

Apocalypse 1281

Chapter 1281

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A flash of light appeared in the sky.

It seemed to have a predetermined destination, flying through the night sky as it quickly headed down the vast meadow.

Gu Qing Shan landed on the bank of the lake on the meadow, looking at his other 'self'.

His other 'self' was also looking at him.

"Ah? This sensation... how miraculous, then you are me?" the other 'Gu Qing Shan' asked.

"That's right, on the way here, I heard that you were hailed as the Myriad Realms Sword Saint?" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The other 'Gu Qing Shan' pondered: "It's merely a title, there's no need to think too much of it. I can sense that your swordsmanship is no weaker than mine"

"Furthermore, you and I are exactly the same, combined with the unusual spatial fluctuations just now, perhaps you are from a parallel world?"

Gu Qing Shan praised: "Exactly, as expected of one with monstrous wits"

—behind him, the swords were discussing with one another.

The Earth sword spoke: 「 Why doesn't he get flushed praising himself like this? 」

Luo Bing Li replied: "His skin is thick; the red won't show through"

Shannu explained for Gu Qing Shan: “That’s another ‘him’, so he isn’t praising himself”

The Chao Yin sword vibrated in agreement.

Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan pondered for a moment, then asked: “Did you come to find me because there is a tough situation to resolve in your reality?”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Indeed, since I alone can’t deal with that situation, I needed some reinforcement”

He then explained the situation at the Tomb of Myriad Beasts.

Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan listened, then slowly smiled: “To be able to observe the Apocalypse from such close distance, not to mention cooperating with myself in battle, how could I pass on such an interesting thing”

He stood up.

“Also, you said that one other ‘me’ is carrying [NEET], while another me is an Asura King?”

“Right, are you carrying an [Order]?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I am, it’s called [Worlds Apocalypse Online – Demon King Order]” Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan replied.

“[Demon King Order]! Listen to me, it had already been sabotaged by the people of the [Chaos] faction” Gu Qing Shan said with a changed expression.

Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan waved his hand dismissively: “It’s fine, we’ve already fixed this [Order]”

Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief.

“That’s good, we still need to find other versions of ourselves, so what do you say we leave this reality now?”

“Give me a few minutes, I need to delegate a few things to my disciple” Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan replied.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

“I took in a disciple?” he muttered.

Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan replied: “Hm, with Shifu’s permission, I can now take in my own disciples. Let me call him”

He took out a communication talisman, spoke a few words into it, infused it with spirit energy, then sent it away.

A few moments later.

A healthy, spirited teenager flew in from the meadow.

“Master! Master!”

The teenager called out in high spirits, then exclaimed in surprise: “Whoa! What the, why are there two Masters now!?”

He suddenly thought of something and uttered in surprise: “Master, did you manage to learn [Myriads Incarnations]?”

Gu Qing Shan looked at this young man, then sent his voice to his other ‘self’: “What did you see in him when you took him in as a disciple?”

“His morals and abilities” Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan sent his voice in reply.

Gu Qing Shan felt interested and continued: “Without discussing morals, what kind of ability does he have?”

“An Elemental Sound supernatural ability”

Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan said with a bit of pride: “Within the range of a world after his ability has been activated, no one would be able to speak. As soon as someone goes against it, they would be immediately rejected from that world”

Gu Qing Shan nodded: “A rare ability indeed, and it can most likely evolve as well”

“Indeed, I also think the same”

Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan waved to the teenager and spoke: “Come, Hai Lan, I’m going to make a trip outside, so there are things I need to delegate to you first”

“Yes, Master”

Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan and the teenage Hai Lan spoke for a while before he was assured enough to leave this parallel world together with Gu Qing Shan.

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Another parallel world.

Gu Qing Shan and Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan both used concealment hand seals and silently landed on top of a certain apartment building

A few moments later.

A figure hurriedly ran outside.

Watching the two people on the balcony, he was a bit confused.

“Are you my parallel world ‘selves’?” he asked.

“That’s right, we have something we need to do, so I came to ask if you’re willing to join us” Gu Qing Shan replied.

He then explained everything.

That ‘Gu Qing Shan’ sincerely said after hearing the explanation: “Such a challenging matter; of course, I would participate without fail”

As soon as he said that, the sound of a crying child resounded.

Followed by an irritated female voice: “Gu Qing Shan, the child is crying!”

That ‘Gu Qing Shan’ hurriedly ran back in while shouting: “Coming, coming!”

He silently mouthed something to his other two ‘selves’ before running back inside: “Wait a moment”

Bam!

The door was closed.

They could faintly hear voices from inside:

“Precious, don’t cry, papa is here...”

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Gu Qing Shan and Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan were both stunned.

They couldn't help themselves releasing inner sight to observe the situation in the room.

That 'Gu Qing Shan' was currently cradling a baby while awkwardly making powdered milk.

After the baby had their fill, he cradled the baby on his chest and put them to sleep while lightly swinging them.

Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan scowled: "Fool, you can't swing the baby, if the baby gets used to it, they'll never go to sleep in the future without being swung"

Gu Qing Shan: "...Why do you know about that?"

"Take a guess" Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan replied.

They continued to observe the apartment with their inner sight.

In another room, four women were playing cards.

Su Xue Er, Anna, Ning Yue Chan, and Lin.

"Up" Lin declared.

"Why do you keep upping my cards?" Su Xue Er asked in irritation.

"Because my hand of cards can one-up you, simple as that" Lin replied.

"Wait— I won. Pay up, pay up now, don't get rowdy. If you can't settle things with words, go to the space vortex and fight" Ning Yue Chan spoke.

"I have no issues with that, I've always wanted to beat her up" Lin grinned.

Anna pulled Su Xue Er behind her and looked up: “Lin, how can you bully people like that when you’re so strong? How about the two of us both take you on?”

“Why not? It’s not like having more people means you’re going to win in a fight” Lin scoffed.

Clang!

A shining white Blade was slammed onto the table.

The three women stopped quarrelling.

Ning Yue Chan held the handle of the Blade, casually telling them: “I don’t care how you’re resolving your bickering, but I won that game, so pay up”

At this point, the other ‘Gu Qing Shan’ had finished putting the baby to sleep.

He hurriedly came back out, sending his voice to the other two Gu Qing Shan:

“Come one, lead me away, let’s fight the Apocalypse”

The two of them looked at him, only to see his gaze full of dreams and anticipation.

Gu Qing Shan: “...”

Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan: “...”

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath, then whispered in a low voice: “That is... we need to use him as an example”

Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan nodded in agreement, then said: "Truly, we must use him as an example... both you and I will have a lot to do"

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Another parallel world.

Bai Hua Sect.

Orchid Hall.

One 'Gu Qing Shan' was sitting on a cushion, then had an expression of epiphany on his face:

"I was wondering how someone managed to enter Orchid Hall without making any noises, so it was myself"

Gu Qing Shan, Sword Saint Gu Qing Shan, and babysitter Gu Qing Shan all nodded.

"The situation is like that. We need more forces to go against those Apocalypses" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Orchid Hall Gu Qing Shan then asked: "Why aren't you looking for more people? Why just yourselves?"

"Because the situation is a bit urgent, with so little time, other than myself, I can't trust anyone else" Gu Qing Shan shrugged.

Suddenly, a female voice resounded from the door of the hall:

"If you can't trust others, then what about me?"

Several Gu Qing Shan all looked back.

Bai Hua Fairy – Xie Dao Ling had brought white goose, Qin Xiao Lou, Xiu Xiu, Wang Er, and Qing Rou with her, all standing at the entrance to Orchid Hall.

Xiao Lou rubbed his eyes, asking in disbelief: “Junior brother, how come you can also perform [Myriad Incarnations]? I heard before from Shifu that this technique can only be practiced by female cultivators...”

His gaze inadvertently fell towards Gu Qing Shan’s lower half.

Bam!

White goose violently slapped him on the head, saying: “Idiot, they are Gu Qing Shan from other realities”

Xiu Xiu was surprised: “Why did they all come here to us?”

Wang Er and Qing Rou gazed at each Gu Qing Shan, exchanged glances, then silently nodded.

It’s him.

It truly is him.

—so there really are parallel worlds!

Xie Dao Ling’s expression called down, dispersing the seal in her hand and said: “I had thought there were some sort of unimaginable enemy, but it was just Qing Shan”

She then told her other disciples: “While Qing Shan and I are not present at the sect, white goose will be responsible for everyone, Xiao Lou and everyone else, make sure to diligently keep up your cultivation”

“What!?” Gu Qing Shan was shocked, “Shifu also wants to come to my reality?”

Xie Dao Ling looked at him, then casually replied: “I know that you’re in a hurry and couldn’t find anyone trustworthy to fight the Apocalypse with you, so you could only find yourself— but now that I’ve known everything, are you saying you can’t trust your master?”

Gu Qing Shan froze.

That's true.

Regardless of what happens, Shifu is definitely worthy of trust.

And Shifu is much stronger than I am...

Xie Dao Ling then stared closely at the four Gu Qing Shan, asking: "Your master wants to accompany you to the Tomb of Myriad Beasts and examine the root of the situation while also lending a hand, does any of you have any objections?"

Saying so, she took out her whip and snapped it in mid-air.

Bang!

The void of space was struck to the point of trembling.

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The 9th parallel world.

"Great tomb? Apocalypse? Alright, let us go" a certain 'Gu Qing Shan' replied.

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The 10th parallel world.

"What an unprecedented challenge, I really can't stop holding myself back from trying it once" another 'Gu Qing Shan' gave his answer.

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The 11th parallel world.

“So, which ‘me’ was the one who experienced such an unimaginable thing?” another ‘Gu Qing Shan’ asked.

All the ‘Gu Qing Shan’ turned around to look at the original Gu Qing Shan wielding the twin swords Heaven and Earth who came from the great tomb.

“Ah, it’s you” that ‘Gu Qing Shan’ said.

“It’s me, what’s the matter?” the original Gu Qing Shan said.

That ‘Gu Qing Shan’ looked at all the ‘Gu Qing Shan’ around, then said while pondering: “You... seem to be the strongest ‘me’ here”

The original Gu Qing Shan smiled: “So, do you want to join us?”

“Naturally”

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The 29th parallel world.

A large group of Gu Qing Shan stood on top of a cliff, standing around a grave.

“I... have already died in this world?” one ‘Gu Qing Shan’ muttered.

Xie Dao Ling replied: “Not yet, what you’re sensing is a faux miasma of death, one that originated from the Huang Quan realm, which I just happen to recognize”

She drew her whip and struck the grave.

Bam!

It broke.

A figure climbed out from inside.

He had a cigarette in his mouth, a pen in one hand, and a stack of papers in the other, complaining:

“What is it? Who interrupted my— why are there so many ‘me’ here!!!?”

A few moments later.

“That’s how it is” Gu Qing Shan finished explaining everything.

“Ah... I’m fine with going, but you need to wait a bit, I have to finish writing this last part”

He quickly wrote something onto the paper, then sighed in relief.

“What are you writing?” one ‘Gu Qing Shan’ asked curiously.

That ‘Gu Qing Shan’ replied: “Fate. What I carry is different from all of you, not an [Order] or [Chaos], but rather the original power of Fate from within the Reality Gate— this is a new power I obtained after discarding both [Order] and [Chaos]: Fruit of Fate Traces”

“What can this power do?” one ‘Gu Qing Shan’ asked.

“Whatever I write, as long as they fulfil certain conditions of Fate, will definitely come true” Fate Gu Qing Shan replied.

— *directly determining Fate?*

What an unimaginable power!

All the 'Gu Qing Shan' were shocked.

The pen-holding 'Gu Qing Shan' looked around at all of his 'selves', then pondered: "How interesting, among all of you, the 'me' who wields the two strange swords is the most powerful, but none of you have a profound understanding of Fate as I do"

The Gu Qing Shan wielding the twin swords Heaven and Earth then said: "If that's the case, please write something to this effect: [Gu Qing Shan found reinforcement from parallel worlds, successfully prevented the eruption of countless Apocalypses within the Tomb of Myriad Beasts]"

"Alright" Fate Gu Qing Shan agreed without hesitation.

Under all the gaze of every 'Gu Qing Shan', he quickly wrote on a piece of blank paper: [Gu Qing Shan found reinforcement from parallel worlds, successfully prevented the eruption of countless Apocalypses within the Tomb of Myriad Beasts]

As soon as he finished those words, images began to appear on top of the paper.

All of them were so blurry that they couldn't be seen, only the two uppermost lines of images formed a line of text:

[To achieve this Fruit of Fate, the following conditions must be fulfilled:]

[Firstly, gather a total of 75 parallel world 'Gu Qing Shan', not one more, not one less;]

After this line, all the other lines of text remained blurry.

Fate Gu Qing Shan put the paper away and explained: "We need to fulfil the first condition first before the other conditions could be seen"

He then drew a sword, grinning: "So when can we fight against the Apocalypse? I'm impatiently looking forward to it already"

Twin swords Heaven and Earth Gu Qing Shan happily said: “Very nice, with this power, we can be even more assured”

He brandished the two swords and brought everyone away from this parallel world.

The 30th parallel world.

The 31st parallel world.

The 32nd parallel world.

...

The 39th parallel world.

The Justice Iron Fist Club.

“Oi, oi, oi. I know that you’re in a hurry so you could only trust yourself, but this Barry can guarantee that any parallel version of myself would be trustworthy, wouldn’t you say?”

Iron Fist Barry excitedly said.

“Ah, big brother Barry, you want to come as well?” the ‘Gu Qing Shan’ of this world asked.

“Of course, this is too good of a matter to pass up” Barry clenched his fists tightly and replied.

A female voice called out:

“And I as well”

Everyone turned back to see a cat-eared girl walking out from the club.

She had already taken off the short skirt casual outfit she usually wore, now instead donning a skin-tight battle outfit.

--Kitty.

"Trust me, with a Spatial Grandmaster with you, everything you do will be much more convenient" Kitty said.

The group of 'Gu Qing Shan' stayed silent for a bit, then all nodded.

Barry was trustworthy and could not die in battle; Kitty was a Spatial Grandmaster, a unique and rare talent that was valuable in the fight against any Apocalypse.

Twin swords Heaven and Earth Gu Qing Shan said: "Then... let us go together"

He split open the void of space and took everyone with him.

"Ah---"

A panicked voice sounded from inside the club.

With a flash of red light, Ye Fei Li appeared where everyone was.

--but he was unfortunate, as the group had already left.

Ye Fei Li sat down on the ground, dejectedly speaking: "Barry, Kitty, Qing Shan, today is bill day, what am I supposed to do when all of you flee like this?"

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The 45th parallel world.

"I'll just ask you one thing, Gu Qing Shan, can you trust me or not?" Zhang Ying Hao asked.

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“And me as well, do you not trust me in your reality?” Ye Fei Li asked.

Twin swords Heaven and Earth Gu Qing Shan looked at the two of them.

They were both tightly gripping his shoulder, staring straight at him while waiting for an answer.

—how come everyone asks the same thing starting from Shifu?

“Come one, let’s go together”

Gu Qing Shan answered without much force, then brandished his sword to split open the void of space.

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The 51st parallel world.

A certain cave.

“Ah? What an interesting thing that is, Gu Qing Shan, I assume you’re going to take me with you, correct?”

Lin casually asked.

She raised her hand and lightly cracked her fingers.

Pop, pop!

The air gave off resounding popping noises, followed by black spatial cracks.

Everyone remained absolutely silent.

In that silence, only Xie Dao Ling praised her:

“What excellent martial arts cultivation!”

Lin’s expression shifted a bit, turning to Xie Dao Ling as she slowly gathered some killing intent.

She asked: “To comment on my cultivation standard, may I know who you are?”

“Xie Dao Ling, Gu Qing Shan is my disciple” Xie Dao Ling replied.

Lin’s aura immediately vanished without a trace, stepping forward to bow and smile: “So you were Bai Hua Saint, your reputation highly precedes you, it is a shame that I have yet to meet you up to now. Ah, yes, my name is Lin”

Everyone: “...”

Gu Qing Shan hung his head and swung his sword: “Come on, let’s go together.

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The 69th parallel world.

The 900 million World Layers.

——the Asura race had declared a great war!

The flames of war burnt from the Strife Zones all the way to the Mystic Zones, turning heaven and earth over on their heads countless times over, causing numerous Combatants to flee into the space vortex and escape their homelands, lest they be involved in the war.

At the very center of the battlefield, Asura King Gu Qing Shan held the tip of his sword against Triste's nose.

"I'll say it once, I want you to release that young girl, otherwise, I wouldn't mind killing your entire bunch of locusts" Asura King Gu Qing Shan declared.

"You think you've already won by defeating me? I'll tell you right now, the fate of that girl isn't something you can get involved with!" Triste laughed maniacally.

Behind her, a thick grey fog manifested out of thin air.

Rumble rumble!

The sound of trembling earth and howling resounded from the fog.

Countless monsters appeared one after another.

The mythical monsters from the Era of [Chaos]!

In front of them, all was the Deity of [Chaos] with the male and female half-faces.

— the Soul Shrieker.

「 『Tsk tsk tsk, King of Asura, you might also be a Deity of [Chaos], but your strength is far inferior to my own 』 』 the Soul Shrieker spoke with killing intent.

Asura King Gu Qing Shan made a gesture behind his back, signaling his men to prepare their defenses.

"I want you to let Laura go" he said.

The Soul Shrieker shook its head: 『 『 Each of her abilities are nothing short of ultimate treasures of the 900 million World Layers, they can all aid me greatly, I shall not let her go 』 』

Asura King Gu Qing Shan raised his sword: “Even as fellow Deities of [Chaos], you sure are holding quite a bit of killing intent against me...”

The Soul Shrieker suddenly grinned: 『 『 Of course, the Era of [Chaos] needs no more than a single strongest Deity. Today right at this place, either you or I shall perish and return to nothingness 』 』

It took a deep breath, about to unleash its soul-absorbing shriek, only to see the void of space on the other side changing.

——two swords appeared.

The black void of space was cut open by two swords.

Following that, dozens of ‘Gu Qing Shan’ suddenly leapt out, followed by a large group of other Combatants, including Lin, Barry, Kitty, Zhang Ying Hao, Ye Fei Li, Xie Dao Ling...

The Soul Shrieker was completely stunned, forgetting to even shriek.

Asura King Gu Qing Shan looked at twin swords Heaven and Earth Gu Qing Shan in surprise.

“Why are you here? And bringing so many people with you?” he asked.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “It couldn’t be helped, the situation in the great tomb is too urgent, I came looking for help”

Asura King Gu Qing Shan helplessly replied: “But I’m not done here yet”

“Ah? You’re still not done?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

——all the ‘Gu Qing Shan’ turned their attention towards the Soul Shrieker at once.

The Soul Shrieker couldn’t help but retreat one step.

It had noticed that none of these Gu Qing Shan were clones.

Each of these Gu Qing Shan carried a different power of [Order], [Chaos], as well as other irregular powers.

In summary.

All of them were real Gu Qing Shan, and each of them exuded terrifying power.

The Soul Shrieker retreated another step, feeling like its mind was a bit lacking.

Standing across from it, Gu Qing Shan wielded the twin swords Heaven and Earth, cracked his head and said: “An old enemy, how about we help you quickly resolve the matter here?”

Asura King Gu Qing Shan shrugged: “That’s naturally a good thing”

A second later, every ‘Gu Qing Shan’ spoke up at once: “Then, let us all——”

『 「 Wait a moment! We still haven’t finished our talk!!! 」 』

The Soul Shrieker suddenly shouted.

Everyone was shocked.

The Soul Shrieker looked at Asura King Gu Qing Shan again and loudly asked: 「 『 Did you start this war only because of Laura? 』 』

Asura king Gu Qing Shan nodded.

The Soul Shrieker answered with a hysterical voice: 『 「 There was no need to raise such a huge commotion for a minor matter now, was there? Everything can be discussed civilly, you know? As fellow Deities of [Chaos], any strife between us should certainly be resolved through talking 』 』

Asura King Gu Qing Shan paused a bit, muttering: “But earlier, you just said——”

「 『 I was only kidding 』 』 the Soul Shrieker turned its head to the other side, telling the stunned Triste: 『 「 Hurry! Hurry up! Hand Laura over to them! 』 』

Chapter 1283

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The great tomb.

Inside an Apocalypse illusion.

Layers upon layers of black fog had filled this place, forming a closed wall that encompassed Shan Hai Qi Xia as well as an empty patch of land.

Suddenly, two swords appeared from the void of space, lightly slashing it apart.

75 ‘Gu Qing Shan’ appeared from within.

As well as Xie Dao Ling, Barry, Kitty, Lin, ... a group of other people.

Gu Qing Shan gave Shan Hai Qi Xia a glance, signaling her not to panic.

“Now that everyone has been gathered, what’s the next condition of Fate?” he asked.

Everyone’s gaze focused on Fate Gu Qing Shan.

Fate Gu Qing Shan took the paper out and unfolded it in the air.

Sure enough, the blurry lines of images now displayed more text:

[There are a total of 99 Apocalypses about to arrive, among them, 11 are True Apocalypses from outside the Reality Gate]

[More people would still be helpless in order to stop them]

[Please come up with a way to circumvent these Apocalypse, 3 in total]

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

He had never depended on winning through having more people in the first place.

“I’ll go first, we can try creating a few worlds that are especially resilient against Apocalypses, using them to prolong the time it would take for the Apocalypses to erupt within this great tomb” Xie Dao Ling suggested.

“You can create a world?”

“Not true worlds, rather, think of them as world-shaped defense mechanisms—— there are plenty of World Origin scattered in this great tomb, more than enough for us to create some elementary faux worlds”

Another ‘Gu Qing Shan’ suggested: “Besides that, since it had always been the Delimitation Divine Sword that had been suppressing the Apocalypses, we can follow the artifact spirit’s guide to help it forge a temporary new body, which will allow it to exert its power”

“We can first get rid of relatively easier Apocalypses, like those of the Sealed rank, and Unsolvables rank, we should be able to challenge them— after all, there are many of us here” another ‘Gu Qing Shan’ suggested.

Twin swords Heaven and Earth Gu Qing Shan said: “Among everyone, my cultivation is the highest, having reached Sumeru Lord realm, which gives me 120 Followers— I can link with everyone and pull you back whenever things get too rough”

Kitty asked: “That sounds like a very strong Thaumaturgy, how come you didn’t use it when you were taking us through the parallel worlds?”

“This Thaumaturgy can’t be used through parallel worlds” Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

At this point, their discussion finished.

The solutions had been decided.

The paper changed again, displaying a new line of text:

[Perform the three solutions you had discussed, then you shall see the way to resolve this matter]

The black fog had been silently standing outside to observe them, now finally returning into the sword handle form.

「 Very good 」 the Wraith artifact spirit spoke, 「 As common sense goes, no matter how great an Apocalypse is, it will require time to completely devour a world. You can indeed create new worlds to delay the eruption of the Apocalypses 」

Xie Dao Ling said: “It isn’t a simple matter to create worlds, I will need some help”

A large number of ‘Gu Qing Shan’ spoke: “Shifu, let me help you”

Xie Dao Ling suddenly appeared nostalgic, then pondered: “Let us search this great tomb for materials, I seem to remember quite a few places containing some decent inheritances”

“Let us go!”

“Wait a moment”

Twin swords Heaven and Earth Gu Qing Shan spoke: “Come, let me link you up as my Sumeru Lord Followers, this way, I’d be able to transport you back here at any signs of danger”

The group orderly took up their positions twin swords Heaven and Earth Gu Qing Shan’s Followers.

The Wraith artifact spirit silently observed this, then suddenly spoke up:

「 As you’ve had everything planned out, I’ll undo the seal. You can proceed as you see fit 」

The black fog then scattered.

This Apocalypse illusion slowly faded away.

The scenery of the Tomb River reappeared in front of them all.

“Let’s go, keep contact, we shall first go and create the preliminary form for a few worlds” Xie Dao Ling said.

Under her lead, a group of ‘Gu Qing Shan’ took flight, following her to leave this illusion area.

Among the others, twin swords Heaven and Earth Gu Qing Shan said: “Artifact spirit, our second plan is to help you reforge a new body, this way you would be able to suppress all the Apocalypses again”

The Wraith artifact spirit spoke: 「 Reforging it is impossible, but there is certainly a bit of spare material within the great tomb that can help me gain power. However, only humans may use them—— I will need a group of people to help me retrieve them 」

About a dozen 'Gu Qing Shan' volunteer: "Let us do it"

They had different expressions on their faces, but their tone carried no confusion, only fighting spirit.

「 Very well, this way, we will have another ray of hope 」 the Wraith artifact spirit spoke.

The black fog once again expanded to envelope some particularly powerful 'Gu Qing Shan' and left towards the deep end of the Tomb River.

About half of the group remained.

The sword handle made up of two twirling Wraiths still hovered in the air, staring down at the rest.

It turned to Gu Qing Shan: 「 Right now, you will have to think of ways to get rid of the foremost Apocalypses to prevent them from interfering with our work 」

Several dozen 'Gu Qing Shan' spoke up at once: "Leave it to us"

"And us" Barry, Kitty, Zhang Ying Hao, Ye Fei Li, and the rest all spoke up.

"Then..."

"Keep contact and fight"

"Let's beat those Apocalypses up! This is this Barry's old job!"

"Let's go, I bet I can beat more of them than you!"

Everyone took flight, heading deeper into the Tomb River.

The only ones who remained on the spot were the twin swords Heaven and Earth Gu Qing Shan, Fate Gu Qing Shan, Shan Hai Qi Xia, and the Wraith artifact spirit.

——as well as one Gu Qing Shan who carried [Worlds Apocalypse Online – Cow].

His medical expertise was unmatched in the 900 million World Layers of his parallel world.

They silently observed the hovering sheet of paper that contained the Traces of Fate, waiting for it to change.

Shan Hai Qi Xia worriedly asked: “There are so many of you, but would that be any good?”

Gu Qing Shan smiled and replied: “I might not be able to guarantee other things, but during the past few years, I’ve gained quite a bit of experience and expertise in fighting the Apocalypses, don’t worry”

His words contained an inexplicable sense of confidence, which made Shan Hai Qi Xia feel more assured.

Time slowly passed.

Gu Qing Shan’s expression suddenly changed as he reached his hand forward.

Another ‘him’ was summoned back.

“Ah, that really was a bit dangerous just now, thanks” this ‘Gu Qing Shan’ said.

He then took flight again.

Gu Qing Shan pressed his hand against the void of space over and over.

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One by one, more of 'him' reappeared before leaving right away.

Shan Hai Qi Xia felt worried again.

Gu Qing Shan pressed his hand against the void of space again.

Ye Fei Li was transported back.

He lost one arm, but as Cow Gu Qing Shan unleashed a ray of milky holy light, his arm was quickly regrown.

"Ahahahaha..." Ye Fei Li couldn't help but laugh out loud.

Seeing this man whose appearance seemed clean but had a mental temperament, Shan Hai Qi Xia couldn't help but ask:

"What are you laughing for? You do know that you almost died just now, right?"

Ye Fei Li shook his head, then continued laughing: "Have you ever tried a large-scale survival game?"

"...What is that?" Shan Hai Qi Xia said in a confused tone.

Ye Fei Li patted twin swords Heaven and Earth Gu Qing Shan, saying: "This is the spawn base"

He then patted Cow Gu Qing Shan: "This is the resurrecting point"

Patting Fate Gu Qing Shan, Ye Fei Li continued: "This is the real-time strategy guide"

He suddenly looked up at the sky and laughed again: "Ahahahaha, now you tell me, how are we supposed to lose?"

Saying so, a pair of bright red wings spread behind his back.

"Alright, alright then, what a decent grinding spot this is, I should go kill all the mobs——"

Ye Fei Li excitedly licked his lips, his eyes displaying madness.

He turned into a streak of red light and headed back into the Tomb River.

After Ye Fei Li left, the Wraith artifact spirit spoke: 「 Truthfully, there are some True Apocalypse at the deepest chambers of the tomb, you won't be able to deal with them 」

“Don't worry, we'll come up with solutions to make sure that kind of Apocalypse can't exert itself” twin swords Heaven and Earth Gu Qing Shan replied.

「 Not give them a chance... has your fighting style always been this way? 」 the Wraith artifact spirit asked.

“Always” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The Wraith artifact spirit went silent.

Time slowly passed.

Luo Bing Li's voice sounded from the Heaven sword: “Gu Qing Shan, time's about to run out”

“What happened?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The eight Eternal Abyss Soul Artifact components slowly manifested from the void of space.

They were in a state of being near-broken.

The Earth sword's heavy mountainous voice resounded: 「 As you know, we originally only had the ability to take you through the parallel worlds alone 」

Luo Bing Li continued: “But you took away many individuals with souls from many parallel worlds, each of these individuals exist in the same breath as the fate of their parallel worlds. To suppress this chain reaction, the eight components had been overworked to the point of breaking”

The Earth sword concluded: 「 Once the eight components are completely broken, these individuals would be sent back to their original realities 」

As Gu Qing Shan was about to talk, his expression changed.

He tapped the void of space several times in a row.

One after another, his other ‘selves’ appeared, placing many unique treasures and materials on the ground.

“All the spare materials have been collected, now it’s your turn”

They spoke to the Wraith artifact spirit.

The Wraith artifact spirit flew up, attaching all of the treasures and materials to its body.

It replied: 「 There! I have temporarily regained my peak strength, just enough to suppress the Apocalypses in this place! 」

Another flash of light appeared, bringing another group of ‘Gu Qing Shan’ and his comrades back.

“Ahahaha, that felt good! We’ve basically gotten rid of all the Apocalypses that can be dealt with; the rest are simply too much to handle” Barry said as he swung his bloody fist around.

Gu Qing Shan continued to tap the void of space.

It then broke open.

Xie Dao Ling also returned with another group of 'Gu Qing Shan'.

"We've utilized the world origin power to create a total of 15 faux worlds for the sake of buying time, they are not true worlds, but the Apocalypses would need a lot of time to thoroughly destroy them all" Xie Dao Ling said.

No one said anything else.

They all turned to the Fate paper.

The hovering sheet of paper finally showed change:

[The Apocalypse of the great tomb can no longer erupt for now, but to completely resolve the issue at its roots, you would still need to complete the final step]

[Head into the Wraith realm, and retrieve the main body of the Divine Sword]

While everyone was reading, they heard shattering noises from the void of space.

The eight components hovering around twin swords Heaven and Earth Gu Qing Shan were breaking apart and dropping to the ground.

Everyone quickly understood.

Kitty walked up first, patting Gu Qing Shan's shoulder:

"It's time to say goodbye, seems like we'll have to leave the rest to you alone"

Barry reached his fist out and lightly tapped Gu Qing Shan's chest, encouraging him "You are a member of our club, and a proud member of the Blade Edge Pledge, you can do it"

Zhang Ying Hao took out a bottle of liquor and gave it to Gu Qing Shan: "Something to drink right before the big battle, I'm sure you'll enjoy them both"

Ye Fei Li was a bit unwilling to leave, so he said: "Seems like I won't be able to join the fight against the Wraiths. That bunch causes trouble everywhere, truly irritating to hear about, Gu Qing Shan, make sure you stick it to them well"

Xie Dao Ling also stepped forward, solemnly looked at Gu Qing Shan and said: "Although we are from different parallel worlds, you must remember well, our Bai Hua sect must never be careless and..."

"Shifu, please get to the point" Gu Qing Shan said.

"Get rid of them"

"Yes, ma'am"

Everyone slowly faded into the void of space, returning to their respective worlds.

A young girl came forward, curiously looking at Gu Qing Shan.

"In your reality, did you save me?" Laura asked.

Gu Qing Shan smiled, then told her: "No, I didn't save you. We fought by one another's side and defeated Triste"

Laura's dazed expression slowly receded, turning into a genuine smile.

Asura King Gu Qing Shan also walked up and smiled at him: “Do your best, the rest depends on you alone now”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Don’t worry”

He clasped his fist at the group.

The void of space flashed.

Everyone from the parallel worlds disappeared from the Tomb River.

Chapter 1284

Translator: La0o9

Everyone had left.

Gu Qing Shan stood still, pondering for a few moments before speaking: “It seems I will have to make a trip to the Wraith realm after all”

The Wraith artifact spirit replied: 「 Indeed, you must retrieve my main body, only then would I be able to thoroughly suppress those Apocalypses 」

Gu Qing Shan then said: “Shan Hai Qi Xia, please return to the Tomb of Myriad Beasts first, once I’ve retrieved the sword, I’ll come back to find you”

Shan Hai Qi Xia hesitated a bit.

Gu Qing Shan turned to the Wraith artifact spirit and asked: “How many of the traitor guardians are still alive?”

「 They’ve all been sent into powerful Apocalypses and killed 」 the Wraith artifact spirit replied.

“Very well”

Gu Qing Shan turned around, took Shan Hai Qi Xia’s hand and pressed it tightly: “From this moment on, no one in the Tomb of Myriad Beasts will have their souls replaced ever again”

“And also, I’m an expert in both disguise and infiltration, you can simply return to the Tomb of Myriad Beasts and be assured waiting for my return”

Shan Hai Qi Xia was a bit surprised, then said: “I understand”

She took out her small bell and silently chanted the incantation.

Gu Qing Shan smiled: “You have my communication talisman; we can continuously maintain contact”

Shan Hai Qi Xia nodded and slowly faded away.

—she had returned to the Tomb of Myriad Beasts.

Only Gu Qing Shan and the Wraith artifact spirit were left here.

“I’m going to head into the Wraith realm, do you have anything to help me?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

「 Take this 」 the Wraith artifact spirit said.

A handful of fine black sand appeared, hovering in Gu Qing Shan’s hand.

「 This is the most advanced anti-sealing treasure tool in the great tomb. Just take it, don’t worry 」

「 When you find my real body, place this treasure tool on it, then you’ll be able to cut off all spells and techniques placed on my real body, allowing you to take it away 」

Gu Qing Shan glanced at it briefly and took it, answering: “Very well, I’ll be on my way”

「Hm, for the time being, I'll completely seal off the great tomb so that no one would be able to enter or exit, lest some sort of unexpected danger occurs」 the Wraith artifact spirit said.

Gu Qing Shan touched the Nine Serenity Yin Incantation Jade Tablet and sensed it——

Sure enough, NEET Gu Qing Shan was no longer inside the great tomb as well.

“Then, how should I bring your real body back here?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

「When that happens, I'll naturally be able to sense it and open the great tomb」 the Wraith artifact spirit answered.

“Alright, then I'm leaving” Gu Qing Shan said.

The Wraith artifact spirit then said: 「You know what, let me send you ahead to a large world in the vicinity of the Wraith realm. It is a trading world with individuals from every cut of life, known as a trading market for many in the infinite worlds, even the Wraith realm humans can't help but follow the rules while conducting trade in that place」

“Then it couldn't be better” Gu Qing Shan replied.

「Hm, you are a very resourceful person, I don't have anything else to add」 the Wraith artifact spirit said.

A black layer of fog enveloped Gu Qing Shan and took him away.

...

Shan Hai Qi Xia returned to the Western Sea Grotto.

Li Chun Dao and Wang Shun who had been awaiting her return arrived, then asked with shocked expressions: “Dean, where are the others?”

Shan Hai Qi Xia shook her head and said in a low voice: "Follow me"

She brought the two of them to the center of the sect, the Bookkeeping Ward.

In the main lobby of the Bookkeeping Ward, she lightly pressed a hidden switch.

A silent corridor opened.

"Do not say anything, follow me" Shan Hai Qi Xia curtly said.

The two of them exchanged glances, but she had already flown ahead into the passage.

Li Chun Dao and Wang Shun could only follow.

Clank—

The heavy entrance closed behind them.

The light of countless runes flashed briefly before vanishing.

At this point, it would be impossible to return this way even if they wanted to.

The three of them continued following the corridor, making their way through an underground river, passing through a winding and interconnected underground cave network, then finally arriving at a secret room.

Shan Hai Qi Xia made a slit on her finger and smeared her blood on the door.

A few moments later.

The doors opened to both sides, causing dust to fly.

