

Apocalypse 1491

Chapter 1491

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Gu Qing Shan tasted each bottle, silently pondered for a little bit, then personally made a glass of cocktail.

“You need to memorize the characteristic and smell of each kind of alcohol, then understand how to balance them in order to mix different kinds of alcohol”

He handed the cocktail to Scarlet.

Scarlet took a sip and looked at him in surprise.

“How was it? Doesn’t suit your taste?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“No, it’s just... I knew that you were a very skilled cook, but I didn’t expect you to also be able to mix such tasty alcohol” Scarlet replied.

Gu Qing Shan decided to no longer care about breaking a cracked bowl and explained: “Perhaps people from the domain of Death like us naturally require alcohol to stimulate and support us in order to exert our strength”

“I think so as well”

Scarlet agreed and finished her cocktail all at once.

She stood up and chanted an incantation, summoning star after star towards her body that manifested into black flames.

These clusters of black flames slowly converged into a solid form, manifesting as black glowing components.

Scarlet muttered: “Mortals embrace death, but Gods use death as their armor—— go”

The components attached themselves onto Gu Qing Shan to form a perfect black full-body armor.

Black flames silently burnt on top of the armor, which exuded a stifling pressure.

Wearing this armor, Gu Qing Shan looked even more like the Death God of legends.

“This is your ability?” Gu Qing Shan asked in surprise.

“That’s right, I was studying with Shroud earlier, he taught me the method to construct objects using Star Force—— when I was choosing which one to practice with my power, I ultimately decided to continue exploring supportive abilities” Scarlet smiled.

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised.

Before coming into contact with the power of Death, Scarlet used to dream of being the supportive leader of a team.

And now, after being meticulously tutored by Boss, she has once again returned to this path.

Gu Qing Shan stood up and lightly moved his body around to get accustomed to the armor.

Lines of glowing text quickly appeared on the War God UI:

[Technique Armor: Flames of Death (full-body)]

[An armor manifested by using the Star Force creation method to guide the Law of Death, an armor created for a God]

[This armor houses the following unique abilities:]

[Divine Dignity: Attacks of mortals cannot pierce through this armor unless they're at least 5 times stronger than the God]

[Deathfire: The Technique Armor will take all damage for the user. Before this armor is completely destroyed, the user will not get hurt]

Gu Qing Shan read the War God UI's descriptions and felt a bit moved.

For a suit of armor created by a technique, its capabilities had already surpassed Gu Qing Shan's imagination.

—Boss had clearly taught Scarlet everything he knew.

"How does it feel?" Scarlet asked.

"It feels great, this armor is very powerful" Gu Qing Shan praised.

While she was praised, Scarlet still appeared concerned: "In truth, I'm still not strong enough yet, so this armor isn't actually that strong— you have to be careful, this armor wouldn't be able to take too many attacks for you"

"Being able to block just one attack can already be the difference between night and day on a battlefield" Gu Qing Shan sincerely told her.

He gently patted the black flames armor, feeling considerably delighted with it.

Up until this point, I haven't had any luck with armor.

The armor I received from the cultivation world had already been destroyed a long time ago.

I've also worn the Bramble Bird Kingdom's armor, but that belongs to them, so I returned it.

After that, during the Age of Old, I obtained the armor created by the [Demon King Order], but because of the tricks prepared by the [Demon King Order], I had to give up on it.

The Wing of the Condemnation Angel armor was a true divine armor through and through, having originated from the Condemnation Codex— but before I even wore it a single time, I used it to save Little Dusk.

How could a sword cultivator not have a suit of armor?

—-finally, I have armor to use.

“Do you like it?” Scarlet asked as she observed his reaction.

“I do, I like armor a lot because with it I would be able to disregard a lot of situations in combat” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Scarlet pondered his words.

