend, otherwise I would want to take you as a subordinate too”

His eyes contained praise, surprised, but more of it was killing intent and hatred.

“You can’t pay me enough” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Hmph, seems like I’ll have to waste a bit more time before I can end the hunt today” the young man said as he walked step by step towards Gu Qing Shan.

At this moment, all the Professionals’ Holo-Brain lit up at the same time.

Impartial Goddess’ voice was heard.

“Martial Saint Zhang Zong Yang will arrive at the scene in 1 minute, sir Gu Qing Shan please do your best to stay alive”

The young man’s eyes contracted.

He grew up hearing Martial Saint Zhang Zong Yang’s name, but this time it was in horror instead of admiration.

He can’t get hurt more badly. Even though he is the strongest Man Killer Fiend at the moment, there’s countless other competition hiding in the shadows, waiting for him to slip up.

As he was hesitating, Gu Qing Shan had already taken out the bow, knocking an arrow and aimed at him.

“Fucker”

He cursed, then turned into a blood glow and disappeared.

Gu Qing Shan waited for a bit before lowering the Night Rain.

He was finally relieved.

This fight was quite a huge risk, as the opponent was much more powerful than he was, so every single step he took was like walking on a tightrope.

“Evolution speed is quite considerable, but still lack a bit battle experience”

Saying so, he tapped his Inventory Bag, took out and swallowed another pill.

His spirit energy was pretty much already drained, if it weren't for the fact that he was an expert in battle and didn't show any signs of getting weaker, the opponent would've already retaliated.

This type of crazy monster that can only be dealt with by the Martial Saint, 4th stage Elementalist and deeply awoken God's Chosen isn't something he can actually go toe-to-toe with at this point in time.

Just like that Man Killer Fiend said, his cultivation is still a bit lacking.

And just like that Man Killer Fiend praised, if it weren't for the fact that his sword skills are top-notch, foiling the monster's attempts at overpowering him, if it were any other cultivator, they would've already died.

"The Martial Saint is coming?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Impartial Goddess replied: "Not that quickly, he's still 10 minutes away"

Gu Qing Shan was confused: "But you said 1 minute just now"

Impartial Goddess: "This was the newest counter measure devised"

Gu Qing Shan praised: "That's quite good, you can actually lie now"

Impartial Goddess asked: "Is this your praise?"

Gu Qing Shan answered: "It is, also, tell the Martial Saint that he does not have to be in too much of a hurry and can take his time"

Gu Qing Shan walked towards everyone else, asking: "Can you still move?"

Many of them nodded their heads, looking straight at him, as if looking at a huge dinosaur that's wearing human skin.

"That's great, then let's go back quickly, after the Man Killer Fiend left, the horde of Man Eater Fiends will swarm this place"

As Gu Qing Shan said so, he looked at the red Man Eater Fiend corpse, then again at the ragged soldiers and Professionalists.

"How many of you are still strong enough, help me bring this thing back"

"I am!" the entire bunch that could still move all replied at once.

Gu Qing Shan looked at them in surprise.

"So many of you, great, then you all carry them"

He quickly left.