Shan Hai Qi Xia brought the two of them inside and stopped in the simple garden.

There was only a long table covered with vines and dozens of empty seats in here.

There wasn't anyone else at this place.

Li Chun Dao and Wang Shun were both still confused— they had never known that there was such an incredibly long passage under the Bookkeeping Ward.

What kind of place is this?

“In a few moments, you only need to listen, do not speak up” Shan Hai Qi Xia said.

“Yes, Dean” the two of them answered.

Shan Hai Qi Xia took out a candle, lit it up, placed it on the table, then took her place on one of the seats.

A few moments later.

Figures started to appear on each of the empty seats.

“Among the 8 Grottoes, the Western Sea might not be the strongest, but since the summon was from Shan Hai Qi Xia, I have arrived” a solemn voice spoke.

Li Chun Dao and Wang Shun followed the voice, seeing a highly familiar figure.

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Suddenly, they recalled a certain person.

The Ex-master of the Southern Cages, a peerless Combatant who became insane 300 years ago and went missing.

While they were surprised, another voice spoke up:

“So it is the Shan Hai girl, this one would naturally show up, after all... she was the only survivor...”

He didn't finish his words.

An old man with an anxious expression appeared on one of the seats.

“Elderly Venerate!” Li Chun Dao exclaimed in shock.

Wang Shun's expression also changed.

Elderly Venerate, one of the strongest men in this world, however, since he could not achieve the peak of his inheritance, he had always been short of becoming the strongest.

During a renowned battle, he was said to have been heavily injured and had still not been able to recover, some even said that he had already lost his life.

Never did they think he would still be alive, and even appear at such a place.

More and more people showed up one by one.

Almost every seat was filled by one person.

In just a few moments, the silent garden became full of presence.

Every seat was filled.

Li Chun Dao and Wang Shun stood behind Shan Hai Qi Xia, both completely stunned.

So many legendary figures, yet they all appeared in this place.

What exactly is going on?

They both turned to Shan Hai Qi Xia.

Her expression was completely calm as if not thinking of something at all.

“Very well, let’s all be quiet!”

An old voice called out.

The owner of this voice seems to be quite prestigious, as everyone instantly became silent.

The old voice asked: “Dean Shan Hai, the Apocalypses had been madly ravaging recently, although we have been in hiding, we’ve also been dousing the fire in places that we could. May I then question why have you suddenly summoned us?”

Complete silence.

All the Combatants present at the scene were staring at Shan Hai Qi Xia.

Shan Hai Qi Xia finally spoke up: “On behalf of our Tomb of Myriad Beasts as a whole, I have allied myself with a certain person”

The old voice remained firm and asked: “You were the only one of us to succeed, so you certainly have the qualifications to do such a thing. But I would like to know, for what reason did you do so? And who was that person?”

Shan Hai Qi Xia’s expression was a bit bitter.

She recalled everything Gu Qing Shan had done up to now.

Truly...

Even as I recall what happened, I still can’t believe it.

During the moment of their parting, he took the opportunity to silently give me a jade tag as he grabbed my hand.

—although this was a cultivator’s item, it wasn’t locked or restricted in any way, so Shan Hai Qi Xia didn’t find it very tough to know what it contained.

The jade tag contained a few especially powerful inheritances, as well as three statements:

“There should be no entities to replace your souls, for now, you can be assured of this”

“However, all things are treacherous, you cannot trust the Wraith artifact spirit, your Tomb of Myriad Beasts must be prepared to fight, as well as to fully evacuate at any moment”

“Remember well, wait for my contact”

Shan Hai Qi Xia pushed her inner anxiety down, regained her calm and replied: “The target of our alliance is the sword saint Gu Qing Shan, the reason for this was that...”

She slowly and clearly explained everything that happened recently.

The dim light of the candle illuminated Shan Hai Qi Xia’s beautiful but exhausted expression.

At this very moment, every Combatant of the Tomb of Myriad Beasts who had been hiding in the shadows so far was gathered here.

They sat in the darkness, surrounding the only source of light that was the candle while silently listening to everything that happened thus far.

...

At another location.

Gu Qing Shan appeared on a barren field.

He landed on the ground, released his inner sight to silently examine his surroundings, then quickly flew towards the large city in the distance.

Half-way there, he took out the Silent Dusk Cloak and draped it over himself again.

—this cloak was able to suppress the Demon Dragon's power, completely isolating all power and stopping it from seeping out, which he used to always wear after he had just killed the Demon Dragon.

However, after he fully converted the Demon Dragon's power into his own and having killed three dragons, he no longer needed this cloak.

Right now, to obscure his physique and appearance, he donned it once again, then pulled the hood over his head to cover it as well.

"Gongzi, the Apocalypse issue should have already been resolved for now, so why do I feel like you've become even more concerned?" Shannu asked.

Gu Qing Shan smiled and replied: "I'll be honest, I truly didn't want to come into contact with the humans from the Wraith realm right now"

"But why?" Shannu asked.

Gu Qing Shan looked down at the handful of black sand in his hand.

This was a treasure tool the Wraith artifact spirit gave him, capable of destroying all sealing techniques for him to retrieve the divine sword's main body.

However, a line of glowing text remained still on the War God UI:

[Reincarnation Spirit-eating Sand, spirit-killing precious treasure, unique to the Samsara]

[This sand can kill all artifact spirits, ensuring death on contact, be careful, be very careful!]

Gu Qing Shan cautiously put this handful of black sand away.

It has indeed helped me a lot and has exerted its power to prevent the Apocalypses from erupting, this sword spirit should have no issues.

Then... could it be that there were two sword spirits?

Gu Qing Shan thought to himself.

Chapter 1285

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Gu Qing Shan altered his appearance and stood below the city walls.

Void City.

Countless worlds and Combatants from the void were gathered here for business.

It was, without a doubt, a great city.

In the shadow of night, the metallic black city walls seemed like they had reached all the way to the sky without a limit.

Only by using his inner sight could Gu Qing Shan be able to see the very top of the wall resting above the clouds.

At this point, at a certain place on the wall, a spaceship that was several hundred meters long was docked right at the edge, with a large number of Professionalists unloading its cargo onto the city wall.

Gu Qing Shan then noticed a {Yama King} realm cultivator also being part of the cargo-unloading group.

—this level of cultivation, yet he's doing physical labor?

Gu Qing Shan's inner sight scanned the cargo.

Only to see that most of the cargo being unloaded were unknown kinds of bones, some of which stayed still while being picked up, while some others flew straight towards the bodies of the ones picking them up, trying to burrow inside.

There was even a gem that directly exploded, turning into a cluster of grudgeful spirits that murdered the individual unloading it, then began eating their corpse.

The other cargo unloaders all acted at once to eradicate that cluster of spirits.

—each of these men had used their own means to suppress the cargo inside the boxes in order to move them.

It was indeed a dangerous job.

Gu Qing Shan's inner sight remaining for such a long time drew the attention of the {Yama King} realm cultivator.

The {Yama King} realm cultivator also released his inner sight, then confirmed that he must be a Sumeru Lord realm cultivator through the strength of his inner sight before scattering his killing intent.

The man then sent his voice: “A word of advice. Do not use your inner sight to try and probe other people once you’ve entered the city, otherwise, your only outcome would be death”

After saying so, he casually formed a hand seal.

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit numb in between his eyebrows before he stopped seeing the scenery above the clouds.

—his inner sight was cut off.

“Ah... how unfriendly” he muttered.

A wolfman who was queuing in front of him turned around, then asked with a threatening voice: 「 You were talking to me? 」

“Not at all” Gu Qing Shan denied right away.

The wolfman glared at him a bit, then turned back.

Gu Qing Shan continued moving forward through the long queue.

It wasn’t too slow either, as a new group would be admitted into the city about once every 10 minutes.

Soon, Gu Qing Shan’s group was up.

A city guard walked up, then loudly declared: “When you reach the city gates, you can only get in if you are able to take one hit, if you can’t, you’ll die. After you die, your body will remain here to be used as fertilizer later on, understood? If you understand, then walk forward, anyone who changes their mind can hurry up and scram!”

The group then followed the guard to the city gates.

The wolfman looked back at Gu Qing Shan and grinned: 「 Weakling, if you don't want to die, you had better——」

“Begin!” the guard shouted.

A flash of green light quickly passed through everyone's body.

Bam!

Gu Qing Shan felt a light hit.

This level of power is... just about.

A second later.

The wolfman was sent flying by the green light, drawing his last breath as he landed.

Other than him, 5-6 other people were also dead.

Several guards came up to drag the bodies away.

The guard who led them here waved his hand, telling them: “Done, if you're alive, you've passed the test for the lowest threshold of power. Get in, remember to exchange your money first”

Gu Qing Shan followed everyone through the city gate.

——quite obviously, the Wraith realm's requirement of entry was extremely strict, to the point that the Wraith artifact spirit didn't have any guarantees about sending me directly inside.

It said that this was a large-scale trading world in close vicinity with the Wraith realm, and that was the reason why the Wraith artifact spirit sent me here.

While Gu Qing Shan silently pondered, he soon reached the location for currency exchange.

A frog-like individual came forward to talk to the newcomers who had just been accepted into the city.

“I’ll make it clear to everyone here”

“Money in this Void City is forged from the image of the third fragment of the legendary ‘Traveler’s Proof’, each of which contains unique and unbelievable power”

Someone cut in: “Like the coins from the 900 million World Layers’ Strife Zones?”

The frog monster glanced at him, then replied: “The coins of that place were forged from the image of the fifth fragment of the ‘Traveler’s Proof’, they’re different from ours. Remember, you can’t use their money in our place!”

After saying so, he returned to his seat, waving his hand: “Each of you come up one by one, offer whatever you can and I’ll exchange them for money”

“Don’t blame me for not informing you ahead of time. After you enter Void City, you’ll find it hard to take even one step without money”

The group could only queue up and exchange money one by one.

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

—-the Space-Time coins had a long list of titles, one of which was [Fragment of the Traveler’s Proof].

I didn’t think there would be another [Fragment of the Traveler’s Proof] here as well.

But then, what exact is this ‘Traveler’s Proof’?

What kind of place does the proof allow one to go?

While he was thinking, a small commotion could be heard up ahead.

The frog monster had just killed a spirit-type entity.

“And also, there was one more thing I forgot to tell you”

The frog monster signaled the guards to pull the spirit away while continuing to speak: “If you didn’t bring ample money and still tried to enter the city, that would be essentially wasting our precious work hours. This is equivalent to the crime of deceiving city officials, and you’ll be dealt with as such!”

Someone shouted in annoyance: 「 I can’t enter the city if I don’t bring enough money? What kind of rule is that!? 」

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Someone else followed up: 『 That’s right, I came here because I heard that Void City is taking in a large number of people, I’ve never heard that I also needed to bring a large sum of money! 』

The frog monster coldly laughed: “Money is the most basic unit of measurement for your value, if you don’t have money, you won’t even be able to afford a meal for yourself, what qualifications do you have to talk about anything else?”

“If you don’t even have money, the only thing you can do after getting into Void City is to add another corpse to it”

“Or you can try to challenge me, if you win, you can go in; if not—- heh”

“—Next!”

The next individual in the queue was quite the moneybag, taking a very long time to exchange currency with the frog monster, making it display an increasingly bright smile.

When this person entered the city, the frog monster stood up of its own accord and respectfully said: “Please enjoy your stay”

『 Hmph, I hope your place here won’t disappoint me 』 the individual coldly said.

The frog wasn't angered by that at all and instead smiled: "Please don't worry, regardless if it's information of the war between the Eternal Abyss and the Wraith realm; or if you wanted to purchase the most recently circulating Immortal Crafts; or even if you're looking for powerful void monsters to be your subordinates, as long as you can provide the money, we can provide the goods"

『 Hm, that's good to hear 』 the individual left with a pleased attitude.

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

I originally only wanted to use this place as a relay station while I look for a way to enter the Wraith realm...

But now, it seems like this place would be worthwhile staying for a bit.

He quickly made his decision and pondered what valuable objects he might have to exchange.

... ah...

I still have the items I took from the Wraith Might Cang Wu Zhang's bracelet.

There should still be some decent goods inside, but this world is too close to the Wraith realm, it could instead cause issues.

Or rather, there were many techniques to probe the background of any items within the infinite worlds.

For the sake of safety, I can't really use them.

Then the only thing left is---

"Alright, next" the frog monster called out again.

Gu Qing Shan stepped forward.

"Hello"

"Hello, how much money would you like to exchange?"

“I choose to fight”

“You said... you wanted to fight me?” the frog monster’s eyes slowly narrowed.

Gu Qing Shan smiled and replied: “I have a use for everything I’m carrying, so I can’t exchange them with you, the only choice left is to fight”

The frog monster hesitated a bit, seeing how confident he was.

With my discerning eyes, I only needed to glance at the other people to know how strong they were. However, this guy is wearing a powerful cloak that can conceal his presence, making it difficult to judge.

The frog had no choice but to take out a pair of glasses and put them on.

“Ah... the power level is quite decent” it silently muttered.

But in its head, the frog was cursing.

Damn you bunch of belligerent bastards, so eager to fight, every last one of you. Do all of you kill people for a living or something?

It picked out a few coins and arranged them in front of Gu Qing Shan.

“What are you doing?” Gu Qing Shan asked in confusion.

“The city is recruiting talented individuals from all walks of life. A fellow filled with killing intent like yourself also fits the city’s requirements, so following our rules, I need to give you a portion of start-up grant” the frog answered in an ill-humored manner.

“Ah? I didn’t know there was such a thing” Gu Qing Shan smiled.

He took the coins from the table.

“Wait a moment, other than the start-up grant, there was also the talent recruitment fees allotted for talents of different levels” the frog said.

“How is that determined?” Gu Qing Shan asked with interest.

The frog answered: “I can only judge the baseline of your powers, so if you’re willing to let me examine your combat prowess, I’ll be able to tell how much talent recruitment fees I’ll have to give you”

Saying so, it took out what looked like a small polaroid camera and showed it to Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan received and checked it, then gave it back:

“Alright, go ahead”

——if people were looking to give him money, he would never refuse.

“Ready, say cheese”

The frog raised the camera and took a shot of Gu Qing Shan.

A picture slid out from the camera.

The frog took the picture and examined it.

It showed——

“Oh my!”

The frog exclaimed, quickly stood up, then took out a fist-sized pouch from behind.

“Sir, you are a top-level talent, I welcome you on behalf of Void City”

It bowed, then put the bag on the table with both hands.

As the bag touched the table, the metallic sound of numerous coins sounded, clearly filled to the brim.

“Please go head, sir——”

The frog turned around and showed him the way.

Gu Qing Shan took the bag, nodded to it, then strolled into the city.

Behind him, everyone was curiously watching the ‘picture’.

Only to see that the ‘picture’ depicted a tattered white skeleton with a human head and snake body, several lines of small text were noted below:

[Most recently killed monster by this Professionist: unknown. Grade: SSS]

[Attempted extraction of the Professionist’s Titles, one of which being:]

[Heir of the Thousand Dragons Ancestor]

Chapter 1286

Translator: La0o9

“Give me a drink”

“What will you have, sir?”

“This is my first time in Void City, please give me something that a human can drink, tell me a thing or two about this place too while you’re at it”

Saying so, Gu Qing Shan put a silver coin on the table and pushed it over.

The bartender looked at the coin and smiled.

This coin was more than enough for a single drink, it could even be the most lavish tip he would receive for the entire day today.

The bartender took the coin, then quickly made a drink for Gu Qing Shan:

“This is Flame Desires, the signature liquor of our establishment, a favorite of many humans and void monsters alike”

Gu Qing Shan took the glass.

The transparent glass contained a profound and murky reddish-orange liquid, almost the same as lava.

Gu Qing Shan took a sip, then gave the bartender a thumbs up as he grinned: “A very nice drink, it has been a very long time since I’ve had liquor this strong”

After that, he continued to drink.

The bartender’s smile turned brighter.

——having someone praise your work was always a thing to be delighted about.

The bartender looked around.

It was currently still early, the VIP regulars of the bar weren't here yet, only a few people were chatting away while slowly sipping their drink.

It wouldn't be too much trouble to chat with a newcomer for a little bit at a time like this.

"Welcome, newcomer, I can tell you a while general things about Void City"

"I'm all ears"

"Let's talk about what everyone knows first—— as you know, the space vortex is boundlessly vast, but there is a place that can help anyone leave this void, that is the legendary Reality Gate"

Gu Qing Shan put the glass down.

How unexpected for the first topic to be a subject I wanted to hear about.

He calmly replied: "That's true, it is something everyone knows about, please go on"

The bartender wasn't too concerned and continued: "The Reality Gate lies in the hands of the Eternal Abyss, but it is still in slumber, and usually doesn't care about those who are too weak, so there are always some who are not able to resist the temptation, silently making their way towards the Reality Gate to try and leave the space vortex"

"In the end, not a single person who left through the Reality Gate returned, not even those specifically sent as scouts"

"At the moment, aside from the lunatics of the Samsara, almost nobody tries their luck with the Reality Gate anymore"

"After all, even if you're trapped in the space vortex, as long as you can continue to live, it's still much better than dying by leaving the Gate"

"Indeed" Gu Qing Shan followed up.

The bartender continued: “When the majority stopped trying to leave the space vortex, they began to care about developing themselves— our Void City being a place recognized by all organizations and forces from all over the infinite worlds as a trading world, this world has taken on the responsibility of becoming the intermediary for all great entities of the space vortex to conduct their transactions, receiving the protection of many”

“That’s why all of us came to the Void City to try our luck” Gu Qing Shan swiftly followed up.

The bartender appeared sympathetic and said: “That’s right, how could anyone not feel drawn to Void City? Everything from the wildest dreams of all living beings could be found here, all information from the space vortex as well as numerous unimaginable treasures”

“Listen, newcomer, you will need an official identity— in this city, every newcomer is under the tacit protection of every organization in the city, but this protection only lasts for a total of one day. If after one day and you still have yet to earn an official identity for yourself, then the city would no longer protect you”

Gu Qing Shan shrugged: “So an official identity means belonging to an official organization, thus receiving the protection of the city, is that correct?”

“Indeed, not having an official identity means you do not have enough value to earn one, the city would then reject you, and you would...” the bartender flashed an implicative smile.

“Became a slave, cargo, or fertilizer and nutrients” Gu Qing Shan added.

“You’re a sharp person, I hope you’ll quickly be able to obtain an identity for yourself”

The bartender praised, then left to attend to other customers.

Gu Qing Shan’s glance followed the bartender’s back to see that the new customers were a man in a Wraith mask and a monster with five heads whose body was floating in the air.

“What would you like to have, sir?” the bartender respectfully asked.

The man took off his Wraith mask and replied: “Your best liquor”

The bartender poured six shots of liquor and served it to the two of them.

Gu Qing Shan stopped watching.

There were quite a few humans from the Wraith realm remaining active in Void City, as well as Asuras.

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It wasn't just the Samsara, but rather the species of the void and Combatants from the 900 million World Layers were intermingling in this place.

Finishing his drink, Gu Qing Shan turned to leave the bar and strolled along the wide streets.

He had seen all sorts of buildings in strange and unusual shapes, all of which belonged to one void organization or another.

— — — it has been around half a day since I've entered Void City.

There's half a day left until I'm no longer under protection.

The most urgent thing to do is to find an identity.

— — but then, where should I find such a thing?

Many organizations and merchant groups have powerful void monsters behind them, their work highly specializes towards a certain goal.

Should I work for some random void monsters?

Gu Qing Shan shook his head and walked into a relatively secluded alleyway.

Searching through his Thought Sea, he took a certain thing out.

——the colorful rooster.

After pulling on its comb, the rooster slowly came back to life.

“Nyeh, long time no see, are you looking for business or pleasure?” the rooster yawned and asked, still half-asleep.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “I’m currently in Void City. I need something to do in order to earn myself an identity, so I wanted to know if you had some sort of information”

The colorful rooster became spirited again and replied: “You found the right person for the job. Although, an excellent man like yourself should have no trouble looking for a job”

“For example?” Gu Qing Shan humbly asked.

The rooster replied: “You’ve undergone a regression, so both your appearance and physical body are highly immature and underdeveloped, but your soul and spirit are filled with vicissitudes, making for a critical temptation. I suggest that you make your way to the East district’s night clubs, there should be a few older sisters——”

Gu Qing Shan sternly replied: “Stop, I want a proper job”

The rooster said: “You can earn with your face, but you still want to do actual work? Alright, with that little dragon trick that freezes anyone you call out as well as your dark heart of no mercy when murdering people, you can easily make a living as a hired guard, not only that you’ll probably be the best”

Gu Qing Shan looked at the rooster and lightly said: “And here I was, preparing a large amount of Soul Points for you to enjoy the pleasure of being washed by them. It seems like I’ll have to consider retaining a portion of that...”

“Wait! Don’t do that!” the rooster immediately called out.

It flapped its wings and hurriedly said: “Do you still remember the Hitman Guild?”

“Huh? Ah... I remember them”

Gu Qing Shan slowly recalled what that was.

The Hitman Guild——

When I had only just become allies with Lin, to earn money for her medicine and accommodations, I once disguised myself as an evil creature to take on Hitman jobs.

After I was promoted to become an Intermediate-level Hitman, the parallel world Fate Corrosion broke out.

Under my protection, the Hitman Guild's receptionist at the time took all of their wealth and information, successfully fleeing from that world.

——and I was considered to have made great contributions to the Hitman Guild.

The colorful rooster said: “I'll give you a reminder. Our current point in time is exactly 3 days after that world was destroyed by the Fate Corrosion”

“Young man, the Hitman Guild would surely have a branch at Void City. Head 700 meters West, turn left at the corner, then cross two intersections and you'll see it”

“If you have any other questions, just take out your Hitman medal and take a look”

Hearing that, Gu Qing Shan took out the Intermediate-level Hitman medal from his Thought Sea.

——I had pretty much forgotten that this thing existed.

Gu Qing Shan pressed a certain point on the surface of the medal.

It was then activated.

A surprised voice sounded from the medal:

[Intermediate-level Hitman Ye Fei Li, are you really not dead?]

— at the time, Gu Qing Shan used the codename Ye Fei Li.

Gu Qing Shan didn't answer right away.

He looked around, confirmed that there wasn't anyone else, then covered himself with the cloak and used [Mystery of All Beings Equal]

A few moments later.

He transformed into the evil creature that he previously disguised as again.

Mimicking his tone at the time, Gu Qing Shan replied: "I'm alive, and I've just arrived at Void City"

[That's perfect, that's absolutely perfect, quickly report to the Hitman Guild's headquarters!]

"Understood"

Chapter 1287

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The Hitman Guild's HQ.

The meeting room.

A screen of light was turned on, displaying the image of an evil creature.

Long red hair, a single horn on his head, a slightly humanoid face, and terrifying fangs.

He was wearing a black cloak with a sword silently hovering by his side.

“Intermediate-level Hitman, codename Ye Fei Li, his species is Fear Fiend, his Profession is Miasma Stealther. His expertise is long-ranged weapon control, suspected to also have excellent mental sensory capabilities, never once failed a job”

“Three days ago, the Seaside world where a lot of our crucial information and treasures were being stored was struck by a parallel world Fate Corrosion and was completely destroyed”

“At the time, all other Hitmen were killed in action, this Fear Fiend accepted an emergency request to help our temporary manager with buying time and aiding her in escaping, successfully avoiding great losses to the Guild”

“And now, this Fear Fiend had also arrived safely at Void City”

“Please discuss, what kind of reward should we grant him?”

The bigshots of the Hitman Guild listened and fell into thought.

「 Never once failed a job? Do we have any recording of his previous battles? 」 one person asked.

“Yes”

“Show it on screen”

The screen changed.

The footage showed how Gu Qing Shan released his flying sword to continuously kill the bounty targets he had taken on.

“Tch, that level of strength is definitely not the standard for Intermediate-level Hitmen, why was he only granted an Intermediate-level medal?” someone asked.

The host of the meeting replied: “He had only just entered the Guild, and not much time had passed, so it was simply that he hadn’t worked long enough to be promoted yet”

This drew everyone's attention.

『 Did we investigate the reason why he joined the Guild? 』 someone asked.

“About that, we once used the stone horse to test him. As expected, he was an evil creature who desired wealth, every time he had worked so far had been for the sake of earning money”

Everyone then chuckled and slightly relaxed themselves.

——this was how evil creatures generally were, their entire lives dedicated to wealth, authority, and violence, while also using these things to weave traps and lure living beings in.

In truth, as the evil creatures used these things to tempt others, they themselves were also susceptible to such temptations.

“I suggest we grant him a large amount of wealth as a reward, after all, this seems to be the easiest way to lure him”

Another person suggested: 「 Other than wealth, he would most likely be interested in promoting his own rank. After all, his level of strength suggests that he should be at least an Advanced-level Hitman—— and this is Void City, the very fact that he made it here means he's quite individually capable 」

Everyone's expressions changed slightly.

“Ah, you mean ‘that’ kind of status huh?” one person asked.

「 Naturally 」 that person replied, 「 If he is truly as strong as he seems, that status would be a suitable offer, it would also allow him to better serve the Guild—— as long as he has the courage to attempt it 」

The others nodded.

Seeing how no one had any objections, the host concluded: "Then it shall be done as such"

"Now, let us continue with the next issue"

"It's related to that headache-inducing matter, do we or do we not..."

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After Gu Qing Shan confirmed his identity at the lobby of the Hitman Guild, he was invited to a secret room behind the main lobby.

A girl was waiting for him in the room.

—it was the receptionist who became the temporary manager during the Guild branch evacuation.

"Glad to meet you once again. I sincerely thank you with my utmost gratitude, my name is Qin" the girl smiled.

Gu Qing Shan replied: "I'm sorry, but we fiends do not like to state our true names, my codename is Ye Fei Li"

"Furthermore, since that was an emergency quest issued by the Guild, I was simply doing my job"

Qin nodded in understanding, invited him to sit down, then reached her hand out.

"Your Intermediate-level Hitman medal please"

"Ah"

Gu Qing Shan put the silver medal onto her hand.

Qin took the medal, then casually waved her hand over the void of space.

Two trays then suddenly appeared on the table.

One tray contained a golden medal and a big puffy bag.

The other tray contained a single black envelope.

“What’s this?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The girl explained: “The golden medal represents your identity as an Advanced-level Hitman, and the bag contains your rewards”

“As for the envelope, is it our promotion recommendation letter”

“You can choose either one of these as your reward for completing the previous emergency quest”

Gu Qing Shan paused a bit, then asked: “What do you mean by promotion recommendation letter? I recall you saying that Advanced-level Hitman was already the highest rank”

Qin patiently explained: “In the 900 million World Layers, an Advanced-level Hitman can certainly complete the majority of jobs, but outside of the 900 million World Layers is the Boundless Void. There are countless extremely powerful void species, numerous Samsara fragment worlds, as well as inexplicable ruins, and innumerable organizations of the void. An Advanced-level Hitman simply isn’t sufficient to take on jobs at such a place”

She then pointed to the black envelope and said: “The upper brass of the Guild had decided to give you a chance to obtain a status of exceeds that of an Advanced-level Hitman”

“Naturally, you can also choose the option of the Advanced-level medal and the bag of money, these rewards should be more than enough for you to live lavishly in the 900 million World Layers for the next few decades”

Gu Qing Shan smiled.

Before he even spoke up, the girl had already told him: “I suggest that you choose the promotion recommendation letter, because there aren’t many opportunities like this. If you successfully become promoted, you will come into contact with the world of the space vortex as a whole, your life will be completely different from before”

“And what if I fail?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Qin silently used telepathy to inform him in his head: “Even if you fail your promotion, there’s a high chance that the Guild will grant you a portion of the money as reimbursement”

“Thank you for the advice. I chose the promotion recommendation letter” Gu Qing Shan replied.

—-An Advanced-level Hitman simply cannot live in Void City, so if I choose this option, I’d most likely be brought back to the 900 million World Layers very soon.

There’s not even a need for consideration, the black envelope is the only choice.

This letter represents an identity within Void City.

As well as infinite opportunities.

Qin smiled and brushed her hand.

The tray that contained the golden medal and the big bag of money disappeared.

“Please”

She gestured for Gu Qing Shan to take the black envelope.

Gu Qing Shan picked the envelope up and opened it.

There were no supernatural phenomena, only a few lines of text written in common human language:

[In consideration of your excellent contributions, you are permitted to learn of the following information:]

[To accept the jobs within the Boundless Void, you will need one of the four following identities:]

[(Note: the four identities are arranged according to level of strength, ranging from lowest to highest, which goes as follow)]

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[‘Sealing Hitman’, ‘Unsolvable Hitman’, ‘Unlivable Hitman’, and ‘Unique Title Hitman’]

Reading this, Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but chuckle.

The first three ranks were exactly the ranks of Apocalypses.

So this is suggesting that Hitmen are people capable of assassinating even Apocalypses?

As for the final ‘Unique Title Hitman’, it was also quite easy to understand, as Hitmen of this level should be so powerful that they were recognized by the infinite worlds and their living beings, thus earning their own Title within the Boundless Void.

At this point, a Title was the reinforcement of power from the Laws themselves.

“Why are you laughing?” Qin curiously asked.

“It’s nothing”

Gu Qing Shan replied and continued reading:

[Through the Guild’s unanimous decision, you have obtained this opportunity]

[To become a ‘Sealing Hitman’, you will first need to fight against a ‘Sealing Hitman’ and remain undefeated in order to qualify]

[Once you’ve made your preparations, please take this recommendation letter and issue an official promotion request to the Guild]

[We shall arrange a battle for you as soon as possible]

[Please keep in mind, this is only a test, your opponent will also be your future comrade, they would not fight to kill, and neither should you]

Gu Qing Shan put the recommendation letter back into the envelope and placed it on the table.

“Please make the preparations, I would like to issue an official promotion request right away” he said.

Qin smiled: “I know, please wait a moment, I will make the preparations right away”

She nodded to Gu Qing Shan, took the envelope in her hand, and left the secret room.

Gu Qing Shan silently waited for a while.

He decided to take out the bottle of liquor that Zhang Ying Hao gave him and took a sip.

The 900 million World Layers was secretly restrained by the Divine race at the time of its conception, so its overall strength was always suppressed.

It wouldn't be until I release [Worlds Apocalypse Online – Human Regiment] that this situation can slowly change.

But the space vortex wasn't the same.

Each of the void entities that exist here are Combatants who had survived the harshest process of natural selection through time and combat.

The species, organizations, and worlds of the void are significantly stronger compared to the 900 million World Layers that the Divine race created!

If I can use the identity of a void Hitman to come into contact with the people of the Wraith realm, they would surely be caught off-guard.

That would certainly be great if that could happen...

Gu Qing Shan silently thought.

Very quickly, the door to the secret room opened, after which two rows of people appeared.

Qin was at the center of them all, who then told Gu Qing Shan: “The preparations have been made, your opponent this time is a Wind Elemental Fairy”

“Please follow me”

“Got it”

Gu Qing Shan followed her into the depths of the Hitman Guild.

They entered a large sparring ring.

At this point, quite a few people were already seated around the ring to watch the match.

They all exuded considerable strong presence.

“These are all the upper brass of the Guild. It would be best that you exert yourself as much as possible to display your value and give everyone a good impression, that would be beneficial later on” Qin silently told him through telepathy.

“Thank you” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“You’re welcome. After all, you saved my life. And also, Wind Elemental Fairies are known for their speed, you need to watch out for that” Qin told him again.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the sparring ring.

A beautiful woman was standing ready on it, wearing dark-shaded leather armor and a dagger in each of her hands.

She was watching Gu Qing Shan with quite a bit of interest and muttered:

“A Fear Fiend, how rare for such an evil creature to join us as Hitmen”

The daggers were dancing around her hand.

Her aura changed, exuding layers of emerald wind.

“Regretfully, I don’t like evil creatures, so don’t count on me letting you pass”

Gu Qing Shan leapt onto the ring as if he didn’t hear what she said.

A referee walked in between them. After seeking permission from the bigshots on the observational stand, he loudly declared:

“During this unique promotional challenge, the Intermediate-level Hitman codename ‘Ye Fei Li’ will challenge the ‘Sealing Hitman’ Fog Song”

“Begin!”

As soon as the declaration was made.

The beautiful woman immediately vanished without a trace.

All over the sparring ring, aside from Gu Qing Shan who stood completely still, everyone could only feel the intense howling wind.

—so I need to leave a good impression huh?

Gu Qing Shan silently thought.

I have a lot of means, so there’s nothing bad about exposing one of them as a signature move.

With that in mind, Gu Qing Shan casually asked: “Hey, beautiful lady, I have a question, is Fog Song your codename, or your name?”

The Wind Elemental Fairy was moving so fast that her voice resounded from every direction:

“Hmph! I’m not like you bunch of evil creatures that don’t even have the courage to expose your names, Fog Song is naturally my name”

“However, knowing that doesn’t matter for you at all!”

She suddenly appeared behind Gu Qing Shan.

A cold gleam flashed!

Kih!

A sword appeared just in time to block her daggers, stopping Fog Song’s ambush.

Fog Song disappeared again.

Her voice sounded from the wind: “So I’ve been underestimating you, but that was only 50% of my speed, next up, I’ll be going at it with 100%”

Gu Qing Shan chuckled, then asked: “Then Fog Song... Miss Fog Song, I’m calling your name, you dare answer me?”

A second later, several dozen illusions of Fog Song appeared at once, surrounding Gu Qing Shan in the middle.

They all thrust their daggers forward and replied: “What is there to not answer!”

“Ah... I’m really happy to be fighting you...”

Gu Qing Shan curtly said, then casually wielded the Chao Yin sword.

He brandished it.

Chapter 1288

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As Gu Qing Shan raised the Chao Yin sword, all the illusions disappeared.

Fog Song's real body appeared on his left with the dagger in her hand plunging towards his chest.

Clang clang!

Two metallic noises resounded.

Gu Qing Shan took a step back.

Fog Song stood still.

Gu Qing Shan continued to distance himself from her.

Fog Song on the other hand continued to stand still.

While everyone was wondering what was going on, Gu Qing Shan turned his hand and took out a bow.

—-to prevent himself from drawing too much attention, Gu Qing Shan didn't use the Dreamscape Soul Artifact [Bow of Fallen Souls] that Lady Fusi gave him and instead used a cultivation world's standard longbow.

He slowly knocked an arrow and released it.

Sha!

The arrow flew towards Fog Song but was easily chopped into pieces by the nimble daggers in her hand.

“Tsk, you think that you can actually win just by firing projectiles from a—”

Halfway through her sentence, Fog Song stopped.

A sword had reached out from behind her back, slightly propped against her neck.

At some unknown point, Gu Qing Shan was already standing behind her.

He raised his sword without saying a word.

“It’s my loss”

Fog Song sighed and casually admitted.

Gu Qing Shan then smiled: “You merely didn’t understand my ability and were deceived by it, no need to take it to heart”

“Then how about we go at it again?” Fog Song provoked him.

“What’s the use, we’re allies now— I don’t really like to fight with my allies” Gu Qing Shan said and undid the Azure Dragon Origin Hex – Binding.

“So you were a sly and cowardly evil creature then?” Fog Song continued to provoke him.

Being held stationary and unable to move in front of so many people caused her to feel furious.

Gu Qing Shan just laughed it off without replying.

It was only a few words, there was no need to compete over everything with everyone, he wouldn't lose anything from letting them win verbally, especially since the other party was a female.

By this point, he had always kept the words of his Shifu in mind, to never offend a beautiful woman.

—-even if he did, he couldn't offend them too thoroughly.

Seeing him like this, Fog Song couldn't really say anything else.

Her figure flashed and vanished, disappearing somewhere.

The referee then looked to the bigshots on the stands.

Quite obviously, the final decision still rested with these individuals.

Gu Qing Shan also turned his gaze towards the group.

—-on the stand, many of these people only appeared humanoid without actually being humans.

For example, the bald man sitting on the second row from the top had large sharp serrated spikes growing out from his shoulders.