“Thank you, Scarlet—- right, have you created a Star Force animal?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Scarlet regained her senses and answered: “It’s still very hard, so I spent the effort to learn the Star Force armor technique first. After this, I still have a lot more to learn from Shroud, before I can create a powerful Star Force animal— no, I need to go and study it now”

After saying that, she hurriedly left.

Right after Scarlet left, someone knocked on the door.

“Come in” Gu Qing Shan said.

An elf nervously opened the door and bowed: “God above, your companion had sent me to ask whether or not your cultivation is finished”

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and understood.

So Boss is still a bit traumatized by the Dance...

“Go and tell him that it is finished” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Understood!”

Feeling like he had been pardoned, the elf hurriedly left.

A few moments later, a face poked out from behind the door.

Shroud was hiding behind the door while glancing inside.

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It wasn't until he had confirmed that there was no music or dancing atmosphere that he finally entered.

Gu Qing Shan advised: “Hah, I need to explain. That Dance is actually very beneficial, it would even sometimes provide unexpected harvest, so there's really no need for you to feel so repulsed by it”

Boss completely skipped over this topic and said: “If what we assumed earlier was true, then it's time we make some preparations”

“Such as?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Do you know what kind of place this island was?” Boss asked.

“The Isle of the Protection Deity, as well as where her divine palace was situated” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Boss explained: “Protection Deity was the entity with the strongest defense, her divine palace was actually quite close to the center of the Pantheon ruins”

“And so?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Boss sighed and continued: "In the past, I had attempted to explore the Pantheon ruins, but the furthest I ever reached was only this place and not any deeper, do you know why?"

Gu Qing Shan pondered and replied: "This place was the Protection Deity's divine palace, which resides on top of an underwater reservoir——"

He abruptly realized and glanced questioningly at Boss.

Boss nodded: "Yes, this place wasn't actually an underwater reservoir, to be exact—— half of the Pantheon ruins were above water, while the other half was underwater"

"How did that happen?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"I'm unsure" Boss replied: "The majority of the information I know came from the half that was above water. I'm not even sure about what kind of secrets might be hidden in the underwater ruins"

"Why didn't you continue to explore downwards?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Because at that time, I had already established a new era, having to face the invasion of the Apocalypses every day. At that point, there was no need to clearly understand the past, after all, they were already so distant from our era that there was no practical meaning in doing so" Boss replied.

——*that's true.*

During the Age of Immemorial, the Age of Myriad Deities had already ended for a long while, even if there was another era before the Age of Myriad Deities, it was already so distant that it wouldn't have affected Boss' era at all.

At the time, Boss even had to focus his efforts on fighting the Apocalypses.

"Underwater... huh..."

Gu Qing Shan muttered.

“Indeed, I’ve learnt everything that was to learn about the surface, I’ve also explored the entirety of the Pantheon ruins’ upper half, confirming that there wasn’t any information regarding that era. Right now, our only choice is to attempt and explore further underwater and see if there’s anything else to learn” Boss confirmed.

The two of them exchanged glances and saw the seriousness in their expressions.

If that monster had been hiding inside the Pantheon, it would have most likely been hiding in the underwater ruins.

In the worst-case scenario, even if their conjecture was incorrect, the two of them might still be able to dig up some information regarding that era in the underwater ruins.

—-at this pivotal point in time, any little bit of information could prove to be critical.

“Little Dusk had been managing this place for a while, I wonder if she had tried going underwater” Gu Qing Shan wondered.

Boss said: “I’ve already asked her. She said that there was another divine palace not too far away underwater as well as many other ancient structures, but she was able to sense some danger from them and opted against exploring too deeply”

“Alright, let us take a look”

Gu Qing Shan made up his mind and said.

The two of them left the secret room and followed the path straight towards the Isle of Protection’s riverbank.

Gu Qing Shan tried to gaze into the water.

The underground water flow was quite intense, the murky water made it impossible to see the bottom, giving off a feeling of being profound and indiscernible.

The Pantheon was buried underground.