After all, some entities might be larger than an entire world, so if they showed off their true form, it would certainly cause a lot of issues.

Taking human form was still the most convenient for communication.

The bigshots kept up their poker faces while using telepathy to converse.

After a while, one of them spoke up: “The results are clear, you may announce it”

The referee then loudly declared: “I announce that the challenger Ye Fei Li has successfully been promoted to a ‘Sealing Hitman’”

“Thank you” Gu Qing Shan said as he stood on the ring.

「Ye Fei Li, I’ve seen the time when you joined the Guild, apparently, your codename was something you arbitrarily decided. Do you want to consider changing it? 」 one of the bigshots asked.

Gu Qing Shan turned to Qin.

This gesture drew the attention of many.

Qin thought for a bit and suggested: “Although it isn’t a title, it’s still necessary for other people to remember you. After all, you’re now a ‘Sealing Hitman’”

She suddenly giggled, then continued: “Perhaps, later on your codename would become a Title that will spread to the entire void— there is a precedent for this, so I suggest you take ample consideration with regards to your codename”

Gu Qing Shan pondered for a bit.

Every title represents the reinforcement of reality’s Laws, a great source of support for living beings.

This certainly needs to be dealt with carefully.

And also...

If I continue to use Ye Fei Li’s name, that would probably cause him trouble as well.

Ye Fei Li did mention something like that once.

When he had just entered the Strife Zones, the grand escort of the Bramble Bird Kingdom shocked him to no end and persisted for a long while after that.

Right, I shouldn’t use his name again.

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However!

However!

—I have a terrible naming sense!!!

It took everything for me to come up with ‘Don’t Know Yet’, and since I’m now a fiend, should I just call myself ‘Fiend Don’t Know Yet’?

That sounds a bit strange...

Then, a light bulb lit up in Gu Qing Shan’s mind.

There’s another solution.

That’s right!

I don’t need to use Ye Fei Li’s name.

Since I’m a Fear Fiend, an evil creature—

The bigshots watched as the Fear Fiend stood in the middle of the ring and thought for a long while before speaking up: “I’ve thought about it, I truly do need a new codename”

“What shall it be?” Qin asked.

Gu Qing Shan pointed at himself with his thumb and replied: “Sha Qiang”

Sha Qiang is the name of that Archfiend from Purgatory, it wasn’t actually a real name, but an alias instead.

Since Sha Qiang was able to use this alias, it’s clear that this alias was one recognized by the evil creatures.

Then I can also use it!

That’s right, that’s exactly it!

Gu Qing Shan triumphantly looked at everyone.

—-silence.

Silence filled the entire sparring area.

The bigshots on the stand looked at him without knowing what to say.

For countless years, the Hitman Guild members had always walked the infinite worlds with an image of seriousness, dark, cruel, and invisible.

They all had codenames like [Hand of Shadows], [Guillotine of Death], [Bloody Demon], and other such stylish codenames or aliases.

Not only were such titles easier for their clients to trust, through which those clients would be more willing to entrust their commissions and simply wait for the hitmen to finish the job.

And then you come up with 'Sha Qiang'—

What are our clients supposed to think?

This style of alias isn't anywhere near our usual style.

Not to mention...

This 'Sha Qiang' alias carries so strongly of an impact that it would completely ruin the professional image that the Hitman Guild has built over the years.

The sound of coughing came.

“Archfiend, I suggest that you choose another name”

Gu Qing Shan looked back, only to see it was a grey-haired old man with neatly-combed hair and a cigar in his mouth.

One of his eyes was covered by a black eyepatch, the remaining one was as sharp as a hawk. He sat at the very middle of the stand, wielding a short cane in his hand while a black bird was perched on his shoulder.

The old man seemed to be a VIP even among the bigshots, as everyone else immediately stopped talking and slightly lowered their heads in respect when he started speaking.

“Is that one no good?” Gu Qing Shan’s shoulders became slumped.

The old man replied: “On the battlefield, causing others to laugh isn’t necessarily a good tactic, because you’ll notice that your allies would also be laughing”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “I’m simply terrible at naming and aliases, then, how about you help me pick one out?”

Everyone was shocked at his words and turned to the old man with the neatly-combed hair.

No one dared to speak.

Qin clenched her hands tight and nervously swallowed her saliva.

The old man chuckled, then muttered to himself: “It’s very rare for me to grant someone a codename myself, very well——”

“Fear Fiends are a species of evil creatures who use the fear of living beings as sustenance. As a member of this species, you’re surely a first-rate killer”

He stared closely at Gu Qing Shan and continued: “When you acted just now, you carefully retracted all of your killing intent, almost like a cautious gigantic beast who was afraid of harming its prey—— in truth, your fully exerted strength would not be at the level of just a ‘Sealing Hitman’ alone”

“When you brandished your sword, you hesitated twice, each time restraining your skills and strength by several degrees”

“But as your sword moved, boundless miasma would naturally follow without fail”

“Miasma signals the manifestation of the Law of Death, a normal person wouldn’t be able to see it, only an entity of my level would be able to”

“You’ve killed so many living beings that the Laws of Death now habitually follow you, constantly preparing to accept new dead souls at your hands”

“In other words, for years of your past, you have always been an avatar of death”

The old man took a deep drag of his cigar, then breathed out: “I can see that you are a natural-born Hitman, a devil born for the sake of killing, all of your skills were derived to erase your enemies”

Gu Qing Shan looked at the old man in surprise.

Just a few of my casual strikes allowed him to see that much.

“Old man, if you praise me like that, the others of the Guild would definitely not agree, they’ll try to challenge me” Gu Qing Shan complained.

“Are you scared?” the old man asked.

“I am” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The old man was unconvinced, asking: “Are you scared of losing to them? Or dying at their hands?”

“No, I’m scared of the trouble” Gu Qing Shan honestly replied.

The old man laughed out loud.

“You are a Fear Fiend, one whose strength has surpassed other normal Fear Fiends, perhaps even the majority of evil creatures”

“Since that is the case, I shall grant you a new codename, the Fear Fiend King”

“I hope you won’t disappoint this codename”

As Gu Qing Shan was about to reply, lines of glowing text slowly appeared on the War God UI:

[The one who granted your codename is the Hitman Emperor of the void]

[His verbal recognition carries certain meaning to the living beings of the void and the infinite worlds; your codename has gradually been recognized by the worlds far and wide]

[Due to this, your codename: Fear Fiend King, has fulfilled the preliminary factors of becoming a Title]

[Title Quest: Fear Fiend King, will soon begin]

Chapter 1289

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—*—why a Title?*

Seeing the lines of glowing text, Gu Qing Shan felt bored.

Comparatively, [Void War God] demanded him to kill 5 void monsters, all of which were among the strongest of the space vortex, while [Fear Fiend King] was only given the factor to become a Title by a single strong entity.

From this point alone, [Void War God] was worth looking forward to a lot more.

Seemingly noticing his emotions, Gu Qing Shan's left eye felt a bit itchy.

An itch?

No, it's not an itch, but rather a transferred emotion.

...desire.

Indeed, my left eye is desiring something.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly realized.

Previously, in order to bring the countless world fragments to Mount Sumeru, my left eye turned blind.

After that, when I performed the seven sword strikes of the Sacrificial Dance to kill the Soul Shrieker, in order to prevent the three Laws from erasing them, the worlds of the past fused together and entered my left eye.

This caused both of my World Techniques: [Parallel Dream] and [Time Recollection], to disappear.

Due to the loss of these two techniques, my way of collecting information as well as the tactics I was able to employ in combat has been greatly affected.

My new World Technique had been in slumber this entire time.

It is only now that my blind left eye was finally showing signs of reawakening.

A second later, the War God UI also realized this and displayed the corresponding information:

[You've obtained the preliminary factors for the 'Fear Fiend King' Title]

[The World Technique in your left eye is expressing its desires to you, it requires these preliminary factors in order to form its first ability]

[Are you willing to give up the 'Fear Fiend King' Title for this?]

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit, then said in his mind: "I'm willing"

[The World Technique is about to fuse with the Title factor of 'Fear Fiend Kind']

[This process is estimated to take an entire day]

[Please wait patiently]

Gu Qing Shan then flashed a smile towards the old man and nodded respectfully: "Thank you, then, my codename shall be 'Fear Fiend King'"

The old man chuckled: "Qin, it's already late today, you may lead him to his quarters to rest. Explain the advanced rules of the Guild to him tomorrow, and also, make sure that everything that a 'Sealing Hitman' should have, is granted to him"

"Yes, Guild Master" Qin respectfully replied.

The old man continued: "Very well, let's end it here today. I hope that we will be able to do as we did today, continuously replenishing new blood, only then would our Guild become increasingly stronger"

“Yes sir” everyone responded at once.

...

The next day.

Gu Qing Shan was playing with a golden bronze key in his hand as he followed Qin for a tour of the Guild.

This golden bronze key was the key to his personal quarters.

— by entering the dormitory and inserting this key into the [21] door, Gu Qing Shan would arrive at an island.

All the facilities he would ever need were prepared there.

This was a sub-world that the Hitman Guild created specifically for Gu Qing Shan, granted as his personal accommodations.

Every ‘Sealing Hitman’ was granted a room like this.

Gu Qing Shan had a nice and uneventful night of rest.

While leading the way, Qin explained:

“As a ‘Sealing Hitman’, you have the authority to take on Class 3 jobs and learn information of that level”

“Every month, you are required to complete at least two jobs, but other than that, the Guild doesn’t restrain you in any way, you’re free to do as you please”

“Only at very unique points in time would the Guild issue a mandatory conscription, at which point your participation is required”

Gu Qing Shan laughed: “So the previous time at the Seaside world was sort of like a mandatory conscription for me, correct?”

“Yes” Qin replied.

“Additionally, after completing your quota of two jobs, you can also accept extra jobs of your own accord, but you will need to hand over 30% of your earnings for each job of this type. In exchange, the Guild will help you with information, manpower, and sometimes, reinforcement”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Very fair, I’d like to accept a job right away”

Qin stopped, then waved her hand over the void of space.

A large number of bounty requests appeared in front of the two of them.

“Please take a look. You may take on any jobs marked as being Class 1, 2, or 3” Qin told him.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the list of bounties.

He first saw a ‘Class 2’ job, the details of which were marked as such:

[Head to the 900 million World Layers and assassinate the void monster: Face Stealer]

[It is an information broker that is being wanted by many organizations and forces, having killed many of its collaborators and knows too many secrets that it shouldn’t. There are currently a total of 5 organizations who had issued bounties for its head]

Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

The Space-Time Coins gave me the power of [Distortion] that allowed me to be here, but one of the conditions was that I can’t get involved with any ongoing matters of the 900 million World Layers.

At this point in the timeline, I should be traveling with Lin right before heading to the Bramble Bird Kingdom.

That’s why I can’t take on any jobs that require me to head to the 900 million World Layers.

Gu Qing Shan's gaze moved down, quickly drawn to another job:

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[Eliminate the Wraith realm's Wraith General: Zhang Mu, return with his head to turn the job in]

How interesting...

Gu Qing Shan continued reading but then noticed that this job was listed as 'Class 5'.

I can't take on a Class 5 job yet.

"Qin, a Wraith General of the Wraith realm shouldn't be too powerful, so why is the job class marked so high?" Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but ask.

Qin explained: "The Wraith realm is considered to be one of the hardest worlds to infiltrate, each of its blockades are protected and utilizes Causality techniques, so unless they are invited by the Wraiths, outsiders would find it near impossible to even enter their world. Even if you can enter, escaping would be just as hard, so all jobs concerning them are marked to be highly difficult"

So that's why.

No wonder the Wraith artifact spirit didn't directly send me into the Wraith realm.

"Then, I suppose our Hitman Guild has a way to infiltrate, otherwise, wouldn't this job be impossible to take?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"We certainly do have one technique to achieve that, but this technique is very costly to perform, and only utilized when there's a near 100% level of confidence in completing the job" Qin replied.

"In other words, either an 'Unsolvable Hitman' or 'Unlivable Hitman' needs to accept this job for the Guild to help them infiltrate, correct?"

“That is the case”

Gu Qing Shan nodded in understanding.

If a job is completed well, fast, and efficiently, the Guild’s evaluation of the Hitman would increase accordingly.

This is the fastest way to promotion.

—seems like I’ll have to think of a way to quickly become an ‘Unsolvable Hitman’.

Gu Qing Shan’s gaze quickly moved around, finally picking out a ‘Class 3’ job.

Qin helped him with the procedures, then smiled:

“Now that you’ve had a basic understanding of the Guild and accepted your first job, there’s only one thing left”

Gu Qing Shan asked: “That is?”

Qin replied: “A ‘Sealing Hitman’ is allowed to pick one item from the Guild, completely free, but only this once”

Gu Qing Shan asked with interest: “What’s available for picking?”

“Weapons, armors, Hitman skill books, wealth, a unique identity in a certain world, as well as the right of exemption for a single job” Qin explained.

“I’ve made my choice” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“That quickly?” Qin was surprised.

...

A few minutes later.

The two of them arrived at a place deep inside the Hitman Guild, the inventory vault.

A hunchback old man greeted them.

He observed Gu Qing Shan and said: “Ah— you’re the newcomer from yesterday. I heard that the Guild Master personally issued you the ‘Fear Fiend King’ codename. I’ve heard all about it, so, what kind of armor do you need?”

The hunchback old man waved his hand, summoning four suits of armor.

A set of armor exuding a tide of mana; one full suit of armor that appeared incredibly heavy; a light and flexible set of leather armor; and a cloak that was woven full of flashy runes.

The hunchback old man explained:

“Here we have a Mana Affixed Rune Steel armor, a Dragon Rider Heavy armor, Mana-soaked Hide armor, and a Spellcaster’s Cloak. All of them are advanced-grade armor highly sought-after by higher-levelled Hitmen within the Boundless Void, you can choose any of them as your personal equipment”

“What is the difference between these armors?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“The Mana Affixed Rune Steel armor contains a unique power, allowing a Hitman to suddenly gain a few Skills, so they’re quite well-liked”

“The Dragon Rider Heavy armor doesn’t have any extraneous abilities except its great defensive capabilities, originally designed to withstand damage from dragons. Their only weakness is that they were forged by mixing too many kinds of precious metal that make them extremely heavy, unsuitable for fast movement and attacks”

“The Mana-soaked Hide armor— — — is a bit lacking in defensive capabilities, but it’s extremely light. Not only does it not hinder movement, but it could also improve any single ability you have by one step”

Gu Qing Shan was feeling a bit emotional.

—it's been a very long time since I have had a set of armor.

A good armor set would greatly benefit a close-combat Profession like sword cultivator.

On the battlefield, if a sword cultivator didn't need to care about defending himself, his combat prowess would increase by almost two-fold!

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit, then asked: "So Fog Song's leather armor had the ability to increase her speed?"

"That's right, the leather armor can improve any single ability. Naturally, this requires you to train yourself with the armor in order to use well"

The hunchback old man nodded, then continued: "The Spellcaster's Cloak is completely different from the other three. By itself, it can store several spells and unleashed instantaneously in combat, incomparable to other armors"

Hearing the introduction, Gu Qing Shan had already made his decision, so he pointed at the suit of full-metal armor and said: "I want this Dragon Rider Heavy armor"

"Ah, so you were one who was confident in his strength. Very well, you can give it a try"

The hunchback old man pointed his finger at it, causing the black full-metal suit of armor to land in front of Gu Qing Shan.

Dong!

As it landed, the armor let out a resounding heavy noise.

Gu Qing Shan could even feel the ground trembling slightly.

Chapter 1290

Translator: La0o9

The Hitman Guild.

The roof.

The old man with the neatly-combed white hair was feeding the black crow on his shoulder.

Suddenly, a group of four shadows appeared just a bit behind him.

The old man didn't turn around and simply asked:

“What has our newcomer ‘Fear Fiend King’ done today?”

One of the shadows replied: “He has taken up a Class 3 job, and now in the process of picking his armor”

The old man muttered: “How very enthusiastic, is he perhaps looking to be promoted faster?”

Another shadow couldn't help but ask: 『 Guild Master, we have so many ‘Unsolvable’ and ‘Unlivable’ rank Hitmen, why are you so interested in such a newcomer? 』

The old man chuckled: “I simply found myself a bit too free recently. From now on, I'll be paying attention to every newly joined ‘Sealing’ class Hitman as well, there's no need to be surprised”

The four Hitmen were convinced with that.

“You're dismissed”

『 Understood 』

The four Hitmen disappeared from the roof.

Just as they left, the old man's gaze abruptly turned sharp.

“Who exactly are you... even I am not able to thoroughly investigate his background...”

He whispered and stroked the black crow.

The crow suddenly spoke up: 「 I can only see a piece of parchment paper written full with names of people protecting his secret 」

“Can you see them clearly?” the old man asked.

「 Impossible—— even Lords of the Void like you and I could not investigate his background, then no one in the general world would be able to even see those names 」 the black crow replied.

The old man stayed silent for a while, then muttered: “Since he's willing to work for the Hitman Guild, that proves that he's temporarily on our side...”

The black crow continued: 「 As long as he's on our side, just let him be, there's no need to try and get to know him or treat him special in any way, lest he thinks that we know something, causing unnecessary strife 」

“I agree with you” the old man replied.

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Meanwhile.

On the other side.

The Hitman Guild's inventory vault.

Gu Qing Shan, Qin, and the hunchback old man were all looking at the jet-black full body armor.

It was so heavy that by simply placing it down, the ground had already sunken a bit.

"Try it on first, if you think it's too heavy, you can exchange it with something else" Qin said, a bit hesitant.

Gu Qing Shan lightly tapped the Dragon River Heavy armor.

Dong!

Another resounding heavy noise.

The entire armor split up into several dozen components that circled around Gu Qing Shan.

In a breath's worth of time, he had finished donning the armor.

Gu Qing Shan then put on his mask.

He walked back and forth a few steps, casually swinging his sword, seemingly unphased.

While underneath his feet, each step he took left a deep footprint on the ground.

"I already cast the load-bearing technique ahead of time— that truly is headache-inducing" the hunchback old man looked at the ground and muttered to himself.

Gu Qing Shan stopped.

Lines of glowing text were appearing one by one on the War God UI:

[Dragon Rider Heavy armor, full armor]

[Magic resistant, Elemental resistant, Curse resistant, Sturdy]

[Note: This is a high-quality armor of the Hitman Guild, crafted from precious metal, capable of resisting all magical techniques and physical attacks]

As a sword cultivator, Gu Qing Shan's only demand was for his armor to be able to protect him.

He could handle killing the enemy by himself.

In fact, after using [Orange Sovereign] to fully absorb the power of three dragons, never mind the other aspects, his body strength alone was far incomparable to ordinary entities.

He had also been consistently practicing the martial scripture that Lin had taught him, his control over his muscles and veins had reached an essentially perfected state.

The Dragon River Heavy armor was the best defensive armor among the four, so that was his decision.

As for things like weight and such, that wasn't even a consideration for the dragon race's strength.

Gu Qing Shan was pleased: "I'm happy with this full-body armor"

Suddenly, he felt his left eye itching again.

Another line of glowing text appeared:

[Due to the reserve of ample world origin power, your first World Technique has been completed]

[Please provide a certain amount of soul origin power to thoroughly activate this technique]

Gu Qing Shan instantly felt excited.

“You don’t need anything else?” Qin asked.

“Ah, no need, I want to return to my room for a bit” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Very well, then please sign here. Before you leave, please come pick up your medal from me— it should be done soon” Qin reminded him.

“Hm”

Gu Qing Shan quickly signed his name.

He acted calm, went straight back to the Hitman Guild’s dorms, and used the golden bronze key to unlock the [21] door.

He returned to his island.

“How many Soul Points do you need?” he asked.

The War God UI replied:

[This World Technique had already been well-prepared, please spend 10,000 Soul Points to activate it]

It then silently deducted 1000 Soul Points from him.

“I’ll pay it” Gu Qing Shan replied.

New lines of glowing text appear one after another:

[In your left eye, you've utilized the Inner Plane Laws, the power of Primal Chaos, the four pillars of the void, the Iris Sword technique, and the origin power of a parallel world to create two abilities]

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[However, during the Sacrificial Sword Dance, the past worlds have fused and completely devoured these two abilities]

[At this moment, a brand new World Technique has formed its preliminary form, initially manifested as the Mystery Iris Technique: Fog Realm Descent]

[Fog Realm Descent: When you activate this Iris Technique, you will appear briefly within the world inside your eye, then be immediately transported to another location]

[Attention: You can only warp between two worlds at most per use, and the location you transport to must be a location you've previously been to]

Gu Qing Shan read the glowing text and shivered for a bit.

This ability---

Seems to be implicative of extraordinary things...

He silently pondered for a while, then stood up, left his room, and headed out from the Hitman Guild.

As he walked past the lobby, he came up to the reception and told Qin: "I'm about to head to my job"

"Here, your new medal is finally done--- I will accompany you for your first job preparations" Qin said.

She handed Gu Qing Shan a dark purple medal.

The surface of this medal was carved with a Blade and a sword, the two weapons crossing each other, forming the insignia of the Hitman Guild.

"I'll trouble you" Gu Qing Shan nodded and received the medal.

Qin quickly brought him through the layers of structures and obstacles to enter the job initiation platform.

About 7-8 staff members were already here, busily doing their work.

They were making the preparations around a warp gate.

Qin raised her voice: "This year's 692nd job, Class 3, preparing to initiate"

"Ready!" the staff members replied.

One of them walked in front of Gu Qing Shan and quickly explained: "Half an hour ago, the target appeared at the Empire of Ruins' nobility banquet. He had just left, his ship currently en route towards his abode"

"The current situation is suitable for an ambush"

"We've marked out for best location for a hit, currently preparing the corresponding warp gate"

Gu Qing Shan replied: "Give me the detailed information of the target once again"

"Yes"

The staff member replied, then lightly tapped the void of space.

Right away, an old man with a gentle visage appeared in front Gu Qing Shan.

"The Prime Minister of the Empire of Ruins, Vander Sar, eradicator of 15 void species, usurper of the Empire's royal family power, and currently the acting dictator"

"The job's difficulty was considered to be Class 3, the reason it is so difficult was because Vander Sar has over a dozen doppelgangers, we are unable to determine the true target"

“Furthermore, each of Vander Sar’s excursions would be accompanied by a fully-armed military force, as well as a high-levelled Anti-magic barrier. An assailant would not be able to teleport away after their ambush and can only cut open a path using their own strength”

Hearing the explanation, Gu Qing Shan replied: “I understand, we can begin”

He quickly stepped onto the warp gate and stood still.

Qin was tapping the air repeatedly, as if operating something, then asked: “Are there any issues found with the information? What about the warp formation?”

“Everything is ready” the staff members replied.

“Very well. This job shall be taken on by the Hitman with the codename ‘Fear Fiend King’, preparing to warp”

“Ready”

“Three”

“Two”

“One”

“Initiate!”

A flash of white light erupted from the warp gate, enveloping Gu Qing Shan.

Instantly, he disappeared from everyone’s eyes.

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The Boundless Void’s space vortex.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly appeared in the dark void.

Not too far away from him, a large warship was slowly flying through.

“Very professional indeed, this is definitely a suitable spot and a suitable opportunity”

Gu Qing Shan muttered, released the Dragon Rider armor, quickly donning it.

“There are many doppelgangers...”

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

Azure Dragon Origin Hex – Binding required the other party to answer my call in order to bind them in place.

At the time, the War God UI described it as:

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[Any entity that you call out to, if they reply to you, will be bound in place. Under this state, although the other party can block your attack, they cannot evade or move]

...

Then, can I determine what counts as a ‘reply’?

Gu Qing Shan quickly formed his plan of action, leapt forward, and flew next to the large warship.

He took a deep breath, circulating spirit energy around his entire body, and shouted: “Vander Sar! You old scoundrel, come out and fight me if you dare!”

No response came from the warship.

But very quickly, the vessel turned its head, heading directly towards Gu Qing Shan.

“...This situation should also count as a reply...”

Gu Qing Shan muttered.

If this can truly be done, the ability inherited from the Thousand Dragons Ancestor wouldn't just be the calling and responding of names, the Causality Law hidden within it can be utilized in a much broader way.

Gu Qing Shan focused his mind.

The Earth sword appeared from the void of space, then turned into a streak of light that flew into the void.

Abruptly, a blinding gigantic sword image erupted from the darkness, then slashed the warship.

Secret Art, [River Blocking Iron Sword]!

Boom—

The entire warship was immediately shattered into small pieces.

Numerous Professionalists appeared in the void of space.

“Bastard!”

“He isn't weak!”

“Charge!”

“The Prime Minister has ordered, immediately execute him!”

“Everyone, together!”

They quickly reorganized their forces and charged towards Gu Qing Shan in a formation.

Gu Qing Shan cupped his hand together and looked towards the broken fragments of the warship.

Among the numerous people, there was a single unassuming fellow being restrained in the void of space, unable to move.

Gu Qing Shan reached forward and grabbed the Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

“Found you”

He lightly said and disappeared.

Chapter 1291

Translator: La0o9

Before the airship was destroyed.

Vander Sar was considering his plans to completely usurp the empire’s throne.

After countless years of planning, I’ve finally reached this point.

The Emperor has passed away, the eldest prince poisoned to death, everything else should be no issue at all.

As long as I can make the Queen pledge her allegiance to me...

Suddenly, a voice resounded from the outside of the airship: “Vander Sar! You old scoundrel, come out and face me if you dare!”

Vander Sar scowled.

A Professionalist reported: “Sir, there’s a madman outside”

“Only a single person?”

“Yes sir”

“Kill him”

“Understood”

After this order was made, the airship began to head towards that person.

Right as the ship changed directions, Vander Sar found himself unable to move.

He instantly noticed that something was off.

“Quickly deploy the large-scaled Anti-magic barrier!” Vander Sar ordered.

“Yes sir”

Two of his black ops replied, then immediately activated the large-scaled Anti-magic barrier around the vicinity of the airship.

This was something he bought at a great price from a certain void monster.

According to that monster, it also accidentally discovered this barrier within the ruins of an ancient Magic-type kingdom.

Anti-magic had always been a rare power, in most Magical civilizations, it was always considered one of the most advanced magic formations.

An intense black glow spread in every direction.

The formation slowly spread.

Vander Sar sighed in relief.

Boom!!!

An intense trembling resounded.

The airship was broken into countless pieces, scattering into the space vortex.

All caster-type Professionists immediately reacted.

They jumped out of the range of the Anti-magic formation, unleashing their spells to stop the obstructing person.

Powerful close combatants had all gathered around Vander Sar, cautiously protecting him.

Everything was orderly.

Vander Sar felt a bit more assured, then ordered with a sullen expression: "I suspect it might be an assassin from the royal family. Make sure to capture him alive, I want to interrogate him thoroughly"

"Understood" someone quickly relayed the order.

The guard captain silently approached him, then spoke in a hushed voice: "Don't worry sir, I'll be right here to protect you"

Vander Sar nodded.

The guard captain was a powerful close-combat expert, having studied the Blade, firearms, staves, as well as halberds.

— — — he had proven time and time in the past that his presence was worthy of feeling assured.

Vander Sar patted the guard captain's shoulder and said: "After capturing that assassin, I'll leave interrogating him to you, make sure that he learns a lesson that he will never forget, but don't kill him. I want to throw him in front of the Queen and see her reaction"

The guard captain smirked: "Don't worry sir, I will make sure to let this assassin know what—"

Before he even finished his words, the guard captain suddenly vanished without a trace.

Instead, a Hitman wearing a jet-black full-body armor wielding a sword was now standing with his hand on Vander Sar's shoulder.

A faint voice sounded from inside the armor:

"This might hurt a bit, I'm sure you can endure it"

Vander Sar's expression turned pale, but before he could even do anything, a frigid cold gleam had already struck him.

Heaven and earth turned on themselves.

A loud commotion resounded from all around.

And then, he saw his own headless body.

The world became dark.

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Gu Qing Shan sheathed his sword, calmly looking around himself.

This was inside of the Anti-magic barrier, so magic cannot be performed.

[Shadow Shift] was used from the outside of the barrier, and it originally had the ability to pass through all obstacles, so it was successfully performed without being obstructed by the barrier.

—then, what about my new World Technique?

With that in mind, Gu Qing Shan activated the Mystery Iris Technique in his left eye: [Fog Realm Descent]

A thick layer of fog abruptly manifested around him.

The Anti-magic barrier couldn't hinder the World Technique at all!

But this made sense, as this was a Mystery Iris Technique created from combining cultivator knowledge, Inner Plane, Primal Chaos, and parallel world origin power, how could a mere Anti-magic barrier restrain it?

Gu Qing Shan casually swung his sword.

Kih!

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword stopped a giant halberd.

The wielder of the halberd was the guard captain.

“You killed the Prime Minister! The entire Empire will become your enemy, you're going to die without a place to even bury!” he angrily roared.

Gu Qing Shan applied some strength to his sword and pushed.

The guard captain was repelled.

But more people were heading in to attack Gu Qing Shan.

“Kill him! Avenge the Prime Minister!”

“Die!”

“Detestable assassin!”

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Resounding shouts came from every direction.

After casually repelling the torrent of attacks from the surrounding close-combat Professionalists, Gu Qing Shan took a step back, then looked at the approaching men and slowly said:

“Don’t be too excited, this is already over”

He entered the fog.

The fog then began to swirl and completely disappear in just one breath’s worth of time.

...

—there was nothing there.

The Professionalists stood stunned.

The guard captain rushed towards a certain place, caught the soldier there, and sternly shouted: “Is the Anti-magic barrier not on?”

The soldier was practically crying as he replied: “It’s on, boss, take a look!”

Two other guards showed the guard captain the magical artifact they were holding.

It was still continuing to exude magical fluctuations.

“It’s indeed still on, none of our casters can use our spells at all” a Professionalist confirmed it.

Everyone fell silent.

Even the Anti-magic barrier was useless, then wouldn’t that mean this assassin was able to come and leave as he wished?

Everything occurred too fast just now.

The assassin suddenly appeared next to the Prime Minister and unleashed a single sword strike.

A full-power blow from the guard captain was easily parried and repelled by his sword.

He didn’t even look at everyone else’s attacks and casually blocked them all.

And then, the assassin vanished in the fog.

— with that level of strength, who can prevent his ambush?

Everyone shivered in fear.

Someone suddenly shouted: “No! I don’t believe it! How could he have come and left as he pleased! There must be some sort of illusion at work!”

Everyone turned back to see that it was the caster leader who said that.

The guard captain clenched his fist and shouted: “That’s right, we need to avenge the Prime Minister!”

“Well said, Captain!”

“That’s right, we need to avenge the Prime Minister!”

Everyone responded.

Suddenly.

The fog appeared out of nowhere again.

The terrifying assassin in the black armor reappeared from inside the fog.

“Kill!” the guard captain shouted.

Everyone acted in unison.

A gust of powerful wind howled.

Hoh---

Everyone was blown away, then stood completely still where they were.

Sword-infused wind.

Unparalleled sword-infused wind was swirling around everyone, causing them to not even move a muscle out of fear.

Heaven sword, [Heaven's Choice]---

Nine-fold Taiyi Sword Array!

With Gu Qing Shan's current strength, the sword array he could unleash was simply terrifying.

Not to mention, Heaven sword had directly layered his sword array nine times over!

“My apologies, they said that if I didn’t take the head, it would be a deduction in the completion rate of the job”

The assassin said apologetically.

He then grabbed Vander Sar’s head with one hand, waving to them with the other:

“See you later, I hope you’re all healthy and live peaceful lives from now on”

The assassin went back into the fog and disappeared again.

As soon as he left, the sword-infused wind scattered.

The Professionals all regained their freedom.

Everyone exchanged glances.

Someone spoke: “No need to think any further. An assailant of this level is definitely not a suicidal soldier of any of the house, but an assassin from the Hitman Guild”

Everyone turned around to see the one speaking was the caster leader again.

He seemed to be convinced of something, his expression completely ashen as he dejectedly said: “That Hitman just now had already surpassed the regular riff-raffs, that was at least a ‘Sealing’ rank entity, they’re not someone we can deal with”

Saying so, he began flying towards the faraway space.

“Wait! Where are you going?” the guard captain asked.

The caster leader didn't turn around and replied: "The Boundless Void is vast and filled with mysteries, the power of true Combatants are both terrifying and shocking— I should have already followed the path to seek out the truth of magic and the secrets to immortality, not be deluded by mundane wealth and authority, remaining commonplace and banal as I currently do"

"If I don't become stronger, I can only be looked down upon for my entire life, unable to even utter a word against it"

His figure slowly disappeared into the space vortex.

No one knew which world he was heading to.

But one thing was clear, he had left the Empire of Ruins, never to return.

"Captain, what should we do now?"

Someone asked in a whisper.

The guard captain remained silent.

He clenched his fist, then released it; then clenched, then released again, his entire body trembling.

"Damnit!"

"That assassin didn't even consider me an opponent that was worth his time, wishing me a peaceful life..."

The guard captain muttered in irritation; then undid the Prime Minister guard captain armor he was wearing.

Turning around, he flew into the Boundless Void's space vortex.

— he had also left.

Chapter 1292

Translator: La0o9

The Prime Minister's head was taken to be examined, then quickly confirmed a few minutes later.

"Congratulations, Fear Fiend king, you've been awarded 3 points" Qin smiled and replied.

"3 points is the maximum?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Qin answered: "For a Sealing Hitman, the highest level you can accept is a Class 3 job, and the maximum grading for a Class 3 job is 3 points"

Gu Qing Shan asked: "Then, Class 1 would be 1 point?"

"Yes"

"What are points good for?"

Qin explained: "You can use your accumulated points to exchange for various skill books, equipment, or even money and information from the Guild. Other than that, if you are awarded 3 points in five consecutive jobs, you'll be promoted to an Unsolvable Hitman"

Gu Qing Shan nodded to express his understanding.

—originally, his stop at Void City was only meant to be for collecting information on the Wraith realm.

But now, he had found out that the Wraith realm was exceptionally isolationist, disallowing entry to almost everyone.

It was actually exceptionally tough to enter that world.

The wraiths had a lot of defensive Causality Laws set up, not to mention Immortal Crafts always at the ready to prevent outsiders from entering their world.

However, Gu Qing Shan had seen a job related to the Wraith realm, the contents of which required him to assassinate a Wraith General.

Only Unsolvable rank Hitmen or above were permitted to take on this job.

According to Qin, once the job had been confirmed the Hitman Guild would send the person right away to complete the job.

Gu Qing Shan's eyes flickered a bit, quickly making his decision.

The Hitman Guild was an expert organization in covert operations, disguises, weaving plots, organized assassinations, they have a way to bypass the numerous defensive Causality Laws of the Wraith realm to send people in.

Then, I will have to quickly come up with a way to become an Unsolvable Hitman.

For the sake of promotion...

"Qin, please make the arrangements for me, I want to continue onto the next job"

Qin was a bit surprised, but still replied: "Very well, let me display today's available job menu"

She waved her hand over the void of space, displaying a large number of bounties.

Gu Qing Shan's gaze moved around, checking as he asked: "Why are all the jobs involving the 900 million World Layers either Class 1 or 2, not a single one is Class 3?"

Qin replied: "The 900 million World Layers are destitute, they themselves are weak, lacking in valuable items, they themselves also don't have enough money to issue higher-ranking jobs"

Gu Qing Shan then asked: “What about the Bramble Bird Kingdom Empress, Laura?”

“She might be the only one capable of issuing high-ranking jobs, but she had been the target of an assassination already, so she really hates our Hitman Guild—— furthermore, she doesn’t really know about matters outside of the 900 million World Layers” Qin explained.

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent.

Qin was correct, Laura’s entire family died from being assassinated, so she hates such a thing to the bones.

And the 900 million World Layers as well as all of its living beings were created by the Divine race based on the Bygone Era humans...

That’s not exactly true.

I once saw an Old God in Triste’s collection world.

——that giant who granted me the release of my soul.

That was obviously not a Divinity.

Then, was he an Inner Plane Deity?

Gu Qing Shan shook his head, unable to come up with an answer.

However, it wasn’t time to be pondering on this in the first place.

Gu Qing Shan could only discard his wonders and kept the locations in mind, making sure that he wouldn’t accidentally return to the 900 million World Layers.

Although, from a navigational perspective, the 900 million World Layers is relatively close to the Eternal Abyss, while Void City is Northward of both of these locations, which is extremely far away.

But all three locations were nothing but a drop of water in the large ocean that is the void.

They all resided within the space vortex.

Furthermore, void monsters comparable to the Judge of Living Beings’ Fate also exists

In the great tomb of the Tomb of Myriad Beasts, several powerful void monsters were trapped, still prolonging their last breaths.

Other than them, other void monsters mostly remain and live on their own at extremely distant locations within the void.

The void is boundless.

Countless species existed.

Only the Reality Gate was a constant coordinate.

The outside of it was rumored to be the outside of the space vortex.

There had been many who attempted to scout the world outside of the Gate, unfortunately, no one had ever returned.

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed, then continued viewing the job menu.

Suddenly, he saw noticed a particularly interesting one:

[Head towards the Void Storm Caverns, assassinate the void monster: Brain Eater Demon Bug]

[This is the mutated form of the Mystic Caverns Demon Bug, its ability is Deprivation, extremely hard to deal with]

[Attention: Deprivation is a Mystic-type ability, capable of stripping an enemy of one form of combative skill. For example, a Spellcaster would no longer be able to use their staves to fight, a Knight would no longer be able to fight with their sword and shield]

Gu Qing Shan pointed at this bounty and asked: "Why is this being marked as Class 3+?"

Qin looked at what he was pointing at, then explained: "Because two Sealing Hitman had accepted this quest, but both of them were KIA, so the job difficulty had been adjusted to '3+'"

Gu Qing Shan asked with intrigue: "Then if I finish this job, how would the points be accounted for?"

"It will count as you having completed two jobs"

After answering, Qin appeared worried and whispered: "Don't take this job, it's too dangerous, I heard that its difficulty would be readjusted again very soon"

Gu Qing Shan replied: "It's fine, while it still hasn't been readjusted, I'll take the opportunity and accept it"

Qin looked at him and asked: "Are you serious?"

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"I sure am, arrange the transport, I actually have a way to counter this monster's ability" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"Very well, the Void Storm Caverns is quite a distance away, so follow me, we'll prepare the 7th warp gate right away"

Qin then led him through several large-scaled secret rooms before reaching the 7th warp gate.

Qin brought a group of 7-8 staff members to check the energy stones around the gate, examine the teleportation runes, determine the coordinates as well as its corresponding information.

Compared to the previous warp gate, this one was larger, but also a bit run-down, several places around it were even covered in dried blood.

Noticing Gu Qing Shan's gaze, Qin explained: "The monsters of the Void Storm Caverns all cannot be reasoned with, they're a bunch of cruel mad dogs, not a single species had ever been willing to come into contact with them—-- except to kill them"

"What do I have to pay attention to?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Qin replied: "Simply kill the Brain Eater Demon Bug and immediately return, do not draw the attention of other terrifying entities"

"Are there some especially powerful monsters?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Apparently recalling something, Qin's expression suddenly became pale.

"You don't need to know that much, because the Void Storm Caverns is a nest of insects, the only thing you need to do is kill that Brain Eater Demon Bug and leave immediately afterwards" Qin told him.

Gu Qing Shan digested these words, fully understanding their implications.

—in other words, I don't need to know what kind of terrifying entities are there because it's useless for me to know, running into them would only ensure my death either way.

As expected of a Class '3+' job.

A staff member reported: "According to our information, the Brain Eater Demon Bug would fall into a delirious state for the next three days of every month, frequently falling into slumber, which makes it suitable for assassinations"

"We've calculated the best position to transport to, currently preparing the corresponding warp formation"

"You will be transported to the edge of the Brain Eater Demon Bug's range of activity, please make sure to conceal your presence"

He then handed the profile of the Void Storm Caverns to Gu Qing Shan.

Qin explained: "The medal can be used to communicate as well as transport you back here. But since your own teleportation technique seems to be more usable, I won't say too much about it"

Gu Qing Shan looked over the Void Storm Caverns' profile and nodded.

His expression turned a bit solemn.

"So it was such a place"

Gu Qing Shan muttered and quickly walked onto the 7th warp gate, standing firm, signaling the staff members that he was ready.

Qin raised her voice: "This year's 693rd job, Class 3+, preparing to initiate"

"Ready!" the staff members replied.

"Very well. This job shall be taken on by the Hitman with the codename 'Fear Fiend King', preparing to warp"

"Ready"

"Three"

"Two"

"One"

"Initiate!"

A flash of white light erupted from the warp gate, enveloping Gu Qing Shan.

Instantly, he disappeared from everyone's eyes.

...

The Boundless Void's space vortex.

Stormwinds howled within the darkness, seemingly unending.

This place was filled with an intense tidal wave of magical energy.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly appeared, landing in a dark area.

He flew for a few dozen minutes and finally reached the edge of the dark ground.

In front of him, a silent cave of darkness was situated.

Gu Qing Shan crouched down, lightly knocking on the black substance on the surface.

—no sound.

Gu Qing Shan then released his inner sight, discovering that this cave was almost the size of an entire city.

“So big...”

Gu Qing Shan paused for a bit, then quickly donned the Dragon River armor.

「 You seem to be very cautious? 」 the Earth sword sent its voice.

Gu Qing Shan laughed: “That’s right, care to take a guess what kind of place this dark cave is?”

“What is it?” Luo Bing Li curiously asked through sending her voice.

“This cave right in front of us is actually an eye socket” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“” 「 Eye socket? (*oong?*) 」 ” his four swords exclaimed at the same time.

“That’s right. Countless years in the past, a gigantic monster of unknown background died in this region of the void, its body was already eaten away by the insects that inhabited its body, leaving only its uncorroded skull left”

“Currently, we’re going to enter the skull from its eye socket— the inside of its eye socket is filled with dark storm wind, so it was named the Mystic Caverns, as well as the Void Storm Caverns” Gu Qing Shan explained.

Luo Bing Li couldn’t help but ask: “Then, the insect that you need to kill wouldn’t happen to be...”

“That’s right, it’s the second weakest type of insect among all the corpse insects” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“” 「 Ah (*oong*)—」 ”” the four swords exclaimed a long sigh of admiration.

Chapter 1293

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Gu Qing Shan leapt down into the deep cavern.

The intense wind struck the Dragon Rider armor, causing a continuous clanking noise.

This was the ravaging tidal waves of dark power, capable of ripping an unprepared Professionalist into pieces.

Fortunately, the Dragon Rider armor was extremely sturdy and had an extremely high level of elemental resistance, so Gu Qing Shan didn’t need to waste his strength fighting against the storm manifested from the rampaging tidal waves of power.

He concealed his presence and continued heading downwards through the path marked out by the intelligence department.

“That bug’s ability is [Deprivation], but since there’s only one of it, you should enter my Thought Sea for now, don’t reveal the fact that I’m a sword cultivator. I’ll lure it into wasting its ability first” he sent his voice to his four swords.

The swords then hid into his Thought Sea.

Gu Qing Shan continued heading downwards.

Soon enough, he smelled a foul stench.

The rocks and stones around him began to appear uneven but levelled.

This was the trace left by the Brain Eater Demon Bug's movements.

Its hideout was close.

Gu Qing Shan gradually slowed down, then formed a hand seal.

Elemental Lightning appeared in his hand.

Although he wasn't an expert at it, he could still unleash some elemental techniques at his cultivation.

A second later— --

Gu Qing Shan's expression shifted slightly.

A swift figure was approaching him within his inner sight.

Gu Qing Shan abruptly tilted his body.

The figure grazed his original position and struck the black wall.

Clang!

A sharp spike pierced deeply into the wall.

A psychedelically colorful soft-bodied insect appeared in the range of Gu Qing Shan's vision.

The Brain Eater Demon Bug!

It slightly nodded its head towards Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised.

— is it saying hi to me?

He suddenly noticed that the elemental lightning on his fist had completely vanished.

A line of combat description appeared on the War God UI:

[You've been subjected to 'Deprivation']

[Your magic casting abilities have been deprived, temporarily unusable until the other party's death]

[Attention: One Brain Eater Demon Bug can only use 'Deprivation' against a single target]

— so nodding its head was the signal for unleashing its technique!

The Brain Eater Demon Bug's body started shifting and excreting drops of foul-smelling liquid, which then turned into finely shaped spikes.

7-8 spikes were all shot at once, spiraling towards Gu Qing Shan!

Gu Qing Shan naturally didn't want to touch these unknown poisonous spikes, so he immediately used [Ground Shrink] to vanish where he stood.

The black poisonous spikes struck the walls head-on, causing repeated 'clink clink' noises.

Zi zi zi—

The walls were eroded.

Gu Qing Shan's eyebrows twitched.

The walls of this cavern were actually the bones of the ancient void monster, so it should have been unusually tough.

"If we're talking about eroding, I also have..."

Gu Qing Shan muttered then pulled out a deep green longbow.

Dreamscape Soul Artifact, Bow of Fallen Souls!

At the very next moment.

Gu Qing Shan found himself completely forgetting how to pull the bowstring.

How is this possible!?

He stared at the longbow and arrow in his hands but found himself unsure how to use them.

—according to the intelligence, one Brain Eater Demon Bug can only seal away one ability.

Could it be...

Gu Qing Shan turned his gaze, only to see another Brain Eater Demon Bug sitting next to the previous Brain Eater Demon Bug.

This new Brain Eater Demon Bug was also nodding towards him.

—so there were two Brain Eater Demon Bugs!

This is completely different from the information provided.

The War God UI also quickly gave him a reminder:

[The second Brain Eater Demon Bug had deprived you of your archery skills]

In an instant, Gu Qing Shan stowed the bow away and clenched his fist.

[Ethereal – Grand Mountain]!

“Yaaaaah——”

He shouted, but then noticed that he couldn’t throw this punch no matter how hard he tried.

Another line of glowing text quickly appeared in front of his eyes.

[The third Brain Eater Demon Bug had deprived you of your fist martial arts skills]

At the same time, another Brain Eater Demon Bug appeared out of thin air in Gu Qing Shan’s vision.

It also nodded towards Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan’s heart sank.

The information is not correct.

Or rather, this information was extremely wrong.

Poisonous spikes that filled almost every corner of space were shot from the three Brain Eater Demon Bugs.

Gu Qing Shan's figure flashed, once again using [Ground Shrink] to dodge further away.

He took out the medal, and quickly spoke into it: "Qin, there are three—-- no, four Brain Eater Demon Bugs here"

[What!?] Qin fearfully exclaimed.

Noises rang out.

[Please hold on for a bit, I'll quickly ask for reinforcements!] she hurriedly said.

Gu Qing Shan put the medal away and looked at the four Brain Eater Demon Bugs in front of him.

No wonder the Hitmen sent here previously were all dead.

With four Brain Eater Demon Bugs to seal away four methods of combat, a normal person would have already been killed without being able to do anything.

The fourth Brain Eater Demon Bug was watching Gu Qing Shan, silently waiting.

—waiting to see if he would try something else.

Meanwhile, the other three Brain Eater Demon Bugs were scurrying their ways towards Gu Qing Shan.

"Ah, so they can even coordinate"

Gu Qing Shan muttered, then reached his hand into the void of space.

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword appeared in his grasp.

As soon as the sword appeared, the fourth Brain Eater Demon Bug immediately nodded.

But its movement was nowhere near as fast as Gu Qing Shan!

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The sword turned into a cold gleam that slashed through the void of space, unleashing an intense tsunami of sword phantoms.

—Secret Art, [Tsunami]!

This strike was so fast that before the fourth Brain Eater Demon Bug managed to use [Deprivation], it had already been unleashed.

Intense sword phantoms washed over the caverns, swallowing the three Brain Eater Demon Bugs before taking the fourth Brain Eater Demon Bug into it as well.

At the very last moment, the Brain Eater Demon Bug finally accomplished [Deprivation]

Gu Qing Shan's swordsmanship had been sealed as well.

Rumble rumble rumble— — —

The tsunami of swords flowed down the cliffside, almost like a towering waterfall.

Gu Qing Shan sheathed his sword, feeling even more alarmed.

Elemental techniques, fist techniques, archery, swordsmanship, everything was deprived from him but didn't show any signs of being released.

In other words, none of the four Brain Eater Demon Bugs was dead!

Strange, this is only a '3+' job, how could the Brain Eater Demon Bugs stop my sword!?

He could feel the shadow of death pressing closer and closer within his spirit sense, almost suffocatingly so.

I can't wait any longer.

Gu Qing Shan activated the World Technique in his eye.

Mystery Iris Technique, [Fog Realm Descent]!

Fog manifested from the void of space, enveloping Gu Qing Shan.

At the last moment, before he left, Gu Qing Shan saw a strange entity.

It looked almost humanoid, except it had six pairs of sharp legs, a robust body, as well as a head full of long spiky hair.

This monster stood in front of the four Brain Eater Demon Bugs, stopping all of the sword phantoms.

—so it was this thing that stopped one of my full-power strikes.

What is it?

It looks almost like an evil creature...

That thought flashed through Gu Qing Shan's mind.

At the next split second, he disappeared.

...

Void City.

The Hitman Guild.

Several people had gathered in front of the 7th warp gate.

“So there were a total of four Brain Eater Demon Bugs, no wonder there was a casualty last time” a long-haired man carrying a pair of Blades on his back spoke.

Qin urged him with a hurried voice: “Sir, please quickly come to his aid, otherwise the Hitman codename ‘Fear Fiend King’ might be in very serious trouble”

The long-haired man said casually: “He’ll be fine, he’s the one personally granted a codename by the old man, he won’t die that easily”

“You!” Qin fuzzed up.

“I what? Is a feeble receptionist staff member trying to order me around?” the long-haired man narrowed his eyes.

Gu Qing Shan’s voice suddenly sounded:

“There’s no need to make it hard on a young lady dedicated to her job”

He appeared from the fog and pulled Qin behind him.

The long-haired man looked at him in surprise.

Everyone turned to Gu Qing Shan.

—because there were four layers of faint glowing light around his body, if they didn't observe clearly, they might not recognize it.

The long-haired man said: "Ah? So you're still not dead after taking four layers of [Deprivation], seems like my accumulated points are safe"

Gu Qing Shan turned to Qin; a bit confused.

Qin stuttered in her explanation: "'Fear Fiend King', the one in front of you is sir 'Poison Bee', he's an Unlivable Hitman, and it was him who provided information regarding the Brain Eater Demon Bug"

This time, Gu Qing Shan understood.

"'Poison Bee', your information was faulty, it almost caused my death" Gu Qing Shan said.

"Nothing but an honest mistake, you're still alive here, aren't you?" Poison Bee replied without much care.

Gu Qing Shan's killing intent surged, grabbing the twin swords Heaven and Earth.

Qin held back his hand, almost begging: "Please don't do this. Hitmen cannot kill each other, otherwise the entire Guild will go after you!"

Poison Bee crossed his arms: "Heard that? Youngster, you can only blame yourself for being unlucky about this"

Gu Qing Shan slowly sheathed his sword with a calm expression.

"There were four Brain Eater Demon Bugs, so I wasn't able to fight them off. Most likely, you also ran for your life at the time but were afraid of people finding out, so you made up some information in exchange for points— or you held a grudge against the Hitman who was killed in action, so you purposely made up fake information, then lured them into taking that job" Gu Qing Shan curtly said.

Poison Bee abruptly turned his head, his gaze towards Gu Qing Shan almost like blades.

Did he know about what I did?

No, he couldn't.

He only just entered the Guild yesterday; he couldn't have been related to the dead Hitman in any way.

He shouldn't know this much.

Then, there's only one way to explain this.

—this 'Fear Fiend King' guy's head is too sharp.

“Youngster, think carefully before you speak, this Poison Bee has never fled for my life, and I scorn on plotting against anybody” he curtly replied.

Hearing that, Gu Qing Shan silently pondered the Brain Eater Demon Bug's matter.

Poison Bee was gazing at the four layers of light around Gu Qing Shan's body, pondering something.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at him, then abruptly said:

“Unlivable Hitman Poison Bee, are you saying you can get rid of four Brain Eater Demon Bugs?”

Poison Bee's eyes twitched, then smirked: “Four Brain Eater Demon Bugs is worth four points—very well, I'll show you the power of an Unlivable Hitman”

He walked up to the 7th warp gate and ordered: “Prepare the warp gate for this great one, I'm going to cut 'em down!”

The staff members quickly got to work and activated the warp gate.

Poison Bee pulled out his blade, pointing it at Gu Qing Shan: “You'll know very soon, in the face of absolute strength, information isn't that important”

A flash of light.

He was soon transported away.

“Pfft——”

Suddenly, some laughter could be heard.

At some point, Fog Song was already standing behind the crowd.

There were also several other Hitmen with her.

“I heard that four Brain Eater Demon Bugs who had used up their abilities appeared, too bad Poison Bee was a step quicker” someone spoke full of regrets.

“I know right, this would have been perfect material...”

“Four Brain Eater Demon Bugs who lost their abilities are already valuable enough for me to act, Poison Bee really is fast”

The other Hitmen were rowdily discussing among themselves.

Fog Song looked at Gu Qing Shan and mocked him: “Fool, a Brain Eater Demon Bug can only use [Deprivation] against one target. Since you already took four layers of them, Poison Bee can just go in and harvest those four Brain Eater Demon Bugs without worrying about their headache-inducing [Deprivation]”

“Is that so? His misinformation already caused the death of one person, and almost caused my death as well. Such a person isn’t going to end up with such a good outcome” Gu Qing Shan casually replied.

As soon as he said that.

One of the cards in a staff member's hands suddenly turned black.

The staff member exclaimed in shock: "Sir Poison Bee is dead!"

Everyone was shocked.

"What's going on, weren't there only four Brain Eater Demon Bugs?" Fog Son looked at Gu Qing Shan and asked.

Gu Qing Shan replied: "I only fought against four Brain Eater Demon Bugs, I'm even willing to go through lie detection to prove my innocence, however..."

"However what?" someone couldn't help but ask.

Gu Qing Shan appeared sincere, then hesitantly replied: "My battle caused quite a bit of commotion... perhaps something else was attracted"

Chapter 1294

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There truly were four Brain Eater Demon Bugs inside the Void Storm Caverns.

Poison Bee already knew that, and he could see the four layers of [Deprivation] on Gu Qing Shan's body.

A Brain Eater Demon Bug could only use its ability on one individual at a time.

In other words, this would have been the best opportunity---

To kill these four demon bugs.

And that was why Poison Bee left.

He was an Unlivable Hitman so he was naturally confident in his own abilities.

He died.

In front of the 7th warp gate, the Hitmen looked at the black card in the staff member's hand, temporarily speechless.

That was a Survival Inquiry Card, capable of tracking the life signs of the one taking on a job.

An Unlivable Hitman should already be a considerable force, each representing genuine fighting strength of the Guild.

"The situation is very serious; I need to report this to the Guild" Qin said with a pale expression.

She looked at Gu Qing Shan, then told him with telepathy: "The one to come would be a Titled Hitman, please be careful"

Gu Qing Shan lightly nodded.

Qin waved her hand, summoning a long list of names from the void.

Qin tapped one of the names, then waited for a bit before speaking: "Intelligence Division Captain, I'm Qin, there's a situation here"

The first noise to come out was the moan and giggle of a woman, followed by a seemingly drained male voice: "What's the situation?"

Qin's face became flushed, then closed her eyes and reported: "The 'Class 3+' job, Brain Eater Demon Bug, there has been a casualty of two Sealing class Hitman, and an Unlivable class Hitman, only one Sealing class Hitman managed to survive and return"

The voice on the other side was abruptly raised: “What!?”

The void of space became blurred.

A black-haired man who left his upper body naked directly appeared in front of the 7th warp gate.

He could only be described as extremely beautiful, or perhaps even incubus-like, his body wasn't too burly, but highly well-balanced, he was wearing a pair of long black pants, black leather shoes, and a long rapier hanging by his waist.

When he appeared, he was still holding a bottle of liquor in one hand, a blade of fresh green grass in his mouth, and a few faint lipstick marks on his face.

His appearance, combined with the female moaning and giggling earlier, everyone could tell that he was into something R18 earlier when he received the report and hurriedly ran over.

As this pretty man noticed everyone's gaze on him, he put on a wide-brimmed black hat and pulled it down, concealing the lipstick marks on his face.

“Tell me every last detail” he said.

“Yes, sir Crow” Qin respectfully said.

She began to carefully explain everything from the beginning.

The pretty man listened for a while, then turned his head to glance at Gu Qing Shan.

“Being able to escape even with four layers of [Deprivation]... Someone give me the surveillance footage from earlier” he ordered.

A staff member tossed a Card forward.

The Card manifested into an image in mid-air, displaying Gu Qing Shan's acceptance of the job and how he left.

Following that, Qin received the call for aid, and Poison Bee arrived.

Poison Bee was lazily stalling, not at all in a hurry to save anyone, and instead inciting a verbal argument with Qin.

The fog manifested and Gu Qing Shan appeared.

The two of them talked.

Poison Bee left.

He died.

The pretty man nodded, then turned to Gu Qing Shan: "So you have a Mystic-class spatial technique, no wonder you were able to return alive. Now I understand why the old man personally gave you a codename"

He drew the rapier at his hip, then whispered: "Void Storm Caverns, the Brain Eater Demon Bugs should be just around the entrance, let me check the situation..."

Saying so, he walked towards the warp gate.

"You shouldn't go" Gu Qing Shan suddenly said.

—having reached the realm of Sumeru Lord, as well as his constant and long-term contact with monsters vastly stronger than himself, Gu Qing Shan's discerning eyes had been thoroughly trained.

He only needed a single gaze to know how strong this pretty man was.

All the Hitmen here were incomparable to this pretty man.

But compared to the monster that appeared in the Void Storm Caverns, both the pretty man and Gu Qing Shan himself paled in comparison.

There would only be a single outcome if he went there.

Death.

This wasn't just his discerning eyes, but an intuition that Gu Qing Shan had trained from facing many enemies.

Gu Qing Shan was naturally willing to let Poison Bee go to his death, but he wouldn't send someone unrelated to the same fate.

—especially when he could see the outcome so clearly.

The pretty man stopped.

Everyone's gaze became strange.

Gu Qing Shan's statement had practically confirmed to them how dark his heart was.

Most likely, he orchestrated Poison Bee's death.

Otherwise, why would he stop sir Crow from investigating the scene?

Sure enough, Fear Fiends are the kind of evil creatures that like to harm people...

“I shouldn’t go... why?” the pretty man turned around and stared straight at Gu Qing Shan.

“Four Demon Bugs, too dangerous” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“You think I’d be scared of such things?” the pretty man quickly asked.

“Hard to say, when I was fighting against them, I could feel a clear sense of anxiety” Gu Qing Shan slowly replied.

“Anxiety because of these four bugs?”

“No, I suspect it was something else”

The pretty man found that unexpected, then pondered a bit before asking: “In combat, do you always trust this natural-born intuition?”

“Not natural-born, it was trained” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“How so?”

“I simply got used to this sensation by lingering too much by the borders of life and death”

“Is that so? That sounds like a bit of a stretch, but fortunately, I’m an expert at contacting death”

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The pretty man circled once around Gu Qing Shan while wielding his rapier.

“Aura of death, by my name, show me the bonds between you and this individual” he muttered.

A dark shadow escaped from the pretty man's body, touched Gu Qing Shan's body, and immediately turned into a drifting, shimmering glow.

The glow of darkness remained on Gu Qing Shan's body without disappearing for a long time.

"...You are a Feeder for the Law of Death... the Law is constantly waiting for you to create more death..."

The pretty man whispered.

He sheathed his rapier, randomly grabbed two tall glasses from the void of space, poured them full of liquor, offered one of them to Gu Qing Shan, and held the other one by himself.

"Cheers" the pretty man declared.

"For what?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

The pretty man lowered his voice, muttering: "I've always found Poison Bee to be irritating, but the Guild strictly forbids internal killing... how fortunate that he just happened to die when he left today"

Although the man named Crow muttered it under his breath, who among those gathered here were normal people?

His words were clear to everyone in the room.

"Ahahahaha, for a Hitman like Poison Bee to die, that truly is a great loss to our Hitman Guild"

The pretty man loudly laughed and drank the entire glass in one gulp.

Everyone was silent.

Gu Qing Shan lightly took a sip from his own glass.

This is good liquor.

He then drank the entire glass in one gulp as well.

Qin anxiously asked: "Sir Crow, how exactly should we deal with this now?"

The pretty man stopped laughing and replied: "I think the one who issued the job will soon know of the situation here. If they're willing to increase the price, we're going to keep posting the job. For now, adjust the rank so that only Titled Hitmen are allowed to accept it—-- but remember, do not let anyone take this job"

"Then Poison Bee..."

"He was just unlucky"

"Yes"

After arranging everything, the pretty man patted Gu Qing Shan's shoulder and said: "Let's have a drink sometime"

"Alright" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The pretty man faded into the void of space, heading off somewhere.

This matter concluded here.

Seeing that there wasn't anything else to see, the Hitmen slowly went back to their daily routine.

Fog Song gave Gu Qing Shan a complicated look, then muttered: “Fiend, you sent Poison Bee to his death”

Gu Qing Shan didn’t deny it and asked: “Are you going to avenge him?”

Fog Song shook her head: “I’m not going to avenge him, but from now on, during the large-scale joint operations of the Guild, no Hitman is going to trust you any longer”

“They have that right, and from what I can see, Crow wouldn’t be among them” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Fog Son coldly snorted, then turned and left.

Gu Qing Shan waited for a while until all the Hitmen had left, then asked: “Qin, the reason for this job’s failure was due to me receiving misinformation, and considering how a powerful Hitman like Poison Bee met his death, the fact that I was able to escape with my life is already a blessing, so——”

He smiled and asked: “Can this failure not be accounted for?”

Qin shook her head: “I’m sorry, a failure is a failure, if you want to be promoted to Unsolvable rank, you will have to complete five consecutive 3-point jobs”

Seeing Gu Qing Shan’s disappointed look, she added: “However, your previously accumulated points would not be deducted, you can still use your points to exchange for other things”

“Give me another job” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Impossible, take a look at yourself again” Qin pointed to him.

Gu Qing Shan looked down, only to see the four layers of [Deprivation] were still there, exuding a clear colorful light.

“Ah, when are these things going to disappear?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“If those four Brain Eater Demon Bugs don’t dispel their abilities, you will have to wait for at least one day” Qin replied.

Her expression suddenly became stern: “You’ve now lost four means of combat, in consideration for your own safety, please do not leave the Guild”

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

I was going to try and get quickly promoted and accept the job to enter the Wraith realm, but it seems that will have to be delayed for a day.

“Alright, I’ll go back to rest for the day, see you tomorrow”

“Hm, see you tomorrow”

As Gu Qing Shan was leaving, he suddenly heard Qin exclaim in surprise.

“What’s the matter?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“It’s nothing... it’s the Brain Eater Demon Bug job, I was about to contact the issuer and ask if they were willing to increase the price— but without waiting for me to speak, the issuer directly increased the reward by 30-fold” Qin muttered.

“30-fold” Gu Qing Shan repeated.

“That’s right, 30-fold, just enough to commission a Titled Hitman. I’ll have to adjust this job’s rank to Class 10 right away...”

Qin replied as she operated the UI in the void of space.

—Class 10 to Class 12 jobs were the commissions available only to Titled Hitmen.

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent for a while, then quickly left.

He didn't return to his room right away, instead, he headed towards the Intelligence Division.

"I want to exchange some information" he told the staff member.

The staff member confirmed his medal, then handed him a scepter before leading him to a small isolated booth.

"You will only need to use telepathy to tell the scepter the type of information you wish to obtain, it will then respond appropriately" the staff member explained.

"Thank you" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The staff member closed the door and left.

Gu Qing Shan held the scepter and silently thought about the appearance of the monster inside the Void Storm Caverns.

Six sharp long legs, a robust body, horn-like long hair, humanoid appearance.

"Tell me what this is"

Gu Qing Shan connected his mind to the scepter.

Very quickly, a thought replied to him from the scepter:

[This information requires the following prerequisites to access:]

[Titled-class Hitman, 300 accumulated points, the Guild Master's permission]

[Fear Fiend King, you are not qualified to access this information]

Chapter 1295

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Such high requirements!

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed.

This meant two things: Firstly, that monster definitely isn't simple, it's something that a normal person wouldn't be able to understand; secondly, Crow is a sharp person.

A Hitman of his level would definitely not be complacent about a job, meaning he must have studied all available information regarding the Void Storm Caverns before he arrived.

In other words, Crow might know what that monster was.

But he didn't know that it would appear, so he was preparing to scout the situation himself.

It was after I gave him the advice that Crow became cautious.

He reacted very quickly and immediately began to discern my conjectures, after doing so, he decided against leaving and invited me for a drink.

This means that...

If Crow were to run into that monster, he would also die.

Crow himself understood this clearly.

That was why he decidedly left and even smoothed over Poison Bee's death as thanks for my advice.

Gu Qing Shan was a bit bored.

In truth, everything regarding the Hitman Guild is secondary.

—-the most crucial thing is for me to find a way to enter the Wraith realm.

Another thought emerged from the scepter:

[Regarding the Void Storm Caverns, would you like to learn anything else?]

“No, do you have any information regarding the Wraith realm?”

[Yes. Intelligence regarding the Wraith realm is divided into four categories. Primary intelligence requires 4 points, intermediate intelligence requires 10 points, advanced intelligence requires 50 points, and top-secret intelligence requires 100 points]

So expensive...

And I can't fight nor accept any new jobs right now.

Gu Qing Shan stood up and left his room.

While on his way to the Hitman Guild's dorms, he stopped.

Tch—

Time is so precious, it's not a good idea for me to arbitrarily waste it all like this.

After some hesitation, Gu Qing Shan turned and headed towards the Hitman Guild's lobby.

“Gongzi, do you intend to head out?” Shannu's voice silently sounded.

“This place is the commonly recognized city of commerce for all monsters and species of the void, it's surely going to be prosperous, so I'm going to try and collect some information about the Wraith realm”
Gu Qing Shan replied.

“But all of gongzi's means of combat have been sealed, wouldn't that be too dangerous?” Shannu said worriedly.

“It'll be fine. It's currently evening, so I can use my Sumeru Thaumaturgy” Gu Qing Shan said.

Luo Bing Li abruptly spoke up: “Don’t be careless, even if you can turn into the orange cat, if an abrupt situation breaks out that calls for combat while you aren’t able to use your swords to stop it, there would be a lot of issues”

The Earth sword also said: 「 That’s right, there are many strong fellows in this Void City, and you won’t be able to fight for an entire day, so it’s best that you stay careful 」

The Chao Yin sword also ‘oong’ in agreement.

Gu Qing Shan helplessly said: “But I don’t want to just return and sleep either”

“Gongzi, how about you let me stay with you temporarily for your protection?” Shannu suggested.

“Haven’t you always been constantly by my side? Isn’t that enough?” Gu Qing Shan asked in confusion.

“” 「 Safety above all else (*oong*)! 」 ”” the four swords spoke in unison.

A few moments later.

Two orange cats ran out from the Hitman Guild.

In the deep shade of darkness, no one could recognize these two orange cats, only very occasionally could a gloating ‘wu wu’ noise be heard.

[Orange Sovereign]

[Ghostly Shadow of Night]

[Spotless Jade]

Gu Qing Shan and Shannu had both transformed into the orange cat, running through the streets, climbing the tall structures one after another.

They gazed forward.

The entire city was bustling and hustling, voices resounded from every corner like a nightless city.

The metallic shroud-like city walls stood tall at the very horizon, occasionally receiving various airships to take in their cargo.

Sometimes, it wasn't just airships.

Gu Qing Shan could even see a gigantic claw the size of an entire mountain range carefully reaching forward and putting something onto the wall.

Fortunately, the human form had been recognized as the most suitable for communication, so various species and void monsters all tacitly followed this rule inside the city, otherwise, this place would have been crawling with strange and unusual creatures all over.

—some monsters couldn't even enter this world due to the sheer size of their true forms.

A few moments later, the city suddenly became bright.

A choir of angels used metallic ropes to tie up a black shadow, flying into the sky and disappearing into the shroud of night.

Under the radiance of the holy light, the two cats opened their eyes wide.

What!?

—so angels also exist outside of the 900 million World Layers.

They weren't species brought from the parallel world by the Bygone Era humans, nor were their strength restrained by the Divine race during the creation of the world.

How strong were they actually?

Gu Qing Shan noticed that although various skirmishes continuously broke out all over the city, no one dared offend the angels as they came and went.

The entire Void City stayed silent during that period.

After a while.

The hustle and bustle returned to the city.

The two cats also regained their sense.

“Meow, meow meow?” Shannu asked.

Gu Qing Shan looked around in the darkness, reached out his paw, and pointed in a certain direction.

“Meow meow meow” he said.

“Meow” Shannu nodded.

The two cats leapt into the air, quickly running in the sky before landing in an especially lively block.

Orange cat Gu spotted the familiar bar, then brought orange cat Shannu inside without making a sound.

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This was the place where Gu Qing Shan had shortly made a stop when he first entered Void City.

He managed to learn a bit of information here, as well as seeing a human from the Wraith realm.

However, he had only just arrived at the time and was completely clueless. The number one priority for him at the time was to obtain an official identity, so he didn't care about that Wraith realm human.

Currently, the bar didn't have too many customers, so Gu Qing Shan and Shannu sat in a secluded corner of the bar, observing the few customers in the establishment.

There weren't many of them, but the few that were here were obviously void monsters.

—because although they had taken human form, they would either have more arms or more heads compared to normal.

If they had more body parts than usual, they were basically void monsters, since most cannot adapt to the feeling of having only two arms and legs.

Meanwhile, void species could take perfect human form, but they chose to retain certain characteristics of their race, like the elemental fairies always having an hourglass figure and a faint glow that followed their steps.

The two orange cats looked around, noticing that there were 5 void monsters, 3 non-human individuals, as well as a single girl who appeared human.

However, she was already completely wasted, her face plopped onto the table in her arms, making it impossible to discern any unique racial characteristics from her face.

The orange cat felt a bit suspicious, looking at the girl.

But the other party seemed to have already fallen asleep, not moving at all.

The orange cat turned his eyes away, silently listening in to the conversations of the bar's patrons.

「 Finally, the cargo is done, come, let us have a drink 」

『 Do you have information on that Eastern monster? If you do, I'll pay 300 void gold coins for it 』

“Give me today's newspaper, bartender”

『 What? You said that world was eaten by a void monster? Which one? Tell me, it might be someone I know 』

At this point, a girl with a pair of horns on her head and with revealing clothes stuck close to a man as they walked into the bar.

“Give me a shot of Flame Desires” the girl breathed into the man's ear, then gave her order.

“Make that two, and keep them coming, I've got money” the man generously tossed a few coins onto the counter.

The bartender soon served them their drinks.

The girl nibbled the man's earlobe and whispered: “So, which species are you exactly?”

The man grinned and told her with a smirk: “You'll find out tonight”

In the corner, one of the orange cats appeared confused, turning to the other orange cat.

“Gongzi, why would she know about the other party's species tonight?”

The other orange cat was trying his best to appear indifferent, then sternly sent his voice: “They carry both considerable killing intent, so they'll be fighting tonight”

The other orange cat appeared to have understood right after the explanation.

Suddenly, laughter resounded in the bar.

“Why wait? I’ll tell you both right now— one of you is a human from the Wraith realm, currently trying to capture a real evil creature to complete your orders, while the other is a Demoness who just managed to escape the angels’ investigation earlier and still hasn’t managed to fully regain your sense. You’ve been laced with a wraith talisman seal, so after a while, you’ll probably be a sitting duck”

Everyone turned towards the voice.

A wasted drunk girl was resting with her face on the counter and several empty bottles of liquor right in front of her.

She was the one who spoke just now.

—she was rubbing her eyes, seemingly just woken up.

“Wench, ruining my business...”

The man said as his killing intent boiled, but someone lightly patted his shoulder.

The bartender stood behind the bar and pulled back his hand.

While cleaning the counter, the bartender casually said: “Sir, please do not fight in our bar, otherwise, no one would be able to save you”

The man stood stunned, then unwillingly replied after a long while: “Of course, I know that”

The Demoness next to him had already taken considerable distance from him, taking five gold coins from her chest and placing them onto the bar.

“Give me another drink” she said.

“Yes, what would you like to have?” the bartender asked.

“[Baptism]”

“Ah, that drink can certainly dispel your affliction, but you don’t have enough”

“I... don’t have any more money, can I put it on a tab?” the Demoness begged.

“I’m sorry, that’s not possible” the bartender regretfully replied.

The Demoness began to tremble.

—the wraith talisman seal had already started to affect her.

In the corner, an orange cat looked at another orange cat.

The second orange cat shook his head, staring straight at the drunken girl with a nostalgic expression.

It’s been too long, ever since our last parting, I haven’t seen her at all.

And I should be thanking her as well.

If not for her, I wouldn’t have been able to come into contact with the 900 million World Layers so quickly, getting to know people like Barry and Kitty.

I would not have improved as quickly as I did.

The girl then mumbled something under her breath and pulled out a Card from the void of space.

“Demoness over there, listen, I have a lot of dispelling Cards, give me that money, I’ll undo it for you”

Saying so, she slowly sat straight up.

She showed her Card to the Demoness.

“This Card deck... so it was you!”

The Demoness was ecstatic, hurriedly took her money to the girl and prostrated herself: “Please your grace, I beg you to save me”

The girl tossed her Card to the other party and took her coins.

“Don’t worry, the one thing I can’t stand the most is to watch women being bullied and deceived by men”

Xiao Die stroked the Demoness’ head and lightly told her.

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The Demoness picked up the Card with both hands as if she had just been bestowed with the most precious treasure.

The Card depicted a ray of pure dark light surrounded by people in robed priest clothing, all of which were dancing and singing.

The Demoness lightly pressed this Card against her forehead.

The Card scattered into a black ray of light that enveloped her.

A few moments later.

The black light disappeared, the Demoness was kneeling on all fours, breathing heavily as the sound of faint chanting sounded around her body.

The horns on her head became longer, more curved, her skin becoming paler and a faint but thick and heavy shadow now existed behind her back.

The Demoness stood up, exuding a sense of inexplicable allure.

“Thank you so much, your grace”

The Demoness bowed to Xiao Die, delightfully thanking her.

—it wasn’t just the hex that was dispelled from her, but her entire being had become different.

“No need, you would have broken through sooner or later, my Card merely sped this process up a bit”

Saying so, Xiao Die gave the Demoness a glance.

Aren’t you going to run away?

The Demoness understood, bowed to her again, then hurriedly left the bar.

The man wanted to pursue her, only to carelessly trip on his way out.

He struggled for a while before being able to stand back up.

“You! You dared interfere with our Wraith realm matters by yourself!?”

The man furiously looked at Xiao Die.

Xiao Die didn't even bother to look at him and just refilled her glass as if nothing had happened, continuing to drink.

The man retreated to the side, took out a talisman, and muttered to it: "The mission failed... because there was interference... yes, I'm at the bar, someone saved that Demoness from the far..."

The talisman turned into a flare and flew out from the bar.

At this point, not only did the other customers at the bar not leave, they all looked like they were expecting to watch something fun play out.

Not too long after that, the door of the bar opened.

Following the cold night wind, several men in yaksha masks entered the bar.

"Sir"

The man quickly stepped up to greet them.

"Who stopped you?" the leader asked.

The man pointed at Xiao Die.

He glanced at Xiao Die, slowly losing his frigid killing intent.

He simply stood still, not saying a word, as if fallen into some sort of troublesome situation.

Xiao Die silently chuckled, then spoke up: "What? The deal isn't even done, and you're already planning to try something against us?"

Hearing that, the leader finally started to walk towards Xiao Die.

He removed his yaksha mask, revealing an old face full of wrinkles before telling her: “Sorry for offending you, I truly am. We naturally wouldn’t dare to offend Lady Die¹, it’s just that this is my subordinate’s first time at Void City, he’s blind even with his eyes, I hope Lady Die can forgive it”

“Just go, just don’t bother me again while I’m drinking” Xiao Die replied.

“I understand, we’ll leave immediately”

The old man bowed to greet her, then brought his subordinates away.

A conflict was easily resolved without issues.

As the other customers saw that there wasn’t anything else to watch, they stopped caring about Xiao Die and went back to their businesses.

The bar returned to its previous calmness.

In the corner, the two orange cats silently watched everything unfolded.

“Gongzi, Xiao Die seems to be considerably impressive now” Shannu whispered.

“She has always been impressive, extremely so” Gu Qing Shan replied.

— to be honest, I still owe her my life.

At the time, the Rakshasa world had already been taken over by another world, but neither the white fox nor I knew about it.

If I had followed the white fox to the Rakshasa world, I might have died right away.

Xiao Die saved my life and told me to bring her flower to Barry in exchange.

It was due to that that I had the chance to come into contact with the 900 million World Layers, got to know Barry and Kitty, join the Justice Iron Fist club, head to Aboul, and ultimately save Laura.

I never thought after so much time, when I travelled back in time to try and head into the Wraith realm, I'd run into her at Void City that was in its vicinity.

Suddenly.

Seemingly noticed something, Xiao Die's languid eyes abruptly opened wide.

She turned to a corner of the bar, her gaze seeing nothing but the void.

"Oh my, I'm sure, you're Gu Qing Shan, why are you here?" Xiao Die asked in surprise.

Her gesture once again drew the other customers' attention.

Even the few bartenders standing near the counter were curious.

They all turned their gaze to that corner, some even utilized clairvoyance techniques.

But no one found anything.

It was empty.

Seeing that Xiao Die had sensed him, Gu Qing Shan hesitated a bit before undoing [Orange Sovereign Transformation] and walked out from the corner.

Shannu remained in the orange cat form, sitting on his shoulder, cautiously watching the surroundings.

"Long time no see" Gu Qing Shan smiled.

Various stifled gasps of shock could be heard.

So there really was someone in the corner!

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Xiao Die observed Gu Qing Shan, then said: "I've heard quite a bit about you recently, are the others still fine?"

Gu Qing Shan paused a bit.

Quite obviously, in this environment, for the sake of safety, while still reaching her goal, she didn't mention Barry and Kitty's names.

This was to protect them.

"They're still fine, but many things have happened recently, and this place doesn't seem like it'll be convenient for talking" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Xiao Die stood up and happily said:

"It really has been a long time, come, let's go to my place, we can talk while having a drink—— I still remember how well you can hold your liquor"

"Ah, then I'll have to trouble you" Gu Qing Shan smiled.

With Xiao Die leading Gu Qing Shan, the two of them left the bar.

They walked through several blocks, made 7-8 turns, then finally arrived at a residential district.

"Over there"

Xiao Die pointed ahead and told him.

Gu Qing Shan looked where she pointed, only to see a small house built from red bricks, surrounded by wooden fences. The house's garden had quite a few fresh flowers and a few big trees that cast their shadows all over the yard, forming a large shade"

From afar, among a host of other residential buildings, this red brick house appeared highly peaceful.

"What a nice place" Gu Qing Shan praised.

"Really? How long have you been here?" Xiao Die asked.

"Two days" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Hearing that, Xiao Die chuckled full of implications.

She brought Gu Qing Shan through the path and in front of the house.

There was a large grey dog sitting in front of the door, soundly sleeping, when the two of them walked by, it didn't even bother batting an eyelid.

As Gu Qing Shan took a seat in the living room, Xiao Die went to brew tea.

A few moments later, the tea was done.

"Thank you"

Gu Qing Shan received the tea, took a sip, then began to explain everything that had been going on in the 900 million World Layers.

It took him around half an hour to inform her about everything, and whenever Xiao Die had questions, Gu Qing Shan would honestly answer her.

“Who would’ve thought that so many things had happened? And here I thought the 900 million World Layers was a peaceful place” Xiao Die sighed emotionally.

Gu Qing Shan recalled their previous meeting and sincerely gave her his thanks: “I must thank you for saving me at that time, and to send me to the 900 million World Layers as well”

Xiao Die waved her hand dismissively: “No need to be so formal, it was only because I had observed your every moment in the Suspended world and found that you were worthy of my efforts that helped you. In truth, I’m glad that you managed to join the Justice Iron Fist Club”

“Why did you leave the 900 million World Layers and enter Void City?” Gu Qing Shan curiously asked.

“I knew the 900 million World Layers well— I knew that it was artificial and that its Laws had shortcomings, it also lied next to the terrible Eternal Abyss, existing in a zone of continuous Apocalypses; occasionally, traces of both [Order] and [Chaos] could also be seen— which were related to some unique and powerful entities. For many species of the void, not only was the 900 million World Layers weak and destitute, but it also carried little to no benefits at all, very few were actually willing to go there”

After explaining this, Xiao Die’s smile weakened a bit.

She sighed, then continued: “Both my son and I have become demonic entities, and I didn’t want him to have to rely on killing and devouring others to mature or grow, that’s why I brought him to the Boundless Void to test our lucks, seeing if there would be some way for him to live an ordinary life”

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent for a bit, then asked: “I have a weapon from the Eternal Abyss that can reverse time, would that be able to help you?”

Sensing his goodwill, Xiao Die refilled his teacup and slowly replied with a smile: “That won’t do. At that time, when I was going into labor, those humans surrounded and attacked me, causing my son to live for only a few moments after birth... it was only at the final moment that I used a forbidden technique to

turn my son into a demon, connecting my soul to his, taking on over half of his death for him to finally come back to 'life'"

"If you reversed time, my son and I would still remain in that state without any changes"

"Not to mention, he had already begun to mature, even if you turn me back to my state when I was pregnant... he wouldn't be able to do the same, and there would be no telling what would happen"

Hearing that, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but be speechless.

Indeed, sometimes, reversing time isn't going to solve every problem.

Some people are born with a tragic fate, the only thing that can be changed is their direction in life and future...

Gu Qing Shan cautiously asked: "Where's your son? I don't see him anywhere"

Xiao Die answered: "He's probably at school, it's a boarding school, so he won't be back until the weekends"

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised but also a bit more relaxed.

He couldn't help but sigh in relief, then took a sip from his tea.

Observing his reaction, Xiao Die slightly smiled.

Gu Qing Shan leaned on the sofa, casually asking: "Since Void City doesn't reject any entities, the two of you have settled down here?"

"That's right, we're living quite well right now" Xiao Die picked up her cup of tea and answered with clear eyes.

"A, that's right, I'm quite confident in my concealment technique—— how did you discover me at the bar?" Gu Qing Shan curiously asked.

“I left a brand on you, and I sensed it earlier” Xiao Die replied.

“So that’s the reason” Gu Qing Shan was shocked.

Xiao Die explained: “You’re a considerate person with plenty of means, as well as decent talents. I assumed that you would get a chance, sooner or later, to leave the 900 million World Layers and explore the Boundless Void, so I left that brand on you”

She reached a finger out to lightly tap Gu Qing Shan’s chest.

A small light flickered at Gu Qing Shan chest before disappearing again.

“Every individual can only use this brand a single time during their entire lives—— if you were killed by something, this brand would allow your flesh and soul to return here to Void City and be revived” Xiao Die muttered.

“That’s potent!? I shouldn’t be keeping this, you’re a mother with a child, you should have kept this for yourself” Gu Qing Shan exclaimed.

“It’s ok, you’re still very young, and very weak, you need it a lot more than I do” Xiao Die waved her hand dismissively.

Gu Qing Shan’s heart was heavy.

Xiao Die was able to meet Barry and Kitty one last time.

To thank me for that, she gave me such a considerable thing.

Xiao Die appeared nostalgic and explained: “Because both my son and I were so distinct, I received an invitation just as we were about to leave the Suspended world, and the gift accompanying that invitation was this brand”

Gu Qing Shan said: "Wait a moment, you're currently part of an organization?"

Xiao Die answered as a matter of fact: "Of course, I'm currently a teacher at the Ominous Demon Tower, responsible for teaching soul devouring and world feeding. Ah right, my son is also going to school there"

Gu Qing Shan: "..."

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In the small house, the two people continued to chat.

"Then both Barry and Kitty are currently staying in the Temporal Oasis, using the method of [Order] to become stronger while continuously moving forward into the future?" Xiao Die asked.

"That's right" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"You came back by yourself to the point when the Eternal Abyss and Wraith realm began their war and entered Void City in order to make some arrangements in the Wraith realm?" Xiao Die asked again.

"That's right, I don't really need to hide this fact from you, because everything had already happened, the Temporal Oasis would continue to travel through the River and Time, and no one would be able to change that" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Xiao Die appeared worried: "Tsk, so those guys from Wraith realm wanted to go against the entire 900 million World Layers, no wonder Barry and Kitty would fight them... but the Wraith realm is terribly powerful, this is going to be very troublesome"

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

He was very relaxed in front of Xiao Die, not telling her a single lie.

—she had even given me a brand to save my life and had in fact saved my life once, so there wasn't any reason to hide these matters from her.

After thinking for a while, Xiao Die turned her gaze to Gu Qing Shan and asked: "You've matured a lot faster than I anticipated, but if you want to fight the Wraith realm... I forgot to ask; what kind of identity do you have to remain in Void City?"

"I'm working as a Hitman in the Hitman Guild" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Xiao Die scoffed: "Hmph, so it was the Hitman Guild, this is an organization with a bad reputation"

Gu Qing Shan was speechless.

—your Ominous Demon Tower isn't exactly known as a brimming beacon of virtue either.

Seemingly understood his thoughts, Xiao Die said: "It's a shame that you're a pure human, otherwise I'd have you become a teacher's assistant at our Ominous Demon Tower, this way, the Wraith realm humans wouldn't dare to touch you"

Gu Qing Shan immediately asked: "How strong are you right now?"

"It's not really significant, I have to teach every day and rear my child, so I'm only slightly stronger than you currently are" Xiao Die replied.

Gu Qing Shan was speechless again.

"—but that isn't related to strength, it's purely because the Wraith realm is afraid of offending us" Xiao Die continued.

Gu Qing Shan was even more curious, asking: "Why?"

“Our tower master is the renowned Lord of Devouring, while our vice master just happens to own a few Wraith realm fragments” Xiao Die replied.

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised, muttering: “Then... this a threat to them?”

“That’s right, if the Wraith realm humans ever do any misconducts, our tower master would devour those fragments. Even if he one day spit them back out from the goodness of his heart, the fragments would still be tainted with eternal contamination that cannot be cleaned” Xiao Die explained.

“Then, what would happen if the Wraith realm were to fuse with those fragments?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Xiao Die triumphantly explained: “The entire Wraith realm will smell like shit, plagues and diseases would gradually manifest all over the world, only gradually subsiding after around 100 million years”

Gu Qing Shan was speechless again.

This form of restraints is...

Very wondrous, extremely moving.

If this is to be seen from the Wraith realm’s perspective—

A world filled with the smell of shit declaring that they wanted to conquer the entire Samsara, wouldn’t that be a stretch?

Who’s going to listen to them?

No wonder that old man at the bar immediately accepted his fault right when he saw Xiao Die.

Gu Qing Shan placed his hand on his chest and sensed the brand.

Speaking of which, I’ve never truly died.

Ejecting my soul from my body uses a fake state of death.

When I traveled to the Age of Old, Lin had always accompanied me with the three coins, ready to save me at any moment.

The reason I had been able to survive until the very end in so many battles was due to the threat of death stimulating all of my potential.

This is the only true way for a Combatant to quickly improve themselves.

“Xiao Die, I have a favor to ask you”

“What is it?”

“Please take this brand away” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Huh? You don’t want such a great thing with you?” Xiao Die appeared surprised.

“That’s right. It has been fine so far since I didn’t know what it does, but now that I know... whenever I fight with other people from now on, I’d always be reminded that I still have a life remaining, feeling unmotivated in combat” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Xiao Die tilted her head looking at him and smiled: “I didn’t think you’d be so hard-boiled”

She waved her hand in the air, summoning a lightly glowing butterfly between her fingers.

“Go, tell Hundred Legs that my family member has arrived so I want to give that item to them, ask him if it’s ok”

The butterfly flapped its wings, quickly fading into the void of space.

A few moments later.

A piece of wood appeared in front of Xiao Die, speaking in a hearty deep voice:

「 Your family member? Is it your man? 」

“No” Xiao Die replied.

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The voice relaxed a bit and began speaking gently: 「 If they're your family member, you can give them a certificate, that's no issue. On the other hand, Xiao Die, I love you, my love for you is like stars in the sky——」

“Scram” Xiao Die cut the voice off: “I want you to stay however far away a star is from me”

She slapped the piece of wood, sending it away from sight.

“Alright, it seems I can give you one of the certificates”

Xiao Die waved her hand to produce a scroll as if nothing had happened, placed it on the table, and pushed it to Gu Qing Shan: “I'll take away the brand, but you need to take this”

“What is this?” Gu Qing Shan asked with cold sweat on his back.

He looked at the scroll, only to see a line of text scribbled using void language:

[Ominous Demon Tower certificate of troublemaking]

A small line of text was written below to explain it

[The owner of his certificate is a student or family member of the Ominous Demon Tower, if they cause any issues at your esteemed places, hopefully, all sides can show them care and warm encouragement]

Reading this certificate, Gu Qing Shan slowly realized what it was.

These words are just asking to be beaten up.

But if these words portray their real attitude, there was a very clear issue here.

What kind of power would they have at their disposal to have the gall to ask the side they're making trouble at to show warm encouragement after the fact?

"...Wait a minute, does your vice master... does he own a fragment of every organization's worlds?" he asked.

"Very sharp" Xiao Die praised.

"But some worlds are complete, no such thing as a fragment should exist" Gu Qing Shan wondered.

"We would also secretly steal a few fragments from complete worlds from their origins" Xiao Die replied.

"The power of the Ominous Demon Tower shouldn't only be at this level, just eating world fragments and doing 'that' shouldn't be enough to completely suppress everyone" Gu Qing Shan seriously stated.

Xiao Die sat up straight and sternly replied: "Of course, we're all top-level demons within the space vortex, each one used to be an existence that could terrorize an entire zone of the Boundless Void, but many people are already old, they've basically all had children, so they joined together at Void City to form a fradul— to form the Ominous Demon Tower"

"Not fighting anymore?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"You know how age is, it mellows people out, no longer causing trouble and making grudges everywhere. While there are no Apocalypses, we just do some business and make sure we live better" Xiao Die replied.

She pressed her hand against Gu Qing Shan's chest, took out a rune brand, and stowed it inside her sleeves.

"I've taken back the brand. I'll be giving this to my son, later on, this way when he goes out to the space vortex for his practical class, I won't feel as worried as I usually do"

Gu Qing Shan's eyes flickered a bit.

Lines of text were being displayed on the War God UI:

[You've lost your brand, as well as one chance to resurrect after your death]

Gu Qing Shan silently examined himself and muttered: "Hm, yes, this is how it should feel..."

Xiao Die stared at him for a while, then muttered:

"Finally, I didn't judge a person incorrectly— as for how you're trying to go against the Wraith realm, I can tell you that simply entering their world itself is an extremely tough thing to do"

"I know that" Gu Qing Shan replied, "I'm preparing to get promoted to Unsolvable rank in the Hitman Guild and accept a job to assassinate someone in the Wraith realm"

Xiao Die shook her head: "That's not possible. The Hitman Guild wouldn't be able to go through the Wraith realm's Causality Law barriers. The most they'd be able to infiltrate it for an hour, after which they'd be forcefully transported away"

She sighed emotionally: "The Wraith realm is an extremely anti-outsider world, I'm sure they're hiding some sort of terrible secret that they're forbidding anyone from outside to infiltrate their turf"

Gu Qing Shan was stunned.

Only one hour?

With only that much time, other than accomplishing the hit, I wouldn't be able to do anything.

Do I really have to come up with another solution...?

Xiao Die stood up, paced around the room for a bit, then suddenly sat down across from Gu Qing Shan again, asking him seriously:

“What kind of thing are you preparing to do in the Wraith realm?”

“To get rid of them once and for all” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Xiao Die stayed silent for a while, then waved her hand to create a sound-proof barrier in the room.

She seemed to have made her decision and said:

“Both Barry and Kitty are my benefactors, and you’re a good fellow as well. Listen, I have a way for you to infiltrate the Wraith realm, but you will need to personally work hard for it; at least, you need to reach the minimum prerequisites”

Gu Qing Shan was delighted and asked: “What’s the way? And what do I have to do?”

Xiao Die looked at him and replied: “You’re a sword cultivator and a Hitman, as well as an expert in cooking and many other abilities, I remember seeing you change your identities a lot during your time at the Suspended world”

“I did” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Xiao Die explained: “I will give you one month. You will need to reach the rank of Titled Hitman within a month’s time—— that is the minimum prerequisite”

“One month?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Xiao Die replied: “That’s right, only if you can reach this prerequisite would my method be remotely possible, and I’ll do my best to help you at that time”

Gu Qing Shan answered her sternly: “Alright, I’ll definitely achieve it”

Chapter 1298

Translator: La0o9

Titled Hitmen represents the highest tier of strength for the Hitman Guild.

It isn't easy to become a Hitman of this rank.

And yet Xiao Die said that I needed to first achieve this before she could even help him.

—-even in Void City, the Hitman Guild can easily rank among the top organizations, what kind of thing requires to at least reach the Titled Hitman level to even attempt?

After trying to guess for a while, Gu Qing Shan realized that he didn't really understand the Hitman Guild too well.

Since I can't take any jobs right now, perhaps I should take the time to learn more about the Guild...

With that in mind, he stood up and said:

"It's already late, I'll be heading back first, see you again later"

Xiao Die put out her hand: "Give me one of your Communication Talismans"

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised, but then recalled how she used to stay in a cultivation world and was in a relationship with a cultivator at one point, it was natural that he knew how to use Communication Talismans.

"Wait a minute— it's been a long time since I last needed one, let me check"

Gu Qing Shan took out a Communication Talisman and gave it to her.

Xiao Die received the talisman and stood up, telling him: "Since your abilities are still sealed until the next day, it's probably not safe for you to walk around by yourself, I'll take you back to the Hitman Guild"

"There's no need, I'll be fine" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Xiao Die replied: "Don't be complacent, even though your concealment technique is impressive, there might still be some sort of hidden thing on you like my brand, it would be easy for there to be issues if you draw the attention of some entities"

While they were talking, the sound of knocking came from the door.

The door was then opened and a young child of about five years old walked in.

"Mama, I want to take some food back—"

The child stopped.

He turned to Gu Qing Shan, then at Xiao Die, his gaze becoming a bit cautious.

"Mama, who is he?"

Xiao Die replied without much care: "Ah, he's an old friend. Why did you sneak out again?"

"I want to eat your cooking; mama's cooking is the best in the world" the child innocently smiled.

Xiao Die's lips slightly curled up, telling him: "Wait there, I'll pack some for you to bring back to the tower, share some with your friends as well"

She quickly went into the kitchen.

While waiting, the child curiously walked around Gu Qing Shan, then whispered: "Are you, her boyfriend?"

"I'm not" Gu Qing Shan denied right away.

“Really?” the child doubtfully asked.

Gu Qing Shan smiled and replied: “I really am not. Your mama helped me out once before, and we have a few mutual friends”

The child then sighed in relief, muttering to himself: “Lucky that you’re not, you’re too weak, unsuitable for my mom”

Gu Qing Shan: “...”

So this child was the Realm Demon back then.

I really wonder what kind of power the Ominous Demon Tower has that could turn a Realm Demon back into this childish form, almost indiscernible from a human.

Speaking of which, the various organizations of Void City seem to all have their own unique characteristics and abilities.

Any of them was vastly more powerful than any organization from the 900 million World Layers.

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking, Xiao Die carried two large lunch boxes out, one for her son, the other for Gu Qing Shan.

“I made it myself, it’s delicious, so take your time enjoying it” she told Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan accepted the lunch box, answering her with a surprised tone: “Ah— thank you”

—it had always been him who cooked for other people, and other than Xiao Lou, there had been essentially no one who cooked for him.

The child happily received his lunch box, told her: “Thank you mama!”, then disappeared.

Xiao Die walked out the door, gesturing to Gu Qing Shan with her head: “Come on, I’ll take you back”

Since Gu Qing Shan was carrying the lunch box in both hands, he couldn't really refuse, so he just followed her outside.

It was currently midnight, so there was almost no one on the streets.

Xiao Die and Gu Qing Shan strolled through the silent, lonely streets as they talked.

"Most powerful monsters and organizations in the space vortex have settled one thing or another within this city, so everyone has established a few tacit rules"

Xiao Die was telling him things as she remembered them.

"Such as?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Xiao Die replied: "Any newcomers who came here without obtaining an identity after one day and still does not leave are essentially dead"

Gu Qing Shan said: "I know about that one, is there anything else?"

Xiao Die continued: "A newcomer who had just obtained an identity would also not receive any special treatment from any organizations unless that newcomer had proven their worth"

She looked at Gu Qing Shan a bit, then whispered to him: "Sealing Hitmen can only be considered to be a probationary employee at most. It wouldn't be until you've been promoted to either Unsolvable or Unlivable rank would you be truly considered a valuable asset, and only then would they truly pool their resources to you"

Recalling what he had experienced at the Hitman Guild so far, Gu Qing Shan felt that to be true.

—no wonder Poison Bee wasn't in any hurry to save me when I ran into four demon bugs, so it wasn't just due to his personal reasons, but also because the loss of a Sealing Hitman wasn't anything to fuss about over.

Furthermore, when I became a Sealing Hitman, the only factual aid I received was a strong set of armor while my access was restricted essentially everywhere else.

Seems like I will really have to seize the time to take on more jobs to become an Unsolvable Hitman.

“Oh right, Xiao Die, what position are you currently in at the Ominous Demon Tower? Have you passed your probationary period?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Xiao Die replied: “Teacher’s assistant is the probationary position, I’m currently the head of detention, all naughty and bad little demons are under my management”

“How impressive” Gu Qing Shan said from the bottom of his heart.

“And also, I don’t know how it happened, but I’m apparently a ‘goddess’ among the ominous demons, many of them consider me to be the lover of their dreams” Xiao Die said while holding in her laughter.

“Oh? They’re in love with you?” Gu Qing Shan blankly asked.

Xiao Die pointed at her beautiful visage and replied: “Not this human form, my True Demon form, you’ve seen it”

“Ah, I see...”

“Ahaha, you’re surprised right? I’m surprised about that myself”

Xiao Die heartfully laughed.

Since Gu Qing Shan didn’t hide anything while talking to her, she also felt Gu Qing Shan to be a trustworthy person who she could casually talk to, telling him what she knew.

The two of them stopped at the gate of the Hitman Guild.

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“Alright, this is my stop, thank you for sending me home” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Hm, I’ll be going back. Do your best, if you have some time, you’re always welcome to pay me a visit”
Xiao Die said.

She waved her hand in the void of space, grabbed a glowing butterfly pin, and gave it to Gu Qing Shan.

“This is my contact information”

“Alright”

As Gu Qing Shan accepted the butterfly pin, a whistle was heard behind him.

He turned back.

It was a man wearing a wide-brimmed hat, a pair of black pants, black leather boots, and a thin rapier at his hips.

——Titled Hitman, Crow.

This pretty man comparable to an incubus smiled nonchalantly and teased: “Just arrived in Void City for a few days and you already have a beautiful girl sending you home, even giving you her contact information, tsk tsk tsk, you’re even more impressive than me back then”

“That’s not it, she’s an old friend” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Ahaha, no need to say it, I understand”

Crow patted his shoulder, gave him a knowing look, then turned his attention to Xiao Die.

“What a graceful and beautiful girl— huh? Why do I feel like she’s a bit familiar...?”

Crow muttered, then made a pondering expression.

Xiao Die coldly stared at Crow, silently thought how Gu Qing Shan would still need to remain in the Hitman Guild for a long while, then slowly let go of her killing intent.

“I’ll be heading back, contact me if there’s anything you need” she told Gu Qing Shan.

“Hm, he just doesn’t cut his words, you don’t need to keep it to heart” Gu Qing Shan apologetically said.

“It’s fine” Xiao Die smiled.

She turned around and headed away from them, slowly disappearing at the end of the road.

Gu Qing Shan turned to Crow.

Crow was still pondering Xiao Die’s background.

“Crow, I have something to ask”

“Hm? What is it?” Crow regained his senses and asked.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “To be promoted to Unsolvable rank, I need to complete a total of five jobs at maximum evaluation, that’s so troublesome and is a huge waste of time, are there any faster ways?”

Crow looked at him in surprise.

“Are you in so much of a hurry to be promoted”

“I want to become a Titled Hitman as soon as I can” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Crow was even more shocked, laughing: “Seeing how you schemed against Poison Bee before, I had thought you were just playing around at being a Hitman”

“I don’t consider him an ally” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Crow nodded, then explained: “Alright, if you really want to become one of us, you’ll need to participate in a large-scale joint mission. If your performance is excellent, it can be accounted as having finished three or even four jobs with maximum evaluation at once— and I just happen to be in charge of one such mission, do you want in?”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Of course”

Crow looked a bit cautious, then said: “This mission is very hard, you can easily lose your life in a moment of carelessness, think about it very carefully”

“No need, I’m in”

“Alright, then don’t blame me if you die”

“I won’t, after the mission, I’ll invite you for a drink”

“Haha, alright”

...

On the other side.

Walking through a few blocks, Xiao Die stood still silently at a corner for a while.

Scenes of the past were resurfacing one after another.

...

“Xiao Die, although you’re only six years old, your talent with Scrolls is the greatest in this world!”

“What a blessing, after being suppressed for so long, our world finally has a peerless genius”

“Keep it secret! We need to keep it an absolute secret!”

“That’s right! Not a word of this must get out!”

...

Fire and smoke filled the sky.

The world was falling to ruin.

“Oh no! They must have received some sort of information; they’re determined to destroy our world!”

“No, it’s all over”

Boom———

Everyone was dead.

I tried my best to stop it from happening but still ended up falling into the abyss of death.

Suddenly, a hand reached out to pull me back.

It was a firm, warm hand.

“Ah, how pitiful, this is the only living being left in this world”

The man hovered in mid-air, watching her with a look of pity.

“You... are?”

“I’m Barry, Iron Fist Barry”

...

“I’m Gu Qing Shan”

“Take this flower to Badleg Barry, I hope that he’s still well”

“I will definitely take this to him and give him your blessings”

“...but Xiao Die, do you know what I think? I think that a person who still holds gratitude towards another at the moment of a world’s destruction couldn’t possibly be a real demon”

“I hope that one day, you will be able to face him and tell him yourself, regardless of what you’ve become, your heart was and is still the same, and you are always that little girl that he once saved”

...

Her nostalgia faded away.

Xiao Die’s gaze became focused again.

“I’ve stayed uncultivated... for far too long”

She whispered, then suddenly vanished.

Chapter 1299

Translator: La0o9

A few moments later.

Xiao Die appeared in a large office room.

“Tower Master”

「 What a rare guest I have, Xiao Die, for what do I owe the pleasure? 」

“Master, I just remembered that it’s been a very long time since I last used my accumulated points”

The Tower Master looked at Xiao Die and nodded: 「 Ever since you bought that piece of land from Void City for your home, you truly haven’t been using your accumulated points at all. I can see you’re enjoying this leisurely life 」

“Yes. After receiving your help, I’ve learnt many things and have matured quite a bit, but I truly am not someone who has a very high requirement of my own strength”

Saying so, Xiao Die looked at the Tower Master and smiled: “Even if something happens, I have you and the others in front of me”

The Tower Master replied without much care: 「 Hm, you’ve certainly let your Scroll talent go uncultivated, nor do you really utilize your True Demon powers—— but I won’t try to urge you to grow stronger like before. After all, you’re a good teacher, and the children all love you, that much is enough 」

Xiao Die fell silent.

A while later.

The Tower Master sighed: 「 I’ve followed up your words this much, so what exactly do you wish to do? 」

Xiao Die replied: “I should have accumulated enough points already; I wish to use all of my accumulated points at once to help you personally teach me”

The Tower Master tilted his head a bit, telling her: 「 Accumulated points are very precious, there is no need for you to use it this way—— I remember that there should still be plenty of food and methods in the Tower to improve one’s strength, as well as countless unique treasures. All of them should be suitable for your own use, and with your position in the Tower, you can easily obtain them all with very little points 」

The Tower Master pondered a bit, then continued: 「 Xiao Die, if you truly wish to become stronger, you only need to utilize the resources of the Tower to improve yourself step by step, you can even ask

for help from the others whenever you're stuck—— studying under me is very harsh, and with your current leisurely life, there is no need to do this 』

Xiao Die looked at the Tower Master and insisted:

“I would still like to ask for you to personally teach me, even if it consumes all of my accumulated points, that would still be fine, because... I'm now thinking of advancing to become the strongest type of Ominous Demon”

The Tower Master's eyelid twitches, he then started to exude killing intent and lightly told her: 「 Alright tell me, which blind idiot bullied you? 』

“There was nobody” Xiao Die smiled and replied: “I truly wish to become stronger. Because there are some things that I can't keep relying on everyone for. I want to face them myself”

「 ...Very well, I'm going to tell you right now before anything else, I'm an extremely harsh and stern teacher, you will need to go at it with everything you have 』

“I understand”

...

The next day.

The Hitman Guild.

At a relatively empty warping room, dozens of staff members were preparing energy stones for the warp gate, re-examining the warp runes, confirming the coordinates as well as the corresponding information.

Unlike the warp gates Gu Qing Shan had seen before, this warp gate was much larger, capable of holding 7-8 people at the same time.

A total of 12 Hitmen were gathered here.

Crow was wearing a black set of leather armor, standing in front of the warp gate as his gaze coldly passed through everyone.

“The world of the Spark clan is currently being invaded by an Apocalyptic civilization”

“They are now close to ruin and have issued several high-priority missions to Void City”

“The Bounty Hunter Guild, the Hitman Guild, the Demoness Corps, and the Saint Splendor Church have all been called upon, so if you face people from other organizations, don’t be surprised, and don’t attack them”

Someone was worried: 「 If both the Saint Splendor Church and the Demoness Corps are participating, a fight will probably break out right away 」

Crow replied: “They won’t. The Saint Splendor Church is responsible for the frontlines, while the Demoness Corps is responsible for protecting the Spark clan’s nobles and royalty, neither side will run into one another”

Someone asked: “Would the Bounty Hunters’ job overlap with ours?”

Crow explained: “The Hunters’ job is to save all treasures and knowledge inheritance of their civilization, while ours is to enter the Apocalyptic civilization to assassinate those monsters’ leaders”

“Are there any other questions?”

Everyone shook their heads.

Suddenly, one person asked:

“What’s an Apocalyptic civilization?”

Crow’s eyebrows twitched.

—-this is already the pre-mission briefing, who's asking such a shallow question?

As he followed the voice, he found that it was Fear Fiend king.

A newcomer... understandable.

“An Apocalyptic civilization is a civilization that had surrendered themselves to the Apocalypse. These civilizations have been corroded by certain strange Apocalypses, their living beings have been mutated into monsters; to survive, they must continuously destroy other worlds, prolonging their existence a little bit more with every world that they destroy” Crow patiently explained.

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised.

He didn't think that the Apocalypse would also leverage things like this, using living beings to destroy other worlds.

—-this was the first time he had heard about such an Apocalypse.

Suddenly, a staff member loudly declared: “One minute earlier, the Saint Splendor Church's army clashed against the Apocalyptic civilization, the war has officially begun”

Another staff member continued: 「 Assassins from the Apocalyptic civilization have been spotted in the royal palace and eliminated by the Demoness 」

“The Hunters have begun their plundering and fighting against the monsters”

Information was being relayed by staff members continuously.

The 12 Hitmen didn't say anything and continued to wait.

It wasn't yet time for them to emerge.

Under Crow's lead, the Hitmen waited for half an hour.

Up until a certain moment——

A staff member shouted: "The front lines have entered a stalemate; the main force knights of the church have entered the battlefield!"

Gu Qing Shan silently thought to himself:

With the main force knights of the church entering battle, the Apocalyptic civilization would surely feel pressured, and it should be the Hitmen's turn soon.

Sure enough, another staff member excitedly called out: "According to our information, the Apocalyptic monsters have sent out the most powerful armies from their backline into the frontlines"

Crow cracked his neck, then stood up and declared: "Then it's finally our turn"

『 Sir? 』

"Hm, activate the warp gate"

"Warp gate activated. Teleportation can be triggered in five seconds"

"Five"

"Four"

"Three"

"Two"

"One!"

Flashes of light began to converge into the warp gate, forming a space gate.

The other side of the space gate could clearly be seen.

— — — a deep blue ocean current.

Crow drew his rapier and pointed at the opposing ocean:

“The Apocalyptic civilization’s command airship is right on top of that ocean, this is currently the moment that their defenses would be the weakest, everyone is to immediately board the ship after teleportation”

“— — — remember well, kill without remorse, the enemy’s heads are your accumulated points”

“”””Yes sir!””””

The Hitmen responded at once.

Crow pointed to the space gate and shouted: “All men move out!”

The 12 Hitmen entered one by one.

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In an instant, they appeared inside the ocean water.

Looking up, they were able to faintly see a deep shadow.

— — — that shadow was the Apocalypse monsters’ airship.

The Hitmen all began to swim to the surface.

They would first take flight before making their attempts to enter the airship and perform their hits.

At the same time.

Below the water.

Only Crow and Gu Qing Shan remained here.

“Hey, aren’t you trying to be promoted to Unsolvable rank? Why are you still here?” Crow curiously asked.

“A small issue” Gu Qing Shan slowly closed his eyes.

From the void, hundreds, thousands of hurried and desperate whispers seemed to be talking to him.

—--*destroy.*

It’s all going to be destroyed!

Save me, someone please save me.

Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes.

That was the begging of this world.

As well as the prayers of the world’s inhabitants.

...Prayers?

Gu Qing Shan slowly raised his hand and clenched his fist.

[Blessing of the past worlds]!

This blessing could prove his identity.

—at least, the world would understand that he was a trustworthy person.

“I also need your Prayers. Lend them to me, I will help you” Gu Qing Shan muttered.

The voice appeared anxious, but now displayed more intimacy and reliance:

Everything— give— you

A grey number appeared on the War God UI.

This number continued to rapidly increase.

The sound of praying from billions of living beings seems to be resounding in Gu Qing Shan’s ears.

“I’m still too young, I want to quickly grow up and kill these monsters to avenge father!”

“The world is about to be destroyed, can those guys from Void City really help us? God, if you exist, please help us!”

“Hurry, someone deal with these monsters, there are so many of them”

“Kill them! Hurry and kill them!”

“—kill them all!”

The number stopped increasing.

Gu Qing Shan glanced over.

He drew the Earth sword and recited: "Enough for me to use for a bit..."

Watching him from the side, Crow couldn't help but ask: "Hey, what are you doing over there?"

Before he even finished his words, Gu Qing Shan abruptly took a leap forward.

Dong dong dong dong dong dong!

The sound of war drums resounded through the void of space like thunder, or like falling rain all over this world.

The fighting spirit of this entire world was roused by this drumming!

The Chao Yin sword flew out, circled around Gu Qing Shan and pointed at the ocean.

Instantly, the water split apart, howling as it reached thousands of miles into the sky and covered even the illumination of the sun.

Roar!!!!!!

Like an unparalleled gigantic beast, the ocean roared furiously.

Unlimited ocean water converged in the sky, forming a pair of giant hands that grabbed the airship in the sky and pulled it down.

The airship was held in front of Gu Qing Shan by a pair of giant oceanic hands.

It tried to struggle, but could not escape the restraints of the ocean.

——almost like a divine miracle!

At this point, the other Hitmen had only just leapt out from the water, they were still in mid-air, none even got close to the airship yet.

Crow held his rapier tightly, his gaze unprecedentedly serious as he stared at Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan reached into the void of space and wielded the Heaven sword——

Sacrificial Sword, [Shatter Sky]!

This was the first of the seven sacrificial sword strikes, capable of sending the entire Era of [Chaos] away without leaving a single trace.

Let alone a single Apocalypse monster airship that was currently in front of Gu Qing Shan.

The sword curtly moved.

A beautiful arc was drawn correspondingly.

The sky and the ocean shattered apart.

An intense deafening sound exploded, then resounded through the void.

The Apocalypse monster airship no longer struggled.

Like it was already dead, it laid completely still.

A few moments later, the intense ocean wind blew past.

Everything was eradicated.

—-the airship was completely reduced to fine dust scattering away by the ocean wind by a single sword strike, leaving not a single trace of its existence.

Never mind the outcome of the Apocalypse monsters inside the ship.

The clouds in the sky were madly swirling, the ocean boiling violently.

Standing within the ravaging ocean, Gu Qing Shan stowed his sword.

“There, just enough”

He softly said.

The ocean gently lowered itself again.

Everything gradually returned to how it was.

Crow looked at the stunned Hitmen standing in mid-air, then at Gu Qing Shan.

It should have been very dangerous... a large-scale joint mission...

He cleared his throat, bowed slightly to Gu Qing Shan, and put one hand forward:

“Erm— God Almighty? The person you’re possessing is a colleague of mine, can you please give him back now?”

Chapter 1300

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On the street across from the Hitman Guild, there existed a luxurious large building.

From its presence alone, this building wasn't inferior to the Hitman Guild, in fact, it was actually taller and took up more space compared to the Hitman Guild.

After all, the Hitman Guild operated on efficiency and discretion, whereas this building wasn't the same, it actually wanted to garner the attention of as many people as possible.

——the Bounty Hunter Guild.

Usually, Hitmen only do a single job: assassinate;

But different from the purity of the Hitmen, Bounty Hunters were a bunch that were willing to accept any job——

Treasure hunts, bodyguard, exploration, secret searching, thievery, so on and so forth. If the reward was especially great, no Hunter would mind acting as a Hitman once in a while.

Around sunset.

As a new bounty was posted, it immediately drew the attention of the Bounty Hunters.

——because the reward it offered was especially generous.

“A desolate, fragmented world? Does a place like that really have treasures?” someone hesitantly asked.

「 Fool, you're a newbie, aren't you? Places like that are especially prone to hiding secrets that only a few know about 」 someone else mocked him.

The first person angrily turned towards where the voice came from, but as soon as they saw the other party, his rage was immediately quelled, not a single peep came out of him.

『 How regretful, this bounty requires at least an Unsolvable or Unlivable rank Hunter, I can't take it up
』 someone sighed in regret.

“It's not just a ranking restriction, there's also a requirement that you have to be a professional treasure hunter, having a minimum of 10 successful treasure hunts” another Hunter complained.

「 Look at this third requirement: must be a close-combat expert with flexibility, no casters allowed because anti-magic monsters might be in the vicinity... 」

“From the looks of it, only highly experienced oldbies would be qualified to accept this bounty”

“With such high requirements, that treasure might be quite extraordinary”

The Hunters were loudly discussing this among themselves.

While the Hunters qualified to accept this bounty had all silently taken it up and left.

Unlike the Hitman Guild, the Bounty Hunter Guild encouraged competition.

As long as they fit the bounty issuer's requirements, any number of Hunters were allowed to accept the same bounty.

—-but as for who could finish the job and ultimately claim the bounty rewards, that depended entirely on each individual's strength.

...

Half an hour later.

This was a destroyed world, a no-man-land.

Two Hunters nervously greeted each other.

“Dual Talons Eagle, I didn’t know you would also take up this bounty. If I knew ahead of time, I wouldn’t have come” a black-faced robust man with a firm physique said.

Standing across from him, a gnome carrying dual short swords on his waist laughed: “Ahaha, so it was Peeling Heart Demon Thorns. This bounty’s rewards were too generous, I couldn’t help myself”

The black-faced man hesitantly suggested: “Then... how about we work together during this and split the bounty?”

“Good idea” the gnome clapped his hands in agreement.

“Then it’s decided?”

“Hm, then it’s decided”

“Alright, let us be on our way, according to information on the bounty, the ruins should be here...”

The black-faced man looked down at the information in his hand while moving towards a certain direction.

Behind him, the gnome’s expression became cruel.

It can’t be helped; this is such a good chance.

Since both of them are Hunters at the same rank, it’s questionable who would come out on top in an all-out skirmish.

But he’s exposing his back to me so casually.

If I don’t act on this, I’d be letting this good chance down!

The gnome silently drew his short swords.

“Die—”

He shouted as his swords slashed into the black-faced man’s body.

Clang! Clang!

Two loud metallic noises.

At some unknown point, the black-faced man had already turned into a metal pole that was buried deep into the ground.

Pain.

The gnome looked down in disbelief.

A sharp thorn had pierced through his heart.

The black-faced man regretful voice came from behind him:

“Now why did you have to do such a thing? It would have been so much better for us to split the bounty”

The thorns pulled back.

The gnome collapsed.

The black-faced man sighed and stepped forward, hacking the other party’s body into minced meat with the black demon thorn in his hand.

“I’m sorry, I really didn’t want to desecrate your body, but you’re too sly that I’m afraid you might have other preparations”

After finishing it all, the black-faced man took out his information again and carefully examined it.

This world had already been destroyed, the civilization that used to dwell here had already vanished without a trace, leaving only scattered structures and buildings that withstood the ravages of time.

“Southwest... quite a bit away from the warp point”

“Hm, so it was an intact structure, if that’s the case, it might contain some treasures of the previous civilization”

“How curious, I must get it in my hands; if I can’t use it, it wouldn’t be that bad to turn it over to the Guild for the bounty either”

Looking at the Southwest direction, the black-faced man’s gaze became calm.

He leapt upwards and started flying Southwest.

Time slowly passed.

Around midnight, the black-faced man caught up with a small-scale group.

This was a bounty hunting team of five, each of them an expert treasure hunter in their own rights, quite a famous group within the Guild.

As they noticed someone approaching from behind, they immediately prepared their defenses.

The black-faced man stood from a distance, watching this team of five.

It'll be a bit tough.

“Gentlemen, have you also taken up this bounty?” he asked.

“That’s right, Peeling Heart Demon Thorn. Scram, don’t force us to kill you” the group leader raised his voice in response.

The black-faced man clasped his hands together and said: “Can you let me join you? This kind of mission is better with more people, and I only want 20% of the bounty after this is over”

“You want to die or something? Hurry and get out of here!”

“10%, I only need 10%!”

“Fucking scram already!”

The black-faced man helplessly hung his hands and replied: “Alright fine, consider me coming here to play. Give me 5%, that should be low enough, I only need 5%. And for the upcoming journey, I’ll be responsible for scouting ahead”

The team’s leader appeared hesitant.

Peeling Heart Demon Thorn is certainly an expert, if we have him as the scout, the safety of the group as a whole would be greatly improved.

Most crucially, perhaps he doesn’t want to return empty-handed, but he only wanted 5% of the bounty.

The leader looked to his men.

Everyone slightly nodded.

The leader then shouted again: "That would be acceptable, but we need to sign a contract!"

He tossed a magical covenant over.

The black-faced man received it, confirming that the conditions written on it finding it to be extremely strict.

—this was a magical covenant that had gone through numerous investigations to ensure zero loopholes, one that could certainly ensure mutual cooperation.

The black-faced man signed the contract without much fuss.

The magical covenant glowed and disappeared from his hand.

It had been completed.

It was only now that the people of the 5-man group let down their guards.

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The leader also smiled and said: "Good to cooperate with you, I kinda offended you a bit earlier, don't take it to heart"

The black-faced man shook his head and said with understanding: "That's alright. After all, we Hunters have been mixed with both good and bad people recently, there are always some who like to play dirty"

He approached and greeted them.

Everyone put their weapons away.

Someone popped open a bottle of liquor, took a sip, then tossed it to him.

The black-faced man accepted the bottle, took a sniff, and appeared surprised: "Void Flower?"

"That's right. Consider that our apology for earlier, during a bounty, we're all very cautious" the man laughed.

"I suspect that there were others who have accepted this bounty, we should quickly be on our way soon" the black-faced man nodded and said.

The team leader laughed: "It'll be fine, with how strict the qualifications for this bounty was, very few would be able to accept it. And I'm sure none of them can deal with the six of us at once"

The black-faced man nodded: "You're right, that's why I'm also regretful. I really don't want to split the bounty with you bunch"

As soon as he said that.

Countless sharp thorns erupted from the ground, piercing hundreds of holes into everyone in the blink of an eye.

Four of them lost their lives right away without being able to scream.

Only the team leader remained, trying to hold onto his last breath while unwilling to accept: "Clearly... the covenant..."

The black-faced man sighed and threw the bottle in his hand on the ground.

"Do you really think I'm just a close-combat Professionalist?" he asked.

The team leader was no longer gasping for breath, but still clung on with his eyes opened wide, waiting for an answer.

The black-faced man looked around.

Desolate earth in every direction, not a single soul to be seen.

If not for this bounty, no one would have ever arrived at such a silent world.

— in other words, it was very safe.

The black-faced man then looked down and muttered: “— — — In reality, I have a Causality Law ability, as long as I can form a contract with another party, I would never be killed by the other party, and I can one-sidedly violate the contract”

Hearing that, the team leader started shaking incessantly, while bloody coughs came from his throat.

He opened his eyes wide, staring closely at the black-faced man.

— if a gaze could kill, the black-faced man would have been dead several times over.

The black-faced man enjoyed his look before death, then his lips curled into a smile.

“You were lucky”

“I very rarely reveal the answer. This time, I especially told you because I like your rage and despair”

Saying so, he crushed the other party’s head under his foot.

Everything returned to silence.

Five corpses.

Blood soaked the ground.

The world was in complete silence, the wind lightly blew to scatter the foul smell of blood.

The black-faced man walked out from the blood-soaked ground, looked down at his bloody footprints, and slowly scowled.

He quickly produced a new pair of shoes and changed into them.

After that, he sped up and continued moving forward.

Continuously forward.

A few hours later.

Finally, the ruins of a city slowly appeared in his vision.

The black-faced man looked down at the information in his hand and sped up again.

Soon!

He entered the ruin, then discerned the geology of the area through the various pictures provided in the bounty information.

Until a certain point.

He discovered the structure mentioned in the information.

—unfortunately, another Hunter had also just reached the structure.

That Hunter was also holding the same information he was, cross-referencing it against the surrounding structures.

“No need to look, it’s this building”

The black-faced man threw the information on his hand away and told the other party.

The other Hunter looked at him.

“So, Peeling Heart Demon Thorn, seems like this bounty really is considerable, even you felt tempted by it” saying so, the Hunter drew his weapon and took a stance.

Fierce killing intent erupted from his body.

A fight was about to begin!

On the contrary, the black-faced man acted like nothing was of concern and pointed at the gate of the structure:

“That door is very tattered, we shouldn’t use too much force or the entire thing might collapse”

“What are you saying?” the other Hunter asked.

“This structure has been standing here for countless years, if our battle is too intense, it might destroy the entire thing and affect our follow-up treasure hunting” the black-faced man continued.

The other Hunter appeared hesitant.

The black-faced man sighed and showed his hands: "The two of us are the first two Hunters to reach this place, but others are definitely coming soon. Are we going to fight one another to the death and let them take advantage of it?"

The other Hunter also felt that to be reasonable.

"What do you suggest then?" he lowered his weapon and asked.

"Very simple, we're going to hunt treasures together. After this is done, we'll split 50/50, there would be no need to fight, and we're both getting the bounty, that's the most profitable for both sides" the black-faced man replied.

The Hunter thought about it for a few moments and quickly replied: "That's naturally fine, but we need a binding contract, I suggest an Irrevocable Deed"

The black-faced man also agreed: "I think that's natural, otherwise, there would be no way we would be able to cooperate in peace"

The two of them spent some time drafting and signing an Irrevocable Deed.

The other Hunter sighed in relief, put his weapon away, then took out a small tool to unlock the door.

"As you've said, this door has become incredibly tattered, but it's still connected to the walls, so we can easily destroy the entire building if we're not careful"

While saying so, he slowly turned the lock-picking tool in his hand.

Ka-chak

The lock was opened.

The Hunter sat crouched in front of the door, not moving an inch.

“What decent lock-picking skills” the black-faced man praised.

He pulled back the thorn that pierced through the other party’s head, then carefully put the corpse away into his personal storage.

— it’s very possible for others to come here, later on, I can’t leave them any clues to discover.

“Alright, I’m finally here, let me take a look at what kind of treasure it is this time...”

The black-faced man muttered excitedly, then lightly opened the gate.

— he froze.

There was nothing on the other side of the gate except a man wearing a suit of heavy armor and a sword in his hand.

“Peeling Heart Demon Thorn – Fu Chuan?” the other party asked.

The black-faced man looked at the other party for a while, searched his memories, then calmly asked: “That’s me, who are you? I don’t remember there being someone like you among the Unsolvable and Unlivable rank Hunters”

The other person replied: “Of course there isn’t, I’m Sealing rank”

The black-faced man laughed: “What did you come here for; you shouldn’t have been able to accept this bounty at your rank”

The other party sighed and replied helplessly: "That's exactly why I made so many arrangements and spent that much efforts to lure all of you into accepting this bounty: to get promoted to Unsolvable rank"

Declaring so, he raised his sword.

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

Chapter 1301

Translator: La0o9

The black-faced man shook his head and sighed: "So that's what it was. Unfortunately, you picked the wrong promotional mission"

Gu Qing Shan replied: "It's not wrong"

"Not wrong?" the black-faced man asked.

Gu Qing Shan replied: "Dual Talons Eagle, Torturous Band of Five, Poison Wolf, and Peeling Heart Demon Thorn. All of you are my mission targets, but I didn't know where to find you, nor how to understand your abilities, so I posted a bounty at the Hunter Guild and made a trip here myself"

The sword was clear as a river in autumn, giving off a cold gleam in this dimly lit area.

The black-faced man's expression slowly changed and questioned in a heavy tone:

"Wait a minute, aren't you a Hunter?"

"Ah, of course not, I'm a Hitman" Gu Qing Shan replied.

It was now that the black-faced man finally understood.

This Hitman is in the middle of his promotional mission.

He wants to kill me.

The black-faced man gazed at the sword in the other party's hand and slowly said: "Then, there was no such thing as treasure in this world in the first place. You posted that bounty at the Hunter Guild just to gather all of us here"

"Very sharp" Gu Qing Shan praised, "Are you done preparing? You can die now"

"Wait a minute! Wait!" the black-faced man abruptly shouted: "Don't kill me, we can reach an agreement, I'll give you all of my wealth, as long as you spare me"

"That's won't do" Gu Qing Shan sighed, "As long as you can form a contract with another person, not only would you be immune to being killed by them, you could even one-sidedly violate the contract without issues"

The black-faced man's pupils contracted.

He drew two sharp thorns and rushed straight at Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan simply stood still.

At the very next moment, just as the black-faced man tried to step forward, his figure was stuck in the void of space, unable to move forward.

Gu Qing Shan moved——

His sword-wielding hand seemed to vanish for a split second, but he didn't do anything other than that.

A gust of wind suddenly came by.

The howling storm wind went straight towards the black-faced man and curtly blew him away.

The wind whisked the thick inky blood out of the structure, painting a spot in the sky above a deep shade of red.

Bright red.

Light red.

Faint white.

Under the faraway greyish sky, everything was scattered away into the wind.

Clack clack!

Two sharp thorns fell to the ground, giving off a chiming noise.

Gu Qing Shan let go of the sword in his hand, allowing it to fade into the void of space behind himself.

He then took out a job description letter and carefully examined it.

“One, two, three... eight people in total. There, that’s the promotional mission over with”

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At another location.

The Hitman Guild.

Knock knock knock!

“Come in”

“Guild Master, sir, Fear Fiend King’s promotional mission has been completed” Qin reported.

“Oh?” the one-eyed old man felt interested, “So quickly? How did he do it exactly?”

“He drew the job issued by the Bounty Hunter Guild” Qin replied.

The one-eyed old man pondered a bit, then replied: “That’s part of the Bounty Hunter Guild’s self-cleansing operation, they were determined to eliminate the Grey Hunters who liked to act against their own allies”

“Yes sir. After Fear Fiend King accepted the job, he was lazy with having to kill so many people, so he went straight to the Bounty Hunter Guild and issued a highly specific treasure hunting bounty, then went straight to the destination to wait for his target” Qin explained.

“Ahahaha, what a mischievous little one, using such a low-effort method— — so in the end, he killed all eight of them by himself?”

“No sir, he only killed a single person, the others killed one another off”

“...Is that so, then it seems he had estimated accurately from the beginning. Nicely done, very nicely done, let him be promoted”

“Yes sir”

“From now on, you may tell him all the benefits and provisional measures provided by the Guild”

“Understood”

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The bar.

In front of the bar counter, Crow and Gu Qing Shan were sitting with each other, drinking while talking.

“Looks like today is going to cost you quite a bit” Crow commented.

“It’s ok, I still have to thank you for taking me during the large-scale joint mission” Gu Qing Shan raised his glass.

“Ahaha, don’t mention it, I’m never taking you with me on one of those again” Crow chuckled.

“Why not?”

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“When you enter God mode, the others won’t even have scraps left to pick up, so forget about it” he teased.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head helplessly.

The two of them cheered.

The bar was considerably crowded, various monsters of all shapes and sizes had taken human form to enjoy themselves here.

“Why did you decide to become a Hitman?” Crow casually asked.

“Penniless, I needed some quick cash, how about you?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I only know how to do this” Crow shrugged and replied.

He pondered a bit, then continued: “I’m not trying to investigate your abilities, but I suspect that power capable of wiping out the entire enemy force isn’t something you can easily unleash”

“Indeed, it isn’t” Gu Qing Shan admitted.

“Then I think this much needs to be said: Void City is a place of many organizations and countless Combatants, innumerable kinds of unexpected abilities need to be expected everywhere, even if you’ve been promoted to an Unsolvable rank Hitman, I hope you won’t grow complacent” Crow said.

Gu Qing Shan seriously listened and raised his glass: “That’s exactly what I’ve been thinking. In truth, I feel like I’ve been constantly walking on thin ice, afraid of running into some sort of unique abilities and falling, never to stand up again”

“Oh? You seem to be particularly emotional” Crow said, a bit surprised.

“I am. Today, I ran into a Hunter, his combat strength was nothing much, but his abilities made it very easy to ambush people” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Still a bit fearful of it, he explained Peeling Heart Demon Thorn’s ability.

Crow also trembled a bit from imagining it.

While the two of them continued to drink, their surroundings suddenly turned silent.

Most of the people around them took out their own information receivers to take in the newest intel.

Crow and Gu Qing Shan’s medals also gave off a signal asking for a telepathic connection.

The two of them exchanged glances, then turned their respective medals on.

A piece of information quickly appeared in his mind:

[Breaking news:]

[Dependants of the Eternal Abyss are falling in battle at great numbers, the Wraith realm is currently marching deeper into the Eternal Abyss]

[Through our investigations, the Eternal Abyss has been found to still remain in slumber]

Everyone began loudly discussing among themselves.

Crow also frowned: "I really can't imagine what those humans at the Wraith realm are thinking"

Gu Qing Shan asked: "Why exactly are they trying to invade the Eternal Abyss?"

"Who knows, Eternal Abyss is the strongest known monster in the space vortex. Never mind the Eternal Abyss, even some of its stronger dependants would not fall short compared to anyone else"

Crow took a sip, then muttered: "Everyone just feels like the Wraith realm is going mad"

"Not a single person knows about their true intentions?" Gu Qing Shan asked again.

"None. They're too closed-off, each and every last one of their members are under the restraints of talisman hexes and their masks, it's impossible to obtain any information from them at all" Crow replied.

Gu Qing Shan fell silent.

What exactly is the Wraith realm trying to do?

After using the seven sacrificial sword strikes, I once entered a brief 'Spirit Wanderer' state and saw visions of the future.

In that future, the Wraith realm humans have taken over the 900 million World Layers, plundering, killing, and collecting the Samsara fragments from all over the place. In the end, they were even aiming for my homeworld.

Gu Qing Shan clenched his fist.

How could I let such a future occur?

“Crow”

“Hm?”

“How did you become a Titled Hitman?”

“That huh? In truth, the highest you can reach through completing Hitman jobs is the rank of Unlivable” Crow thought a bit, then continued: “To become a Titled Hitman, your codename must first be renowned to living beings and recognized by the infinite worlds, at which point it would become reinforced by the Laws of reality and become a Title—— a Title contains unique power that can help you improve your strength”

“In other words, my ‘Fear Fiend King’ codename needs to evolve into a Title?”

“That’s right” Crow affirmed.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit, then paused.

Wait a minute.

The codename Fear Fiend King certainly did have the factors to be upgraded into a unique Title.

But those factors had already been absorbed by my left eye, manifesting as the [Fog Realm Descent] World Technique.

——in other words, the Hitman codename Fear Fiend King has lost its possibility of becoming a Title.

Gu Qing Shan’s heart tightened and asked: “Crow, can we Hitmen change our codenames?”

“Of course we can, what? Do you not like the codename that the old man personally gave you?” Crow asked.

“There’s a different reason, but in summary, I want to change my codename into a different one” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Oh? Then have you thought of one? What do you want to change it to?” Crow asked, intrigued.

Gu Qing Shan paused.

That’s true, what codename should I change to?

He fell into thought.

Over 15 minutes later.

“I... really don’t know”

Gu Qing Shan worriedly replied.

Chapter 1302

Translator: La0o9

“Can’t think of one?” Crow grinned, “You don’t need to think about such a thing on your own, just go and ask someone else for help”

“But who? It’s probably not a good idea to ask the Guild Master again” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Names, codenames, and Titles all belong to Mysticism, tightly intertwined with one’s destiny. You’ll need to find an Astrologer, as they’re the foremost experts when it comes to these matters” Crow replied.

Gu Qing Shan’s eyes glowed.

“Crow, was your Title also given by an Astrologer?”

“That’s right”

“What’s your Title?”

“Curt Death Silver Crow”

“...That sounds nice”

Crow put his glass down and stood up: “Let’s go, I’ll take you to the most famous Astrologer in the city, I guarantee that they can resolve this issue”

“Alright” Gu Qing Shan happily obliged.

The two of them left the bar and strolled along the streets of the city, soon reaching the vicinity of the city center.

“Wait a moment, this looks like we’re heading towards the City Lord’s manor”

Gu Qing Shan pointed ahead.

Right in front of them was a towering magnificent grey structure, while it looked imposing, it also exuded solemnity.

The City Lord’s manor.

—the City Lord of Void City was a very mysterious person, only the upper brass of the various organizations would know of his background.

Most people only knew that there existed a person called the City Lord, but had no way to collect any further information regarding the City Lord.

Because that was a forbidden act, one that would draw the hostility of Void City as a whole.

“The Astrologer we’re looking for resides in the City Lord’s manor” Crow replied.

“What!? Wouldn’t it be impossible to reach them then?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“It might be so for other things, but no one would stop you from seeing the Astrologer” Crow replied full of confidence.

As they talked, the two of them had gotten closer to the City Lord’s manor.

A group of fully-armed knights in armor quickly arrived to block their way.

The leading knight asked: “Hitmen, what business do you have at the City Lord’s manor?”

Crow replied: “My friend here wants a codename, so we’re here for a divination”

The knight paused a bit, gestured behind his back, and relaxed his tone:

“Enter from the second side door from the left, there will be people there to guide you to the divination chamber”

Saying so, he led the group of knights away.

Crow then brought Gu Qing Shan towards the City Lord’s manor as instructed.

“The City Lord has an assistant that’s an expert at astrological divination, as long as you can afford the fees, they would happily help you come up with a suitable codename for you” Crow explained.

Gu Qing Shan recalled the money he received when he entered the city as well as the sum he earned from completing the various jobs so far, then sighed in relief: “So that’s how it was, how convenient”

Finally, I don’t have to come up with a codename for myself.

And also, a professional matter should certainly be left to a professional, me trying to fumble around by myself is nothing but bringing trouble to myself, isn’t it?

Having thought things through, Gu Qing Shan suddenly felt his mind clear once again.

As the two of them reached the side door, a maid was waiting right there for them.

“Esteemed guests, you cannot move randomly inside the manor by yourself, please follow me to the divination chamber” the maid bowed to greet them.

Gu Qing Shan and Crow both bowed in return, then said: “Please”

The maid led them along until they reached a peaceful silent room.

“Master Crow, are you the one asking for divination, or your friend here?” the maid asked.

“My friend” Crow answered.

“Does he know about the rules?” the maid asked.

“I didn’t tell him beforehand” Crow replied.

“Hm, that is correct. He cannot be informed of anything beforehand, this was milord’s rules” the maid said.

“Alright, I’ll just wait here for a while” Crow casually said.

Gu Qing Shan was then brought inside by the maid.

“Please wait a moment, I’ll report your presence here” the maid said.

“Hm, I’ll trouble you” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The maid bowed again as her figure slowly faded away.

Gu Qing Shan looked around.

This room seemed to be made specifically for the sake of performing divination, other than a single square table in the middle, there was nothing else here.

Gu Qing Shan stood waiting in front of the square table.

After a while, the maid reappeared.

She carried with her a stack of paper that she spread all over the table before turning to Gu Qing Shan.

“Milord said that you may begin” the maid told him.

“What should I do?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The maid signaled him to look at the table, then once again disappeared.

Gu Qing Shan looked back, only to see a line of text written in common human language:

[What fortune would you like to be told?]

Gu Qing Shan answered without much thought: "I want a suitable codename for myself, preferably the kind that can later evolve into a Title"

Another line of text appeared on the white paper:

[Your Title is more likely to be determined by your actions, but a good codename can certainly help you gain the favor of living beings, worlds, and the Laws]

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

—what the other party said made sense.

"I'm a Hitman, I hope that this can be taken into consideration while you come up with my codename, thank you" Gu Qing Shan said.

Another line of text appeared on the white paper:

[Then let us now begin]

[I will ask you three things; you must answer me in detail]

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[First of all, is your foremost expertise and favorite thing to do the same thing? What is it?]

Gu Qing Shan answered without thinking: "I like to cook, and am quite an expert at it. My ideal future dream is to open a seaside diner"

The white paper was speechless.

You're a hitman who kills people for a living right? Why was 'cooking' your answer?

After a while, a new line of text appeared on the white paper:

[Please take the pen and write a Title you've once obtained, if there isn't one, please write 'None']

A pen manifested from thin air and flew in front of Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan took the pen.

That's quite simple——

After a bit of thought, he wrote down a Title:

[Shen Wei General]

This was a Title he obtained in the cultivation world.

Immediately, a new line of text appeared below this Title:

[I shall use the power of astrology to extract some of your previous Titles to consider your new Title, are you willing to do this?]

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit, then confirmed that there wouldn't be any issues.

He nodded: "Please go ahead"

Waves of fluctuations emerged over the piece of paper, gradually forming several Titles of varying length on it.

[Cherub of Condemnation]

[Big Tabby Cat]

[Orange Sovereign]

[Adept Dragon Slayer]

[Heir of the Thousand Dragons Ancestor]

The white paper turned speechless again.

This time, it was silent for a lot longer.

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In another room of the same building, someone muttered in confusion: “[Adept Dragon Slayer] is easy to understand, but why is he also an heir of the dragon ancestor?”

She quickly continued:

“Titles are supposed to be objects of absolute solemnity, why would the Laws of reality allow him a Title like [Big Tabby Cat]? And I really don’t understand the [Cherub] Title at all”

Next to her, several maids had already covered their mouths, trying their best to not laugh out loud.

...

Gu Qing Shan also felt a bit awkward, not knowing that the other would happen to extract the few Titles of this nature that he had.

“Can you come up with a new codename for me this way?” he asked.

A few moments later.

A new line of text appeared on the white paper:

[One last question, what is your real name?]

Gu Qing Shan shook his head: "My apologies, I'm a fiend. True name is the single thing that we evil creatures will always refuse to mention"

The text on the paper disappeared, soon replaced by new lines of text:

[It was my lack of consideration, then we shall pick another question, what is your strongest form of combat— there's no need to be specific, just a name is fine]

Gu Qing Shan answered without thinking again: "Dancing— ah, I mean, a sword dance"

The white paper was completely speechless.

What 'sword dance', you totally meant to say 'dancing' just now.

Danc... ing...

A cook who knows how to dance, once had the Title [Big Tabby Cat] and is now asking me to come up with a new Title for him.

This is quite the big hurdle...

...

Across several walls, the person rubbed her temples and sighed helplessly.

The maids asked: "If you think it is too troublesome, should we chase the person out?"

"No" she replied, "This is the kind of challenge I've been looking for, let me think for a bit more"

...

On the other side.

Gu Qing Shan was waiting.

A few lines of text appeared on the white paper again:

[Originally, only three questions were required, but as there is too much uncertainty regarding you, I will need you to cooperate a little bit more, will that be fine?]

Gu Qing Shan thought about his three previous answers, feeling that it was truly very tough, so he readily agreed: “No problem”

[Please place your hand onto the paper]

Gu Qing Shan put his hand on it.

...

Across a number of walls, the person also placed her hand onto a piece of paper, silently sensing it.

“How strange, his body is clearly that of a fiend, but I can’t help but sense something off”

“How unimaginable, the Laws of Space and Time on his body are a bit misaligned, almost like he arrived from a different era”

“He can utilize three forces, the origin power of the soul, world origin power, and prayers of living beings. The first is for swordsmanship, the second for World Techniques, but the prayers of living beings is used for——”

That person abruptly pulled back her hand and swung.

Instantly, every maid in the room disappeared, transported to a different location.

Without anyone in her vicinity, the person abruptly spat up blood, a storm brewing in her mind.

So the dance he mentioned was such a dance...

How truly... inconceivable!

The person breathed heavily while writing a few words onto the paper.

“I’ll remember you, fiend”

She muttered.

...

On the other side.

Gu Qing Shan stared straight at the white paper, then saw a line of text slowly appearing on it:

[Your Hitman codename has been determined; it is: Dragon King of Atrocity Jail]

Gu Qing Shan was shocked.

“Just like that?” he muttered.

A line of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[You’ve received a Hitman codename containing the appropriate factors: Dragon King of Atrocity Jail]

[Without anything extraneous, you need only continue doing what you wish and this codename will ultimately become your Title]

Chapter 1303

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Gu Qing Shan emerged from the small room.

“How was it? What codename did you get?” Crow asked with interest.

“Dragon King of Atrocity Jail” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Crow carefully dissected this codename and slowly spoke: “It sounds quite special, how much did it cost you?”

“50 Golden void coins” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“So much!?” Crow was surprised, “Then that assistant must have spent quite a bit of effort”

Gu Qing Shan just smiled without saying anything else.

He had basically used up all the money in his savings, leaving nothing but a single silver coin.

Not good, after returning to the Guild, I have to quickly exchange some points for money, otherwise, I wouldn't even have money to go out for drinking.

A maid appeared out of nowhere, bowing to them: “Please follow me, I will escort you out of the manor”

“Ah, thank you” the two of them both replied.

Perhaps it was his imagination, but Gu Qing Shan felt like the gaze this maid was giving him contained a hint of inexplicable delight.

What are you delighted about?

Gu Qing Shan silently wondered.

The maid led the two of them outside.

Halfway through, another maid suddenly appeared.

This maid's appearance seemed to be a bit anxious as she said: "There are guests coming, please follow me on the smaller path"

Gu Qing Shan and Crow nodded, letting the two maids lead them.

The City Lord's manor was heavily restricted, not only was the sky filled with overlapping and non-overlapping barriers of various kinds, but the ground also contained specially designed traps, if there was no one to lead them, they really wouldn't have the courage to walk around as they pleased.

As they were about to turn into a smaller path from the main path, a group of people appeared at the end of the road.

A group of 7-8 men in yaksha masks.

Gu Qing Shan swiftly snuck a glance at these wraiths.

—so the so-called guests were them.

What did they come to the City Lord's manor for?

"Esteemed guests, we're going this way"

The maid hurriedly turned Gu Qing Shan and Crow onto the smaller road to avoid these guests.

But the sound of chattering could be heard from the other side.

"People from the Hitman Guild..."

"A bunch of clowns, they will soon bow down to us"

"So underground rats have the gall to come to the City Lord's manor as well..."

The Wraith realm humans were speaking openly without reserves.

As sharp a person as Gu Qing Shan, his expression remained completely unchanged, acting like he didn't hear it and continued heading towards the smaller road.

—this place is none other than the manor of Void City's Lord.

Each event, each statement made here could easily represent the true intentions of a certain organization.

—-and yet the Wraith realm were openly provoking the Hitman Guild in the City Lord's manor!

They must have already prepared something.

Perhaps they weren't aiming for the Hitman Guild in particular, but rather for any organization that appeared at the manor of Void City's Lord.

Crown and I just happened to be in the right place at the wrong time.

In just a second, Gu Qing Shan had already made his decision.

He decided not to take the bait.

However, Crow abruptly turned around.

"A bunch of bastards who are neither human nor wraiths trying to mock our Hitman Guild?" he coldly snorted.

Gu Qing Shan's heart turned heavy.

—Crow is a Titled Hitman, a member of the highest-ranking combat power of the Hitman Guild.

With Crow's status, if he casually allowed others to mock his Guild and himself, he would no longer be qualified to remain in Void City.

The Wraith realm humans on the other side immediately stopped.

They stopped almost immediately as Crow started speaking.

As Crow just finished speaking, they were already battle-ready.

Gu Qing Shan's gaze moved around, seeing these men exchanging gestures and eye signals, clearly arranging something.

— as expected, this was planned, but I wonder what they're trying to express by using the Hitman Guild to make an example?

Crow's lips were already curled into a smile as he whispered to Gu Qing Shan: "Sorry for dragging you into this"

Gu Qing Shan shook his head, his mind moved in a split second.

Both Crow and I haven't made any preparations to fight.

The other party must have already planned everything down to the very last detail.

If something really does happen, Crow and I will end up terribly.

But this is the City Lord's manor, so if a fight breaks out, guards would immediately come running.

In other words—

For this possible skirmish alone, the Wraith realm humans were fully confident in being able to decide victory and defeat.

Gu Qing Shan's gaze quickly scanned through.

In the blink of an eye, the people all around had already made their various reactions—

The leader of the Wraith realm humans was just about to speak, the subordinates around him silently preparing something, the maids of the manor appeared hesitant and confused, Crow had only just placed his hand on his rapier.

In that blink of an eye.

Gu Qing Shan moved.

Everyone only saw a blur before an autumn-water clear blue steel sword was already propped against the wraith leader's throat.

Colorful rays of light erupted from the wraith leader's body, countless runes and defensive means appeared one after another, giving off a light shattering noise, then disappeared.

The Divine Mountain's [Law Breaker].

No defensive abilities could stop this sword!

Everyone was stunned.

This strike was so fast that no one was able to react to it.

This strike pierced through all defensive techniques in an inconceivably simple manner.

"Just now you said... We Hitmen were a bunch of clowns?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

The sword was slightly pulled.

A thin line of blood immediately appeared on the other party's neck.

Blood flowed.

“Release the Elder!”

“Damn it, you’re finished, Hitman”

“Pull back your sword”

“Bastard, you’re courting death!”

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Among the loud shouting, Gu Qing Shan’s sword was pulled back a bit more.

The wound on the elder’s neck expanded.

More blood flowed.

“If you continue to complain, I’ll just kill him” Gu Qing Shan casually replied.

Everyone immediately went quiet.

The two maids hurriedly went to call for the others.

Crow laughed out loud: “Ahahaha, getting a sword on your neck before you even acted, I’d like to see how you can keep acting arrogant now”

He was actually quite surprised.

He was a Titled Hitman of the Guild, so this was inevitable.

Originally, as the two sides clashed, there should first be some threats, speak of old grudges and debts, discern the problem, which would then lead to an all-out fight between two factions.

Since the manor's maids were still here, the other side must also consider collateral damage.

After all, if either of them hurt the people of the manor, that would be hurting the City Lord's reputation and causing an even bigger issue.

But without saying a single word, Gu Qing Shan went in for the kill.

How do I describe this attitude?

— a dog that only bites without barking?

As Crow silently thought, his expression became cautious.

He was slowly realizing what was going on.

These Wraith realm humans are truly ready to cause trouble and have made the preparations for it.

His method of going straight in without reasoning is the correct one.

"Everyone silence!"

The wraith elder suddenly spoke up.

He took off his mask and stared closely at the sword, almost like looking at a precious treasure, and muttered with a dry voice: "A sword that cuts Laws... this sword must be... the only natural enemy"

This wraith leader turned to Gu Qing Shan and whispered: "Fiend, I have a transaction that you cannot refuse that I wish to propose"

"Oh?"

Gu Qing Shan replied, but his killing intent abruptly rose to a peak.

At this point, guards from all around the City Lord's manor had reached the scene.

"Everyone cease!" a guard captain shouted.

Gu Qing Shan immediately put his sword away.

Seeing the manor's guards arriving, the Wraith realm humans all looked at their leader.

He waved his hand dismissively to signal them to stop.

The opportunity had passed.

They had no choice but to calm back down.

— they were going to cause a scene to display their strength, but that plan had gone down the drains.

"Anyone else who dares attack will be killed without question!"

A robed caster descended from above and shouted.

"What exactly happened here?"

He turned to the two maids.

He seemed to hold a very high status in the manor as the two maids immediately bowed down as they saw him, quickly explaining what happened.

The caster looked at the Wraith realm humans, then at the two Hitmen.

“If no fight broke out, then forget it”

“Hitmen, you may leave now”

He said.

Crow laughed: “Bastards from the Wraith realm, keep this well in mind, your outcome next time isn’t going to be quite as simple as a sword against your neck”

He pulled Gu Qing Shan away.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at the Wraith realm humans, seeing the wraith leader still staring at him, seemingly pondering something.

A sword that cuts Laws.

You want my sword?

Gu Qing Shan coldly laughed, then silently changed his Title to [Starflame War God]

As the guards watched the two Hitmen leaving and relaxed slightly, the wraith leader abruptly moved.

He rushed forward without any warnings and ambushed one of the Hitmen from behind.

“You’re not going anywhere, leave your sword!” he shouted.

Gu Qing Shan had been waiting for this moment.

The Earth sword appeared from the void of space and swung from afar———

Countless black sword images erupted from the sword like a blooming lotus, surrounding the wraith leader.

Secret Art, [Drawn Shadow]!

But something strange occurred.

The black sword images suddenly vanished and instead surrounded Gu Qing Shan and Crow.

「 It's a Causality Law technique! Gu Qing Shan, quickly dispel your sword seal! 」

The Earth sword abruptly sent his voice.

Gu Qing Shan quickly caught the opportunity to dispel his sword seal and took the Earth sword back into his hand.

—so they were relying on this Causality Law technique that can reflect damage!

This must be an unprecedented Causality Law.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at Crow, confirming that he also had a shocked expression.

Indeed.

Then, the Wraith realm humans provoked Crow and I earlier because they had this Causality Law technique prepared, looking to borrow the City Lord manor's dignity to step on the Hitman Guild and flaunt their reputation.

My first strike most likely managed to hurt him thanks to the Six Paths Great Mountain sword's [Law Breaker] power.

No wonder the wraith elder said my sword was their only natural enemy.

Damn it, if I knew about this, I wouldn't have tried to use [Earth's Choice] to slay him, it would have been better to use the Six Paths Great Mountain sword instead!

Gu Qing Shan drew the Six Paths Great Mountain sword again.

—-but the opportunity had already passed.

The wraith leader's eyes regained their clarity.

From the void of space, eight casters had appeared at the same time.

They each wielded a metallic chain and threw it towards the wraith leader.

Seeing that, Gu Qing Shan's hand-holding sword loosened.

Chapter 1304

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The chains were thrown that coiled around the wraith leader's body.

At this point, the effects of [Starflame War God]'s Skill [Conquer] had already ended, so the old man had regained his clarity.

Watching the iron chains spiraling towards him, he was shocked.

“Stay your hands!”

He shouted to his subordinates.

Eight sets of chains bounded him tightly.

The old man looked at the casters in the sky and smiled bitterly: “It was this old man's impertinence this time, please escort me to the City Lord, I shall make up for my mistakes directly”

The Wraith realm humans exchanged glances.

How did the situation suddenly turn to this?

The old man had already signaled to them with his eyes, telling them not to act rashly.

They could only remain still.

In the sky, the leader of the casters sighed and shook his head: "Elder Du, hah. Let's go face the City Lord, he shall give his verdict personally"

With a wave of his hand, his eight subordinates lightly pulled their chains and disappeared together with the old man.

Before the old man disappeared, he stared closely at Gu Qing Shan.

"Fiend, I shall look for you later"

He sent his voice.

Gu Qing Shan's expression remained unchanged and gave no answer.

At this point, the caster leader landed, standing in front of Gu Qing Shan and Crow.

"You should leave, the responsibility of this matter won't fall upon the both of you" he said.

Crow glanced at the Wraith realm humans again, then grinned: "Very well. Next time you garbage try to pick a fight with us, make sure to write your wills"

The Wraith realm humans glared back at him.

“If this wasn’t Void City, you would have already been refined into ghosts” one of them couldn’t help but snap back.

Crow coldly scoffed and replied: “I’ll be waiting, come to the Hitman Guild whenever you’re ready”

The two maids led the way for Crow and Gu Qing Shan to leave the City Lord’s manor.

Just as they left the area, Crow immediately summoned a black bird, whispered a few words to it, then sent the black bird away.

“I reported the matter to the old man, lest he would be confused when the Wraith realm comes to attack in the future” Crow explained to Gu Qing Shan.

Under the shroud of night, shadows filled the city.

Although there weren’t too many people on the streets; every bar, casinos, nightclubs, and restaurants were filled with living beings.

The Void City nightlife had only just begun.

Crow’s expression was now filled with caution and thought, not at all concerned with playing around.

Gu Qing Shan gave his analysis: “We just happened to be caught in this matter, this was most likely an impulsive decision on their side as well, wanting to use us to display their strength”

Crow nodded in agreement: “I also think so, but if other people want to use us as stepping stones, we’re not going to happily let them do it”

Crow suddenly patted his shoulder and said: “You need to be careful, your sword is able to counter their ability, so they’ll probably go cause some trouble with you later on”

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent.

Not 'probably', but 'definitely'.

That 'Elder Du' will surely come to find me again.

—-for the Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

Gu Qing Shan turned his thoughts a bit, purposely acted confused, and asked: "I heard that among the Samsara worlds, the Tomb of Myriad Beasts has fused a lot more of their world's fragments, so they should be much more powerful compared to the Wraith realm. Then why do I very rarely see anyone from the Tomb of Myriad Beasts, instead it's the Wraith realm humans that freely boast their strength every day in Void City?"

Crow explained: "The Tomb of Myriad Beasts had excavated a great Samsara tomb, which would occasionally cause Apocalypses to descent upon their world, they're mostly busy with keeping themselves alive"

"As for the Wraith realm—"

Crow shook his head, then lowered his voice: "I shouldn't tell you this, but since you've offended them for the honor of the Guild, it wouldn't be too unreasonable to tell you"

"The strongest assets of the Wraith realm are their Life Talismans, the yaksha mask Guise Hexes, and their Causality Law treasures"

"Among them, the Life Talismans are the cruelest, utilizing the life force of living beings to perform unimaginable and inconceivable feats; their yaksha masks contain infallible power that cannot be defended against; while their tools contain a lot of Causality Law techniques—"

"These three powers have already surpassed many worlds, placing them among the top of first-rate worlds, but from some unknown sources, they even managed to obtain a few Immortal Crafts"

When speaking of Immortal Crafts, Crow appear a bit unsure: "I don't really know that much about Immortal Crafts, apparently they're the strongest magic of the Samsara"

"With all of that combined, the Wraith realm is actually strong, incredibly strong"

"You have to be cautious against them"

Gu Qing Shan nodded when hearing that.

In the Yama Heavenly realm, he had faced a servant of Cang Wu Zhang, who had a pair of golden chopsticks that contained Causality Law, it was capable of stopping three consecutive attacks regardless of strength as long as it was used.

Cang Wu Zhang has also displayed the power of Life Talismans. If not for him using a Life Talisman to have his subordinates die in his stead, I would have already killed him.

It's truly strange.

Why is the Wraith realm so powerful?

Gu Qing Shan muttered to himself while walking with Crow back to the Hitman Guild.

Although it was very late, several staff members were already waiting in the main lobby.

Crow was escorted by the staff members, saying that the Guild Master summoned him.

Qin was also there waiting for Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan was brought by her into an underground room of the Guild.

"I've been waiting for you for a while. The Guild Master has approved of your promotion, but there are a few formalities that must be done first" Qin said.

Gu Qing Shan sat down across from her, rubbing his hand:

"Why do I feel like there are more formalities for being promoted to Unsolvable rank compared to before?"

"Of course" Qin smiled, "Because Unsolvable rank is the true beginning— here, first you will need to sign this agreement"

Qin handed him a contract.

Gu Qing Shan received and skimmed over it, only to see a clause:

[I hereby swear, unless absolutely necessary, I shall not affect any worlds during combat, nor destroy any worlds]

Followed by a place to sign.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised and asked: "This is—-"

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Qin smiled: "Every person who officially joins Void City must sign this"

"The reason?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Because everyone is very strong, it's highly easy for anyone to destroy an entire world with a lift of their hand or feet. This is to ask people to refrain from doing such a thing"

Qin further explained: "The Apocalypses have destroyed enough worlds already. If we also go around destroying worlds as we pleased, the space vortex would eventually grow desolate and sparse, world origin power and the Laws of reality would also gradually weaken, thus affecting everyone"

Gu Qing Shan delightfully agreed: "Alright, I'll sign—- will a codename be enough?"

"Your codename also falls under the restraints of the contract, it's ok" Qin replied.

Gu Qing Shan received the pen, then signed it with his new codename [Dragon King of Atrocity Jail].

Qin was surprised at the codename.

"I forgot to mention, I've just gone to change my codename" Gu Qing Shan explained.

Qin finally understood and replied: "Then your previous data and profiles must be changed, please wait a moment, I'll deal with that"

She waved her hand to summon a dozen different sets of files.

After quickly finishing this, she reached her hands into the void of space and pulled out a large carton box.

"After being promoted to Unsolvable rank, the Guild relied upon your fighting style and strength to form a general assessment, thus providing you with the appropriate equipment based on that"

Qin took out an old book, a set of black leather armor, a ring, and an ID card from the box.

She first explained:

"This is a copy of a grimoire that has the record the [Flowing Shadow Steps] movement technique, which can increase your flexibility in combat"

"Your Dragon Rider armor is now redundant, you can now change it to this Darkness Ambush armor, it's both lighter and stronger defensively"

"How much stronger?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Around three times stronger compared to the Dragon Rider armor" Qin replied.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but click his tongue.

Qin then handed the ring to Gu Qing Shan, explaining:

"This ring can be used as a storage device, as well as sending information to the Guild and asking for reinforcement through it"

She then handed him the ID card: “This is your identification card. You can look up information in the Guild’s archive through it, use it to access the Guild’s points exchanging platform, as well as enter certain unique worlds that the Guild set up for training”

Observing each of the intricate items, Gu Qing Shan silently confirmed Xiao Die’s words, sure enough, only by reaching Unsolvable rank would a Hitman be officially recognized as a member of the Guild.

He took the ring and card, donned the leather armor, then picked up the ‘Flowing Shadow Steps’ grimoire.

“About this book, if I don’t want it, can I exchange it for another one?” he asked.

The War God UI instantly displayed the notification from [War God Skills]:

[Discovered grimoire: Flowing Shadow Steps]

[This is an assassin’s ambushing movement technique, capable of manifesting seven to eight flowing shadows that obscure your true body]

[Would you like to spend 100,000 Soul Points to learn this movement technique?]

Gu Qing Shan answered right away: “Yes”

A warm flow emerged from the grimoire, flowing through his arm around his body before settling inside his Thought Sea.

[Ting]!

[You’ve mastered Flowing Shadow Steps]

Hearing his question, Qin nodded: “We’ve also considered that possibility. If you don’t want to study this grimoire, the Guild had also prepared one other grimoire for you to choose from”

She received the [Flowing Shadow Steps] grimoire back from Gu Qing Shan’s hand, then took out another grimoire.

“As you are a Hitman specializing in sword techniques, we’ve analyzed your fighting style and chose this cultivators’ Secret Art from the vault”

“It is the highest level sword-related Secret Art in the vault, which should be capable of improving your fighting strength— I hope that you’ll accept this, as sword-related Secret Arts are rare, and this is the only one suitable for you in the vault” Qin patiently explained.

Gu Qing Shan asked: “If I chose ‘Flowing Shadow Steps’, would I have had no way to obtain this Secret Art?”

Qin replied: “No, you would have been able to exchange accumulated points for it”

Gu Qing Shan then received the Secret Art.

Once again, [War God Skills] activated.

Lines of glowing text appeared:

[Discovered swordsmanship grimoire: Despairing Rise]

[This is a sword Secret Art; you must spend 800,000 Soul Points in order to comprehend it]

[If you do not wish to spend Soul Points, with your swordsmanship skills, you will be able to fully grasp this Secret Art after 10 days of intense training]

Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

It’s not that I’m unwilling to train, in fact, slowly training a new sword technique for 10 days is highly interesting.

Unfortunately, I’m currently lacking time more than anything else, not to mention there’s no shortage of Soul Points right now.

—after all, I obtained 300 million Soul Points from killing the Judge of Living Beings’ Fate.

“I’ll spend the Soul Points”

Gu Qing Shan replied.

A warm flow emerged from the grimoire and entered his Thought Sea.

New lines of glowing text appeared accordingly:

[You’ve comprehended the Secret Art: Despairing Rise]

[Secret Art: Despairing Rise, when you block an enemy’s attack, you can immediately activate this technique to send an enemy flying]

[Note: While the enemy is in a ‘sent flying’ state, your next three consecutive strikes will each be twice as strong as the last]

What a good sword technique!

Gu Qing Shan was delighted.

I didn’t think I’d obtain such an excellent Secret Art by entering the Hitman Guild!

Qin clapped her hand and casually asked: “Alright, then I’ve told you everything you need to know. Would you like to take on the next job now?”

“No, I think I’d like to go visit a friend now” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Understood, you can contact me at any time” Qin smiled and left the room.

Gu Qing Shan sat still for a bit, then suddenly muttered:

“Tch— to covet my sword, I don’t want to let you live for even a minute longer”

Behind him, four swords slowly appeared from the void of space, giving off a faint vibration.

Chapter 1305

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Many things happened during this single night.

—originally, Gu Qing Shan only went out to complete his promotional mission, but he ran into Crow on his way back, so the two of them went out for drinks to celebrate.

It was supposed to just be a little drinking bout, but they went out to see an Astrologer.

It was just supposed to be a trip to the Astrologer, but they ran into humans of the Wraith realm in the City Lord's manor, leading to the Six Paths Great Mountain sword being discovered.

—without putting any thoughts into it, that Elder Du from the Wraith realm will definitely devise a way to steal this sword.

If that's the case.

I can't be blamed for what's about to happen next.

An orange cat sat straight on the tall city wall, staring intensely down at the City Lord's manor and silently thought.

The deep shroud of night had descended to obscure his form.

—Sumeru Thaumaturgy, [Ghostly Shadow of Night]

Since Xiao Die had already taken her brand away, no one should be able to discover this orange cat's existence now.

He silently waited.

—-he had always been extremely patient, especially when preparing for a kill.

A night breeze lightly blew past.

The orange cat continued staring straight at the City Lord's manor without averting his gaze.

Finally.

The gate of the manor opened.

A group of 7-8 men wearing yaksha masks exited.

Elder Du was walking in front while the others stood around him.

For some reason, Elder Du instinctively looked towards the nearest city wall.

Under the shade of night, the towering wall seemed like an iron shroud that protected this city.

Even though the orange cat was sitting right there, Elder Du couldn't see a single thing.

Elder Du also didn't know why he looked at the city wall either, so he instinctively shook his head and said: "Let's go, we're heading to the Hitman Guild"

"Sir, should we prepare to fight?" his subordinate asked.

"No, I must first openly apologize to the Hitman Guild's Master, using that chance to bestow them a few gifts, then look for that fiend to ask for a transaction" Elder Du replied.

His subordinates went silent.

“Sir... every organization must have already received the news by now, knowing that we had just clashed against the Hitman Guild, if we apologize to them like this wouldn't that harm our Wraith realm's reputation...” someone cautiously asked.

Elder Du smirked and replied:

“What good is a little bit of reputation? For this sword, any price is worth it”

His voice suddenly became cold: “Of course, if that fiend doesn't know what's reasonable, this old man naturally has a way to deal with it”

Before he finished his words.

The cat on the city wall had disappeared.

It abruptly appeared a few dozen meters away from the Wraith realm humans.

Watching these people, the orange cat's gaze seemed to be pondering something.

While moving forward, each of these people held a talisman in their hand, jointly keeping up a circular talisman formation.

Whenever someone got close, they would immediately be felt by the talisman formation.

Although the orange cat couldn't understand the talisman formation, with his level of formation expertise, he was able to generally recognize Elder Du to be the eye of the formation.

Each of his movements or gestures, perhaps even his single thought, could turn this talisman formation into a scary killing formation.

Although I can conceal myself as the orange cat, I'd have to return to human form inside talisman formation when I attack, which would lead Elder Du to notice me.

Then---

How should I kill him?

The orange cat silently tailed them, patiently observing their movements.

Those who kill weren't afraid of going through trouble, and taking time wasn't an issue when it came to killing, his calm gaze passed through each of these people.

---the yaksha masks that these Wraith realm humans are wearing are all distinct from one another.

In other words, they can release at least 8 kinds of Guise Hexes in combat.

Other than the defensive Causality Law, they most likely have Life Talismans and other defensive items as well.

They might seem relaxed right now, but Elder Du would only need to send a single thought for these people to unleash incredibly fighting strength.

It's nearly impossible to kill them all in an instant.

Unless...

Gu Qing Shan pondered back and forth, finally confirming his answer.

---unless they cannot detect me from the beginning to end.

Furthermore, no matter how little time this fight takes, I can't let them activate their talisman formation even briefly!

To do this, I must first get rid of Elder Du, as the entire talisman formation is in his hand.

The orange cat thought for a bit before silently speaking to his swords in his mind.

"Luo Bing Li, Earth, Chao Yin; Shannu and I will be the main force of this battle. The three of you are to protect me from the sides, preventing any enemy attacks, I'll make sure to trigger a Secret Art in time"

“ 「 Got it (*oong*) 」 ”

Luo Bing Li, Earth sword, and Chao Yin sword all answered at the same time.

“Shannu, we’re going to implement a completely unprecedented form of combat” the orange cat informed the Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

“Yes, I’ll listen to anything gongzi says” Shannu replied.

Her tone was no longer as aloof and cold as she was in the past, instead, her tone displayed a bit of devotion.

The orange cat completely missed all the subtleties and continued as his tail swung from side to side: “When I trigger the sword seal, I want you to cooperate and swing with me because this will be the first time I use this body part to hold a sword, my control might be lacking”

“Huh? What do you mean by ‘the first time I use this body part to hold a sword’, gongzi?” Shannu was clearly confused.

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“Because I can’t reveal myself, I’m going to...”

The orange cat carefully explained to her.

Finally, he had arranged for every last detail of the operation.

At this point, the Wraith realm had already gone through half their journey and would reach the Hitman Guild after making two more turns.

The orange cat had gone ahead of them, waiting at the intersection.

He sat crouched on the ground, narrowing his eyes towards the approaching Wraith realm humans.

The two sides were getting closer and closer, the distance between them was now only a few hundred meters.

“I’m up” the orange cat said.

“” 「 Got it (*oong*)!」 ”” his four swords answered at once.

At the next split second, the orange cat’s tail coiled around and grabbed the Six Paths Great Mountain sword from the void of space.

As his tail grasped the sword, the orange cat vanished.

——Divine Skill, [Shadow Shift]!

When he obtained this Thaumaturgy, the War God UI’s description made it very clear:

[This Skill is a Law-grade Divine Skill, no living being can resist it; no barrier, shields, Secret Arts or even forbidden techniques can prevent it]

Very early on during his cultivation, he managed to trap and kill Qi Yan thanks to this Divine Skill.

And right at this moment, despite these Wraith realm bastards being surrounded by a talisman formation, [Shadow Shift] wasn’t hindered in the slightest!

In that instant, the orange cat switched places with Elder Du.

The orange cat was now at the center of all the Wraith realm humans, while Elder Du was standing a few hundred meters away.

Since Elder Du left his position, the talisman formation was dispelled.

In the blink of an eye, the orange cat moved his tail and abruptly unleashed an attack!

Secret Art, [Full Moon Consecutive Strikes]!

—this was an attack jointly performed by both the orange cat and Shannu!

A light-blue sword phantom drew a circular arc right in the middle of them, drawing a glorious full moon in the middle of the night.

“What!?”

“Damn it, there’s a—”

“Assailant!”

“What is going—”

The group all shouted, their bodies erupting in colorful defensive techniques—

But this sword could cut through all techniques.

It was useless.

The sharp sword phantom chopped them all half, splattering their blood everywhere—

But the orange cat didn’t even bother to look at this, instead, he proceeded to throw a punch with his paw towards Elder Du a few hundred meters away.

[Ethereal – Grand Mountain]!

Everything happened in a split second, and Elder Du only managed to unleash a single attack when he was transported away---

But as soon as his technique was unleashed, a mocking 'wu wu' sound came from the void of space.

Another attack, exactly the same as Elder Du's attack, manifested and crashed into it.

Boom!!!

A thunderous shock resounded in every direction; the entire street was blasted into pieces by the power of this technique.

Every structure and building in Void City was imbued by a unique power, making it so that any attack in any location of Void City would clash against its entire defensive array.

But this technique skill managed to blast apart over half of a street.

Within the explosion, Elder Du's expression greatly warped.

My attack didn't work!

Not good, I need to quickly---

The orange cat's long-distance fist strike had arrived.

Without being able to do anything else, all of Elder Du's thoughts were wiped out.

He stood stunned in place, unable to move.

But something miraculous occurred.

Despite his shattered psyche, he still seemed to have recognized the outcome of it all.

“Fi...end...”

“How exactly... did... you... do... this...”

Elder Du’s body was still shaking, whispering unwillingly.

The orange cat glared at him and waved his tail, sending the Six Paths Great Mountain sword flying.

“Meow meow”

He coldly called out.

The cold, autumn-water clear blue steel sword flew and abruptly stopped right in front of Elder Du’s face.

A female voice resounded in Elder Du’s ear:

“Gongzi said, he’s not going to tell you”

Before she finished those words, the sword had already passed through Elder Du’s neck with a cold clash.

In the silent shroud of night, a severed head was sent flying.

Chapter 1306

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Intense magic fluctuations resounded throughout.

The long street collapsed.

Blood splattered all over.

At the moment that the Six Paths Great Mountain sword flew through the air, the orange cat had already leapt in pursuit with his four limbs.

A second later, the sword unleashed its power!

A sword phantom drew an arc and sent Elder Du's head flying.

That wasn't the end—

The orange cat's gaze became sharp with killing intent and leapt into the air, his front paws grabbed a long scepter from the void of space and thrust it into the headless body.

— the Devil King Warden Rod.

Before these Wraith realm humans even realized what happened, they were already wiped out.

However, before Elder Du died, despite losing his ability to think, he was still able to call out 'fiend' before he died.

— he was able to guess it!

At the moment, the Wraith realm still didn't know about Elder Du's death here, but they had extremely potent means of summoning a soul and reviving it, so they would most likely be able to find out what happened tonight.

I can't let this Elder Du's soul return to the Wraith realm, otherwise, there would be no shortage of troubles later on!

The orange cat put his paw on top of the Devil King Warden Rod and activated [Soul Dispersion] right away.

A breath's worth of time later.

Being stabbed into the headless body, the scepter trembled a bit, gave off a carefully chewing noise almost like gnashing teeth, but then quickly returned to normal.

—that should do it!

Even if the Wraith realm humans went to the ends of reality and back, they would never be able to find Elder Du and find out anything that happened tonight.

The orange cat sighed in relief, but his ears twitched.

A loud siren was echoing through the city.

The guards of Void City were rushing towards this place from every direction.

The orange cat put his swords and scepter away, silently used [Ground Shrink], and hid into a dark corner of the street.

He leapt onto a nearby wall and silently waited there.

One second.

Two seconds.

—over a dozen men in guard armor abruptly marched out of the void of space, surrounding the scene.

“Where’s the culprit?”

“Ran away”

“It was too fast, the battle only lasted for about four... no, about three seconds” one of the guards said.

Staring at the bodies on the ground, the guards fell silent.

From the moment they sensed the beginning of the battle, even before the street was blown up by the technique, they had already begun to rush here.

But there were only corpses left when they arrived, the fight was already over.

A caster descended from above, landing in front of the guards.

“Sir”

The guards bowed.

The caster nodded, then looked at the corpses on the ground before displaying a strange expression.

He slowly said: “These Wraith realm fellows have only just offered a powerful Causality Law defensive technique to the City Lord, saying that it was for the sake of improving Void City’s defenses”

“When they were displaying it, I was also there. Their defensive technique was truly powerful, so the City Lord was quite delighted”

“Who would’ve thought... just as they left...”

Causality Law was the most powerful Law within Mysticism.

—*and yet these people who wielded such powerful defensive Causality Law technique...*

Were all killed in three short seconds.

Hearing him, everyone looked down at the corpses on the ground.

A night breeze blew in.

Suddenly, everyone felt a chill over their bodies.

At a distance.

The orange cat observed this from on top of the wall for a while, then turned to leave.

Under the shield of night, he quickly headed back to the Hitman Guild.

Halfway there, the orange cat abruptly stopped.

Wait...

If the Wraith realm spent the effort to investigate, they would most likely find out from the City Lord's manor how Crow and I got into conflict with Elder Du.

Then, both Crow and I would be subjects of suspicion.

After returning to the Guild, Crow hadn't left at all.

I told Qin that I wanted to visit a friend, then immediately went out to ambush Elder Du.

Visit a friend...

The orange cat pondered a bit, changed his direction, and continued running.

Since that's the case, I'll look for Xiao Die, she'll be able to provide me with an alibi.

The orange cat traversed through the streets, quickly reaching a small brick house surrounded by flowers.

This was Xiao Die's house.

At this point, the long night had passed, and dawn was emerging.

The sky was already brightening up.

Some candlelight could be seen from inside the house, the door was slightly ajar, the faint sound of music could also be heard.

Occasionally, there was even the sound of talking.

Two gardeners were doing some landscaping just outside the small brick house.

They could occasionally hear the sound of talking from inside, but they were mostly focused on their jobs.

Seeing this, the orange cat was a bit hesitant.

The house was rigged with anti-clairvoyance magic, so his inner sight couldn't pass through.

But from how it seemed, Xiao Die was clearly with a friend.

It was currently dawn, so the gardeners hired by Xiao Die had also come to maintain her garden.

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If I just come in like this, wouldn't that be too arbitrary?

The orange cat's gaze moved around and noticed a small door right under the front door.

The small door was fully opened, there were even some letters written on top of it.

[For pet cat use]

Next to the door, a dog was lying on its belly, sleeping.

It was sleeping very soundly.

The orange cat was a bit doubtful.

—-*strange, this door wasn't there the last time I was here.*

He pondered a bit and realized what happened.

The only person in Void City that knows I can turn into a cat is Xiao Die.

The fact that Xiao Die made this door means that she knew I would be coming.

...how is that possible?

The orange cat's tail swayed side to side as he snuck down from on top of the wall.

—-the night was about to end, so [Ghostly Shadow of Night] would also lose its effects, he needed to quickly make his decision.

The orange cat went across the street, sitting in front of the small brick house, and silently listened.

The sound of talking and music coming inside had become a lot clearer.

After listening for a while, the orange cat heard his own voice.

What's going on?

The orange cat felt even more doubtful.

He leapt onto the stairs and walked up to the door.

The small door was already open.

The dog was asleep.

The orange cat slowly went inside.

In the room, the orange light of a candle was peacefully burning.

Xiao Die was sitting on a sofa, reading a book.

An old phonograph was placed on top of the window sill, continuously playing music and the sound of people talking.

One of the voices was Gu Qing Shan.

The other was Xiao Die.

The orange cat looked at the phonograph, then at Xiao Die.

She seemed to be quite exhausted, sitting with both feet curled up on her sofa while lazily flipping through her book.

“Meow”

The orange cat tried calling out.

Xiao Die was surprised.

She stretched herself, then said “So you’re finally here, where are you?”

The orange cat turned back into Gu Qing Shan.

“You seem to have already known that I would come” Gu Qing Shan commented.

“That’s right, I have a friend who’s the head assistant of the City Lord’s manor. She’s an expert Astrologer, and I received news from her earlier, saying that you’ll probably need an alibi” Xiao Die replied.

Gu Qing Shan froze.

Xiao Die closed her book, then pointed at the sofa across from her and said: “Sit down”

Gu Qing Shan sat down, asking: “How did your friend know I’d be here?”

“Did you visit her for divination?” Xiao Die asked in return.

“I did, I wanted to change my codename, so I visited her for divination following a friend’s advice” Gu Qing Shan admitted.

He honestly told her everything that had occurred the night before.

Xiao Die silently listened to his story, then smiled: “It was fortunate that she sent me a message, otherwise I wouldn’t have been here”

“You weren’t at home?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I was at special training, I only returned in a hurry when I knew about your situation” Xiao Die replied.

“Did that friend of yours manage to see ahead of time what I would do?” Gu Qing Shan asked again.

“Her expertise is in calculating the relations between people. In truth, she only first managed to discern that the mutual connection point between you and herself was me; since the both of you knew me personally”

“And because you were my friend, she spent some effort performing a divination for you”

After explaining, Xiao Die took out a blank Card and lightly tapped it with her finger.

A female voice then came from the Card:

“Die, your Hitman friend went to my place for divination. He was giving off a thick aura of the Law of Death, so most likely he’ll be fighting someone tonight”

“I can see the people of the Wraith realm turning into corpses——”

“After a while, the Law of Death around the Hitman would calm down, at which point he’ll go look for you, most likely for an alibi that he wasn’t at the scene of the murder”

“I’m only informing you about this, you can decide what to do on your own”

The voice disappeared.

Gu Qing Shan fell silent.

I made sure that every step was as perfect as possible.

But someone managed to discover that I was the perpetrator from taking a peek into the future.

—-‘no matter how much you plot or scheme, I only need to look a bit to know what you did in the future’

What an unreasonable ability.

Xiao Die then giggled and told him: “Don’t worry, she’s my friend, so she won’t expose you—- and since you killed humans from the Wraith realm, she couldn’t even be more delighted about it”

“She is in conflict with the Wraith realm?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Hm, an irreconcilable conflict” Xiao Die replied.

Gu Qing Shan slightly calmed down.

However—-

For an Astrologer to be able to see briefly into the future.

I’ve never heard about an Astrologer being able to do this in the 900 million World Layers.

Then...

With the secrets I’m carrying, it’s probably best that I avoid people of this Profession as much as possible.

Watching Gu Qing Shan’s cautious expression, Xiao Die shook her head: “Don’t think too much about it. In truth, she’s probably the only Astrologer capable of seeing future visions, this is due to her own unique talent”

Chapter 1307

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The sound of music continued to play from the phonograph.

The small brick house’s small cat door had already been closed.

Xiao Die sat cross-legged on top of her sofa, holding up her chin with one hand while observing Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan was a bit doubtful, so he asked: "What's the matter?"

Xiao Die slowly replied: "I'm thinking— should I just turn you into an ominous demon? This way, your power will enter an explosive period of growth"

"Are you worried that the Wraith realm won't let me go?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Xiao Die sighed and replied: "Someone on their side ran into conflict against you, then died as soon as they left. Even if you have an alibi, the Wraith realm's layers upon layers of means might still be able to find leftover traces"

Gu Qing Shan wasn't too worried.

After all, I already eradicated Elder Du's soul.

Without proof, the Wraith realm humans don't have the courage to act as they pleased in a place like Void City.

Which leaves them only with small-scaled ambushes.

I'm more than confident about fighting off this level of attack.

So he leaned on the sofa and asked casually: "You can convert me into an ominous demon?"

Thinking that he felt tempted by her offer, Xiao Die replied: "Not only can I convert you into an ominous demon, I can also ensure that you're able to turn back into human form as you wish, like me"

"Would my strength grow explosively?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"At least twice as much! Ominous demons are all products of mutated Laws, each of them is not only unique but also incredibly powerful!" Xiao Die replied.

Gu Qing Shan paused.

He was now actually a bit tempted and hesitantly asked: “Is the success of the conversion guaranteed?”

“Of course not, but you don’t have to worry, you won’t die even if you fail”

Saying so, Xiao Die clapped her hand.

The dog by the door stepped inside, resting by Xiao Die’s feet.

“Take a look, this is the example of a failed attempt—— but if you turn into a dog, I’ll just raise you from now on” Xiao Die stroked the dog’s head and said.

The dog stared closely at Gu Qing Shan with a doubtful look in its eyes, seemingly trying to recall something.

Gu Qing Shan wiped the cold sweat off his forehead and forced a smile: “It’s alright, I’d rather stay human, I’m more used to fighting as a human either way”

Xiao Die sighed.

——*Gu Qing Shan isn’t willing to give up on his human identity.*

Then I’d have to think of other ways to help him.

She lightly tapped the blank Card on the table again, muttering: “Girl, are you still there?”

The blank Card moved a bit.

Xiao Die said: "Alright, can you help me with a divination on what my Hitman friend would run into following this?"

A female voice replied from the blank Card:

"I can tell you right now without divining"

Xiao Die and Gu Qing Shan's expressions both became focused.

The female voice explained: "I can sense those dead guys, their souls are all leaving Void City to return to the Wraith realm, with Elder Du missing"

Despite knowing that the other party could see the future, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but be surprised by this.

—this City Lord's assistant is a bit too good at divining with Astrology.

The female voice continued:

"But what you don't know is that even if Elder Du's soul is no longer here, the single spark representing his soul would still remain within Primal Chaos"

"The Wraith realm has the triple combination techniques of Space-Time Reversal, Soul Growth, and Body Reconstruction in addition to the Life Talismans, as well as Immortal Craft. As long as they're willing to investigate, they can definitely find the truth"

"That's why, you had better tell your Hitman to flee, flee as far as possible"

At this point, the voice on the Card disappeared.

Xiao Die put the Card back onto the table with a worried expression.

She looked at Gu Qing Shan and replied: "It seems you'll have to leave"

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent without saying anything.

The Wraith realm should have only fused 60-70% of their total fragments so far, which pales in comparison to the Tomb of Myriad Beasts.

And yet they are still powerful to this degree!

Xiao Die put her hand on the dog's head.

"Stand up, it's time to use you now" she said.

The dog rolled on the ground and turned into a man carrying a large Blade.

Xiao Die explained: "This is a person that I managed to save, he has the transportation method to several unique human worlds, you should leave with him, now!"

Before Gu Qing Shan replied, the man had already spoken:

"Ma'am, I know him"

Xiao Die was surprised: "Huh? How did you know him?"

Gu Qing Shan looked at the man.

— he had already noticed the dog's gaze towards him earlier.

Gu Qing Shan also replied: "That's right, we've met each other once"

"In a world where all supernatural power is sealed off" the man continued.

His gaze was filled with a bone-deep grudge, asking Gu Qing Shan: “Did you also fall into the ploy of that so-called Old Guide?”

Gu Qing Shan opened his mouth, but couldn’t answer him.

On the Gemini Star, Shannu had disguised herself as the so-called Old Guide in order to deal with Lin in cooperation with me.

But this man suddenly appeared halfway through, begging the Old Guide to help him return to his original Fei Xue world.

Flustered, Shannu randomly pointed him to a random world.

The man was successfully sent away.

This earned Lin’s trust.

However!

However!

The world Shannu directed this man to was a world where all men had gone extinct, leaving only women behind!

I didn’t think I’d run into him again at this place.

— and to think he was someone that failed his conversion into a demon and was turned into a dog.

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Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but ask Xiao Die: “Where did you find this person?”

Xiao Die replied: “There are frequently people who are willing to offer up their everything to ask for aid from us ominous demons, you should know”

“One day, I was at the end of a certain summoning ritual, so I came to take a look”

Recalling something, Xiao Die’s face turned a bit red, then continued: “I then found this guy living in horrible condition, turned into a certain kind of tool to be used day-in, day-out... so he was willing to offer his everything in exchange for me leading him away”

“So you took him to Void City?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“That’s right. I originally wanted to help convert him into an ominous demon, since I’d gain a helper this way, but he failed, so I could only have him watch over my house and son whenever necessary”

“Unexpectedly, he managed to awaken a teleportation ability to a few predetermined locations, secretly holding several teleportation paths in his hand; so he became one of my preparations, leaving him here in case of any abrupt situations” Xiao Die explained.

Gu Qing Shan’s gaze turned to the man.

The man appeared drained and weakened, the areas around his eyes already turned black, slightly shifting blue, quite obviously the victim of long and unceasing abuse.

This person... is one greatly ravaged by fate.

Harshly trained martial arts his entire life to break through the void of space and left the Fei Xue world, only to reach the Gemini Star where all supernatural abilities were sealed.

When he finally managed to leave the Gemini Star, he ended up in a world with only females.

He was finally saved by Xiao Die and brought to Void City, only to fail his conversion and become a dog.

With that in mind, Gu Qing Shan felt a bit awkward.

He sighed, patting the man’s shoulder: “You’ve been through a lot, I truly do feel sorry about your matter, I—”

The man also seemed to have recalled the bitter past and stopped Gu Qing Shan, gritting his teeth: “This is unrelated to you, it was all because of that Old Guide, throwing me into a world like that. One day, I’ll definitely return to take revenge on him!”

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent, not having the courage to continue this topic.

Xiao Die retraced their thoughts and told Gu Qing Shan: “This shouldn’t be delayed further; the Wraith realm humans might arrive at any moment. I’ll have him open one of the paths and take you away!”

“No” Gu Qing Shan resolutely refused, “Before this, I didn’t know that the Wraith realm had such capabilities, but now that I know, I’ll deal with the aftermath by myself”

“You’re not going to leave?” Xiao Die asked in shock.

“I want to remain here until I become a Titled Hitman, then take that chance you mentioned” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Xiao Die froze.

Indeed, only by becoming a Titled Hitman would he be able to take that chance and reasonably enter the Wraith realm.

No one is clear about the secret of the Wraith realm.

This would be the only chance.

Xiao Die hesitantly asked: “If they come to kill you——”

“I’ll deal with those issues as they come up”

“Are you confident?”

“I’ll try to smooth this matter over, in case that I can’t, I’ll just go straight against them”

Saying so, Gu Qing Shan quickly considered a strategy.

I can continue to take on jobs while fighting against the Wraith realm, if they keep on being unable to kill me, that would instead aid my reputation.

Wouldn’t that mean I’d become a Titled Hitman even faster?

He silently thought.

Xiao Die patted the man and said: "Then I guess you won't be of any use now"

The man once again turned back into the dog, quickly returning outside, and laid on top of the stairs.

Xiao Die sat back down on the sofa and spoke in a low voice: "Alright, if we're going to do this, might as well make it big. If those wraiths are going to act rashly, I'm going to have a bit of fun with them"

Intense dark power started to exude from her body.

Suddenly.

The blank Card flew up by itself, hovering in front of Gu Qing Shan.

The female voice from before asked:

"Fiend, which Combatant do you have a grudge against in the Wraith realm?"

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised.

Xiao Die's worriedly voice sounded in his mind: "Don't gloss over it, answer carefully"

Gu Qing Shan understood and sternly replied: "I don't have a grudge against a single person, I want to kill them— all of them"

The female voice asked again: "But why?"

Gu Qing Shan recalled what he saw during his Spirit Wanderer state, as well as what the Tomb of Myriad Beasts went through.

—those Wraith realm humans directly stole the Delimitation Artifact for themselves, releasing all the Apocalypses within the great tomb.

If I hadn't gone to seek reinforcement from parallel worlds, the entire Tomb of Myriad Beasts would have been done for.

The Li pair of brother and sister, Zhao Qiong, Wang Shun, all of them as well as hundreds of thousands of normal people like them would have lost their lives in the infinite Apocalypses.

All the worlds around the Tomb of Myriad Beasts would have been destroyed as well.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't stop himself from clenching his fist and replied: "I trust that you know about the Wraith realm's modus operandi— only by killing all of these Wraith realm humans and destroying the Wraith realm itself would my mind be at ease"

"But if you're planning to use the power of one person to fight against the entire Wraith realm, your only outcome would be failure" the female voice replied.

"Nothing has happened yet, and there are no guarantees. Even if you can foresee the future, the future also has its different directions, and the path it will take is ultimately decided by our choices" Gu Qing Shan replied.

—during his first meeting with Lady Fusi, she had also once said that she was capable of seeing several possibilities of Gu Qing Shan's future.

But Gu Qing Shan decided to not trust these futures.

He wanted to challenge his own future.

Right as he made this decision, Lady Fusi saw even more of his future possibilities.

—this attitude was the exact reason why Lady Fusi took interest in him, and one of the reasons why she had handed him the Earth God's coin over to him.

Hearing that, the female voice went silent briefly.

After a while, she slowly continued: "I've found the last spark of Elder Du's life within Primal Chaos and crushed it, thoroughly returning it to Primal Chaos"

"Your ambush of him will not be revealed"

"But as you've been caught in a conflict with Elder Du and his people at the City Lord's manor, you will need to be careful of those Wraith realm humans investigation"

Saying so, the blank Card returned to the table and fell silent again.

Gu Qing Shan looked blankly at Xiao Die.

—--what just happened?

Why did this City Lord's assistant suddenly agree to help?

But Xiao Die was clearly delighted.

"That's great, with her aid, this matter will definitely be resolved without issues!"

Chapter 1308

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"What kind of person is that assistant actually?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Person?" Xiao Die was obviously in a good mood, so she replied: "I'll remind you again, both she and I are not humans, we're merely taking human forms right now"

"Why do you have to do that?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Xiao Die replied: "As you know, the human form is the most convenient for interspecies communication. Many monsters of the void take a humanoid form not only because the smaller human form is easier for them to disguise themselves compared to their original gigantic bodies, but also because it is easier for them to avoid the Apocalypses"

Thinking of something, she chuckled: “There was once a Worm Hole Revenant who took human form and was in a relationship with a female void fish for 5 years— in truth, Revenants eat drifting void fishes as their main source of food— but neither of them knew the other party’s real form until after 5 years”

Thinking of that situation, Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but ask: “Then, did the Revenant end up eating the female void fish?”

Xiao Die replied: “No, he let her go, then she used her own experience as a basis to write an overbearing CEO novel, it was a best-seller”

Gu Qing Shan rubbed his temples.

That sounds like an entire mess and a half.

“Alright, never mind the rest, what race is that assistant then?” Gu Qing Shan took the topic back on track.

Xiao Die mysteriously replied: “Don’t ask about that, she’s very cautious. She doesn’t like others prying into her personal matters, and we don’t need to offend her over such a small matter”

As she talked, Xiao Die seemed to sense something and abruptly waved her hand.

The phonograph disappeared.

The music and talking voices also faded.

The sound of a barking dog could be heard.

Followed by a hearty voice:

“This humble one is You Tian Gui, a Wraith Might from the Wraith realm, hereby paying a visit following the Wraith Lord’s orders. May I ask if Lady Die is present?”

A human from the Wraith realm.

Xiao Die and Gu Qing Shan exchanged glances.

They sure came quickly.

This You Tian Gui doesn’t seem to be from the same side as Cang Wu Zhang, most likely a subordinate of another Wraith Lord.

Gu Qing Shan silently thought

“Come in” Xiao Die casually said.

The door slowly opened.

A man in full armor and yaksha mask entered.

He looked at Xiao Die, then at Gu Qing Shan.

“It was my impertinence to come here without being invited, hopefully, Lady Xie does not mind it” You Tian Gui said.

“I don’t seem to have any connections to your Wraith realm, what did you come here for?” Xiao Die asked.

At this point, two curt screams could be heard from outside.

Someone reported: "Sir You, we've investigated the memories of these two gardeners. When the matter occurred, that Hitman was with Lady Die, they did not leave"

You Tian Gui listened with an unchanged expression, keeping his gaze fixed on Gu Qing Shan.

He was a bit unconvinced.

Xiao Die slammed her table in anger, questioning: "What did you do to the gardeners outside? You dared touch my people at my place?"

You Tian Gui explained; "Those two gardeners were not people of the Ominous Demon Tower, nor were they Lady Die's personal subordinates. They were simply artisans from the Deep Green Flower World, that's why we used them for our investigation"

He then took a step forward, asking Gu Qing Shan: "This... Unsolvable rank Hitman, you seemed to be quite self-confident yesterday, weren't you? Getting into a conflict with our Elder Du?"

Gu Qing Shan slowly stood up and casually replied: "If the people of the City Lord's manor did not stop me, he would have already been dead"

A sword appeared in his hand.

Faint killing intent drifted from his body.

Hearing this, You Tian Gui was a bit shocked.

—does he not know that Elder Du is dead?

When being questioned, the culprit would not normally show how much he wishes to kill the target.

Furthermore...

A mere Unsolvable rank Hitman dare talk to me this way?

Gu Qing Shan coldly scoffed: “Are you thinking something like ‘a mere Unsolvable rank Hitman dares talk to you this way’?”

He took a step forward and continued: “But in reality, you’re nothing special”

You Tian Gui’s killing intent shot up and was about to draw his weapon when Xiao Die spoke up.

Xiao Die said: “He’s a relative of our Ominous Demon Tower, my family member”

Gu Qing Shan continued to grin “I’ve only just arrived at Void City, that’s why I’m just Unsolvable rank. If you aren’t afraid to die, how about we go outside and fight?”

Xiao Die narrowed her eyes: “If you want to do anything to members of our Ominous Demon Tower, you had better be prepared to have a little talk with our Tower Master; but you know that, don’t you?”

You Tian Gui paused slightly; a bit unable to keep up.

Gu Qing Shan walked out, kicked the door open, and stood on the empty field outside.

“Come on, fight me, then we’ll see who’s better!” he loudly shouted.

You Tian Gui did not move.

Normally, people who are this rampant would usually die very soon or are truly skilled.

However, isn’t that temper a bit too easy to ignite...

Then, he should be relying on the power of the Ominous Demon Tower.

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—no wonder he had the gall to turn on Elder Du right away.

Usually, he shouldn’t be the culprit.

However... I should still test his strength.

If there’s a difference in power, I can exclude him.

But if he truly is strong enough to kill Elder Du and his subordinates in just a few seconds, this matter would be a lot more complicated.

— even more importantly, this person is related to the Ominous Demon Tower.

In that case, I'd have to report to the Wraith Lord for him to make the final verdict on what to do.

Having decided, You Tian Gui drew a pike from behind his back and said: "Very well, then I will—"

Before he even finished his words, Xiao Die had already taken out a glowing butterfly speaking into it: "Tower Master, the Wraith realm humans charged into my home... Hm... yes... yes... they want to kill my family member"

You Tian Gui immediately put his pike away, shouting: "Wait! Lady Die, I'm only here to take a look and greet you, I have no intentions to bother you or your family member at all"

Xiao Die coldly looked at him and asked: "Truly?"

The person outside was still shouting for everyone to hear: "You damn puppy, get out here and fight with your grandpa!"

You Tian Gui's veins were almost popping on top of his head, took a deep breath, then slowly replied: "It is true, I'm only here for greetings"

— I don't have any proof.

While the other party had gotten angry, I absolutely cannot touch a family member of the Ominous Demon Tower.

The ominous demons have always been unreasonable, if all of those ominous demons are disturbed at once, even the Wraith Lord would feel a headache.

After all, their means of threatening are nothing but unprecedented.

The three Wraith Lords had not found a suitable way to counteract that yet.

Xiao Die scoffed: "Remember your words. If I see you bullying my family members, I won't be regarding formalities"

“I understand, then his humble one shall bid farewell” You Tian Gui said.

He turned around and quickly left the room.

The person outside was still swinging his sword, shouting: “Do not run———”

“Goodbye”

You Tian Gui leapt into the air, about to leave.

Suddenly, a hand reached out from the void of space, lightly pushing him back down.

You Tian Gui found himself once again standing on the ground.

As he looked back, both of his shoulders had been held down.

Several dozen robust men had surrounded him.

“Brat, was it you who bullied our people?”

A man wearing a T-shirt with a cartoon bear printed on it abruptly shouted.

You Tian Gui began sweating bullets.

“Tower Master sir, it’s like this, one of our Elders was killed, the culprit managed to do it in a few seconds...”

“But before that occurred, we found that this—— this—— erm, Lady Die’s man, seemed to have had a little skirmish with our Elder”

“...This was a misunderstanding. Since I found that Lady Die and her man had been staying home for the entirety of last night, it was definitely not her man who did it...”

“In summary, it was my misjudgment and recklessness, I hope that you gentlemen can understand”

“Hah, this was all done following our Wraith Lord’s orders, I’m merely a worker, please have mercy on us servants”

He quickly explained everything, as well as hurriedly listing his hardship, putting himself at the lowest possible status.

Dead silence.

Boundless killing intent drifted from these robust men’s bodies, appearing almost solid.

Such killing intent!

You Tian Gui trembled as he wiped his sweat, then tried sighing: “Everyone, this humble one truly did not mean to offend”

But the robust men all shook their heads.

One of them suddenly questioned in a loud hearty voice: 「 Just now, you said... Xiao Die and her man has been staying home all night? 」

All the ominous demons stared straight at You Tian Gui.

If not to ask for a confirmation, they would have already crushed this little wraith.

Standing in the middle of them all, You Tian Gui felt like he was about to die.

He clenched his teeth and pointed at Gu Qing Shan: “That’s right, his suspicions can already be cleared, his humble one bets that it wasn’t him who did it— — this humble one will not try to investigate him again, this humble one swears!”

A second later, all the ominous demons turned around, their gazes focused on Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan felt every strand of hair on his entire body standing up.

Why... do I feel like I'm about to die?

A voice suddenly spoke up from inside the house:

“Who said that he was my man?”

Xiao Die walked forward, scoffing at You Tian Gui: “You’re seriously investigating something with those discerning eyes? This is clearly my younger brother”

As soon as that was said.

Gu Qing Shan immediately felt himself becoming alive again.

He quickly understood, then immediately shouted out loud: “Of course, I’m her younger brother— — what is everyone staring at me for?”

The robust men have all smiled brightly towards Gu Qing Shan.

“Ah, what a handsome little one, would you like to become an ominous demon?”

The Tower Master asked, representing everyone.

Chapter 1309

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The group of robust men had 'let go' of You Tian Gui, and were instead surrounding Gu Qing Shan.

"You're an evil creature? Oh boy, I've never thought that there would be such a handsome evil creature"

「 Little brother, where do you work? Do you need anything? 」

"So you're an evil creature huh? That's perfect, evil creatures are always full of malicious ideas—— how about you quit your job and join us?"

"That's right, we usually collect protection tax on these streets, no one dares go against us at all"

「 He's right you know. Whenever little brother defects to our Ominous Demon Tower, let this big brother give you a street, you'll be the top dog of the entire place 」

"Now why would he do that? You don't need to bother with such a crude matter, just bring your big sister with you and be a guest at this big brother's place. Big brother will prepare nothing but the best for you to enjoy"

All the robust men were excitedly advertising themselves.

They were all at least two meters tall, so when they surrounded him, they basically blocked out all the light.

Gu Qing Shan stood in their shades, the smile on his face a bit stiff, but still didn't say a single word.

"Stop stop stop. Don't go surrounding my younger brother, he's an upstanding Hitman" Xiao Die loudly called out.

The robust men regretfully stepped back, but were still talking without stopping:

"Ahaha, so he was a Hitman, and here I was wondering why he looked so strong"

「 Then he must be quite an expert at killing, what excellent talents while being so young! 」

「 That's right. Bring big brother with you during the next job, your big brother will help you maintain peace 」

"Me as well, I'll come with you, you won't even need to act"

"That's right, as a Hitman, you have to pay attention to safety"

“Don’t worry, your brothers will cover for you”

Xiao Die couldn’t stand hearing them any longer and chased them away: “I merely reported the situation to the Tower Master in preparation for conflict, you didn’t all have to come—— and now that everything is fine, just go back!”

She then told You Tian Gui: “And you, don’t make any more visits to me unless there are actually serious issues next time, I can’t stand your Wraith realm visits”

Seeing how big it had gotten, You Tian Gui naturally understood that he had poked a hornet’s nest and immediately nodded: “Yes yes yes, don’t worry Lady Die, definitely”

Xiao Die then pushed the robust men away:

“Alright, time to leave, everyone, leave!”

The robust men turned to Gu Qing Shan, lightly tapping their chest, winking, or giving him a thumbs up without actually leaving.

Gu Qing Shan waved them goodbye.

You Tian Gui also took the chance to leave—— he basically ran away like a comet across the dawn sky, disappearing somewhere.

The small brick house returned to silence.

Gu Qing Shan wiped the sweat off his forehead.

These ominous demons are scary, I didn’t even have a chance to talk.

“Seems like you’re quite loved in the Ominous Demon Tower” Gu Qing Shan said emotionally.

Xiao Die rubbed her temples: “I’ll tell you first, I’m actually just the teacher of their children”

“They’re all married?” Gu Qing Shan asked in surprise.

If all of them are still bothering Xiao Die despite having already married, then I can’t just stand still and do nothing.

Xiao Die appeared a bit troubled but still explained: “That’s not it either. They’re all unique mutated demons, so they can all create offspring if they wished— however, after I arrived, according to them, they desire to obtain love”

Gu Qing Shan was speechless for a while.

“That is... a bit...” he muttered to himself.

Since it was already morning, Gu Qing Shan also prepared to leave and return to the Hitman Guild.

Xiao Die held him back a bit and told him:

“This matter has basically been resolved, so you’re safe for now. Remember, you have to seize your time and become a Titled Hitman, because that chance is only going to come once, and it’s getting closer”

“What kind of chance is it exactly?” Gu Qing Shan curiously asked.

“I can’t tell you yet, I’ve already signed a covenant of confidentiality, but you’ll find out when that time comes” Xiao Die replied.

Gu Qing Shan sighed and sincerely said: “Alright, I’ll do my best”

Xiao Die continued: "I heard that the Hitman Guild would occasionally host a few extremely large-scaled interworld missions, if you have the opportunity, you should definitely participate, as these kinds of mission make it extremely easy to be promoted"

"Really? Alright, I'll keep that in mind and check it when I return. If there are any available, I'll accept it immediately" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"That's how it should be" Xiao Die nodded, "For now, it's most likely best to forget about the Wraith realm's matter and fully focus yourself on becoming a Titled Hitman"

Gu Qing Shan hesitated a bit and didn't reply.

Forget about the Wraith realm's matter?

No, it won't be that easy.

The Wraith realm sent out a group of envoys to meet the City Lord but was wiped out as soon as they left the City Lord's manor.

This was the same as slapping the Wraith realm's face right in front of the entire Void City.

You Tian Gui only retreated on the surface because he had no evidence and was under the threat of the ominous demons, but he would definitely not stop there.

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He would continue to investigate to catch the culprit.

Having fought the Wraith realm several times, Gu Qing Shan understood their style very well.

—they make sure to settle any grudges.

And will not give up without achieving their goal.

After this, if the Wraith realm humans are still suspicious of me, they will make sure it's done in a more secretive and resolute manner to prevent any counter-preparations.

However, since this first stage has been resolved, I do in fact get a bit of time to improve my Hitman rank.

...this matter... I don't need to tell Xiao Die about it.

She had already helped me as much as she could.

I'll have to do the rest myself.

With that thought in mind, Gu Qing Shan smiled: "Then, I'll be going first"

"Hm, take care of yourself, come find me if there are any issues" Xiao Die replied.

...

At another location.

You Tian Gui had left Void City, jumping down from the extremely tall city wall and entered a certain silent forest.

He took out a long stick of incense, lit it, then stuck it in front of a large tree.

He respectfully knelt down in front of the tree and spoke in a muttering voice: "Sir, I ran into a bit of obstruction from the Ominous Demon Tower"

A few moments later.

A voice responded from inside the tree:

[Ominous Demon Tower? Why did they get involved?]

You Tian Gui explained what happened.

The tree fell silent.

A few moments later, the voice spoke again:

[Dragon King of Atrocity Jail? What a loud personality. Do you think this person is the culprit?]

You Tian Gui pondered for a bit, then replied: “My judgment so far told me that all evidence points to him not being the culprit”

The voice asked: [How so?]

You Tian Gui replied: “He’s a rampant and hot-tempered individual, immediately picking a fight at the slightest provocation. At the same time, he’s relying on Lady Die as a backing to act completely fearless”

That voice asked again: [Then, you believe that there is no further need to investigate him?]

You Tian Gui paused slightly, then clenched his teeth: “This subordinate believes that it would be great if he isn’t the culprit; but if he truly was the culprit, he would be a fearful enemy”

[How so?]

“Because such a seemingly simple individual would have been capable of eliminating our entire envoy group in a few seconds, perfectly avoid all suspicions, then not even give me a chance to test him. Such an individual would surely be a great threat to our Wraith realm”

The tree stayed silent for a few moments before the voice spoke up again: [Your hypothesis is very interesting...]

[For now, you do not need to care about this Hitman, perhaps it really isn’t him, follow the other leads first]

“Understood” You Tian Gui replied.

He didn’t continue to ask, instead stood up and slowly retreated until he disappeared.

The forest returned to silence.

A few moments later, the voice asked again:

[Which one is the hidden pawn we put into the Hitman Guild?]

Another voice replied from the void of space: “Sir, the pawn in the Hitman Guild is dead”

[What happened?]

“There is always a risk in assassination jobs. He happened to be countered by his target during a job, so he is now dead”

The voice in the tree became stern: [Tsk, did we not send anyone else? I recall telling you that we must arrange our men in each of Void City’s organizations]

“Sir, Poison Bee had only just died a few days ago, we were still in the process of preparing a replacement and their necessary tools, so we haven’t made it in time”

Since that made sense, the Wraith Lord didn’t really have much to say.

[Tsk, dying not too late or too early, just in time for us to need him that he died—— what about the Bounty Hunter Guild? Do we still have someone there?] he asked.

A moment of silence.

The voice from before answered: “Yes sir, this one is one of our core pieces. His personal strength is considerable, he had also reached the rank of Titled Hunter”

The Wraith Lord sounded pleased: [Hm, very well. Let him test that ‘Dragon King of Atrocity Jail’, if there truly is a problem, kill that individual immediately—— I’ll grant him permission to immediately strip off his identity and return to the Wraith realm]

“Understood”

Chapter 1310

Translator: La0o9

Gu Qing Shan returned to the Hitman Guild.

Every staff member was looking at him in awe.

Information always traveled fast in Void City.

When other people wanted to use the Hitman Guild as a stepping stone, he managed to put his sword against the other party’s neck, ensuring that they couldn’t move.

Being able to do this much was already a considerable feat.

Not to mention how those people were completely wiped out later on.

Furthermore, this Hitman had a good connection with the Ominous Demon Tower.

He was strong and had connections, so he was well-liked.

How could one not look at him in awe?

Gu Qing Shan scanned through the main lobby but didn’t see Qin anywhere.

Most likely, her shift was over so she had returned to rest.

Gu Qing Shan returned to the dorms and entered his personal accommodation.

A beautiful ocean.

Warm sunlight.

Blue sky.

Small island.

This was his own personal resting area.

Gu Qing Shan went through the door, stepped on the fine grains of sand on the beach, and closed the door behind himself.

He casually strolled along the beach.

The gentle sea breeze managed to somewhat ease his mind.

Gu Qing Shan reorganized everything that had happened so far and began to re-examine himself.

Having reached Sumeru Lord realm, not even the War God UI could help him too much with breaking through to the next cultivation realm.

Star River Saint was a completely different realm compared to all others before it, highly unique in the sense that it required an accumulative process.

This process was unusual and couldn't be completed all at once.

After some estimation, Gu Qing Shan found that if he wanted to break through, he would have to wait at least until his Dantian's capability of compressing spirit energy reached a higher degree.

This required a plain and simple slow grind, temporarily unachievable.

So he threw this issue to the back of his mind and took out an ID card.

This was an Unsolvable rank ID card, which he could use to study a lot of information.

Lightly pressing a part of the card, a screen was displayed in front of Gu Qing Shan.

After testing it out a bit, Gu Qing Shan understood what he needed to do.

He didn't bother with top-secret information that required accumulated points to access, and instead was looking up common knowledge.

—-for example, what is an ominous demon?

The screen displayed the corresponding information:

[There are no concrete answers even now. It is unknown why certain mundane individuals among various species would undergo this form of demonizing; but research has found that during this process, there is a chance to draw the attention from the Laws of Reality, thus advancing a regular demonized individual to a super-evolved demonized individual. These are ominous demons]

—-Who holds the authority of Void City in their hands?

The screen explained: [When Void City was formed, countless Combatants of the void all wanted to become the lord of this city. After 100 years of sparring and competition, the strongest individual was found, everyone trusts in his strength, thus earning him the right to rule this city]

[The City Lord's name cannot be spoken or even thought of, lest it would disturb him]

[Aside from the City Lord himself, the head of each organization in Void City has their own seat in the city's council of power]

[Every organization falls under the City Lord's authority, jointly deciding the future and heading of Void City]

—What is an ‘extremely large-scaled interworld mission’?

[Whenever an Apocalypse that’s especially destructive manifests and several crucial worlds send out distress calls, the organizations of Void City would band together to issue an extremely large-scaled interworld mission, pooling their power to fight against the Apocalypse and save each world]

[For example, trade-focused organizations would provide supplies and resources, becoming the solid foundation for the war of each world. Combative organizations would issue large-scale joint combat missions]

[If the distressed worlds are successfully rescued, all rescued worlds would provide generous feedback to reward Void City’s efforts]

[Please note the following: Large-scaled interworld missions usually last a very long time. Ranging anywhere from just a bit over 10 days to several months at a time, only ending when the allied forces successfully push back the Apocalypse or thoroughly fail]

Gu Qing Shan understood what this meant.

Void City was a gathering of countless void monsters and species of the void.

It naturally had the ability to aid the worlds undergoing apocalyptic invasions, as well as the responsibility to do so.

Because the more worlds were destroyed, the total amount of world origin of the space vortex would reduce, and Laws of Reality would weaken.

During this process, Apocalypses would also grow stronger.

No one was willing to see that happen.

This was also the reason why Gu Qing Shan had to sign a contract to not arbitrarily destroy any worlds as soon as he reached the Unsolvable rank.

“Hah, Apocalypses...”

Gu Qing Shan muttered with a complicated expression.

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He then opened the list of available Hitman jobs, quickly finding several 'large-scaled interworld missions'.

However, he couldn't accept them.

Suddenly, his ID card suddenly started ringing as someone had requested a conversation.

When Gu Qing Shan took a look, it was Crow.

[You up to anything right now?] Crow asked.

"Nothing much, just resting at my quarters" Gu Qing Shan replied.

[Want to get a drink? And some breakfast while we're at it?] Crow suggested.

Gu Qing Shan rolled his eyes: "We just drank last night and you want to drink again already? Speaking of which, I have something to ask you"

[Go ahead]

"Why can't I accept any large-scaled interworld missions?"

[Ah, those huh. Large-scale missions to oppose the Apocalypse are usually very strict, you have to pass an evaluation, confirming both your strength and qualifications to accept them]

"How do I get evaluated?"

[Take a look at the list of jobs. Each large-scale mission should have an accompanying evaluation venue; you need to participate in the evaluation and pass it, then you can accept the mission]

[Also, since you're only at Unsolvable rank right now, it might be a bit tough to get accepted for these missions]

Hearing the other party, Gu Qing Shan turned to the list of large-scale missions and found each of them had a different address listed.

There was a venue at the Starcloud Trade Guild, one at the Saint Splendor Church, as well as one at the Ominous Demon Tower.

— the Ominous Demon Tower!

Even if Unsolvable rank is a bit low, the people of Ominous Demon Tower would surely let me pass.

As Gu Qing Shan wanted to pick this mission, he saw that it suddenly became greyed-out, no longer accepting any participants.

"Crow, why did one of the large-scale interworld missions suddenly turn grey?" Gu Qing Shan asked in confusion.

After a moment of silence, Crow explained: [During the process of these large-scale missions, it should always be accepting participants in order to ensure ample manpower against the Apocalypse. There is only a single situation where it would turn grey]

Gu Qing Shan kind of realized what he was hinting at, hesitantly asking: "You mean..."

Crow: [Indeed, the mission had completely failed, the Apocalypse had destroyed every world and their living beings, sometimes even the participating Combatants— since there is no hope of victory, it would naturally not accept any further participation]

"What would happen in that situation?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

[It would be the turn of the bigshots of each organization and the strongest void monsters to act. It would be great if they were able to suppress it, but if even they can't do anything, a new void map would need to be created and issued, followed by an announcement to every world to avoid the zones destroyed by that Apocalypse]

For a few moments, both of them stayed silent.

“Crow, I think I want to try accepting a large-scale interworld mission” Gu Qing Shan said.

Some noise sounded from Crow's side, seemingly he was also operating his job list.

After a bit, he spoke up again: [I suggest you accept the second mission on the 7th page. This one had only just been issued 2 days ago, so it shouldn't enter a state of intense final combat just yet]

[Furthermore, the evaluation venue is right at our Guild. The evaluating personnel would have to respect us more and less, so your evaluation should be quite simple]

Gu Qing Shan turned his gaze and found the mission just as Crow had described.

“Alright, I'll be getting myself evaluated, see you later” Gu Qing Shan said.

[See you] Crow replied.

They hung up.

Gu Qing Shan silently thought for a few moments.

—this type of mission could take anywhere from 10 days to a few months.

But Xiao Die is asking me to become a Titled Hitman within one month.

Seems like I don't have any time to waste.

He swiftly left his room and returned to the Hitman Guild main lobby.

“Hi, I’d like to accept job #337” he told a receptionist staff member.

“Ah, the large-scaled interworld mission, you will need to undergo evaluation, please follow me”

The staff member led him to a certain hallway and pointed at the line of queuing Professionals: “I’ve already helped you with registration, once someone calls out your codename, please come inside, someone will conduct the evaluation”

“Ah, thank you” Gu Qing Shan replied.

He turned his gaze ahead.

The queue was so long that the end could be seen with the naked eyes, everyone here were members of various Void City organizations.

There was a small door at the very end of the queue, with several evaluating personnel waiting to test each person.

Gu Qing Shan waited for a while.

Every 20 minutes, one person would leave the room for the next person to enter.

—-with such a long line, when it is going to be my turn?

Gu Qing Shan returned to the main lobby, found the staff member from before, and whispered: “Is there any way to skip lining up?”

The staff member also whispered in return: “According to the rules, a Titled rank Combatant can directly enter. Aside from that, if you have a unique ability that you’re confident in being able to convince the judges, you can also go straight in— this rule was made for the sake of saving everyone time”

Gu Qing Shan pondered for a moment.

He switched his equipped Title on [War God Titles] to [Reality’s Most Amorous Man], then swiftly made his way back to the evaluation venue.