Then, could the ruins of the era preceding their era have been buried even deeper underground?

While Gu Qing Shan was deep in thought, Boss suddenly sent his voice: "If an entity is truly monitoring us, what would it do if we tried to explore the underwater ruins?"

Gu Qing Shan replied: "That's something we'll have to go underwater to find out"

He dived into the water.

The river was frigidly cold, carrying with it a freezing chill.

Splash!

Boss also dived down.

As the two of them were about to dive deeper, the entire Isle began to tremble.

"What's going on?" Boss asked with a low voice.

Gu Qing Shan had already released his inner sight to observe the entire Isle.

"Trouble" he quickly answered.

A lot of debris was gradually flowing down the river, which even included tattered corpses, broken bits of structure, as well as numerous damaged items of unknown functions.

The broken items of the samsara were flowing towards the Isle of Protection following the river.

“This debris is very troublesome, many of them are practically imbued with apocalyptic presence, there’s no telling what would occur if they were to spread” Boss frowned and said.

“We need to act right now” Gu Qing Shan said.

The two of them jumped out of the water, hovering in mid-air while waiting for the debris to slowly come closer.

Gu Qing Shan’s heart was sinking.

He glanced at Boss and saw that Boss also had a solemn expression.

—-something like this happened as soon as they prepared to explore underwater.

That monster who’s monitoring everything doesn’t seem to want us to explore the underwater secret.

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Oooooo—-—

A continuous siren.

Groups of Giant soldiers were hurriedly gathering towards the river bank.

The elves were also riding their jungle beasts towards the Isle of Protection’s river banks.

The entire Isle of Protection itself seemed to have awoken.

Little Dusk brought Reneedol with her as they flew, landing next to Boss and Gu Qing Shan.

“Why is there so much Apocalypse trash?” Little Dusk scowled.

In the river, all sorts of damaged junk were quickly drifting towards the Isle of Protection.

Gu Qing Shan wore his gloves and casually threw a punch towards a random target.

Bang—

A few hundred meters away, a piece of driftwood was sent flying towards the debris, falling in the middle of it.

The piece of driftwood suddenly broke.

A faint mass of crimson mist slowly rose above the water, drifting just above the debris.

The mist didn't scatter at all and remained on top of the water.

Any object that drifted through the mist became riddled with holes, as if they were being pierced through by countless needles.

“As expected, this is an Apocalypse... 's residue” Boss commented.

Gu Qing Shan took out a bow, nocked an arrow and let go.

Shu—

The arrow flew and struck a trunk that just happened to drift outside the range of the mist.

The trunk exploded and released a mass of glowing insects.

These insects had humanoid faces that only remained in the air for a little bit before they disappeared.

The others didn't react at all, but Boss' expression changed as a layer of cold sweat appeared on him.

"What's the matter with you?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"This is a type of Apocalypse called [Mutation], they caused considerable damage during my era— fortunately, that was only a little bit of its residue so the mutated insects all lost their lives. Otherwise, there would be no telling how many people would be able to survive on this Isle" Boss wiped the cold sweat from his forehead and silently sent his voice.

A few of the elven leaders had knelt in front of Gu Qing Shan.

"Our God, you are our most venerable Master, please grant us your divine revelation"

The elven Grand Elder devoutly said.

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit strange looking at these elves in front of him.

—-this species is truly interesting. Even though they had released all of their slaves and become my slaves, they still act completely high-and-mighty in front of the other races.

Despite how I treated them before, the only thing they displayed after knowing that I was the Death God was indisputable faith.

It was as if they would never move West if I ordered them to head East.

—-this is a species that worships the strong and adores status to an extreme degree.

Gu Qing Shan pondered: "I have no use for you right now. It's currently very dangerous, we need to confirm the situation ourselves"

The elven Grand Elder bowed deeply: “God above, we will be able to aid you with menial matters like investigating”

He waved his hand.

An elf flew forward, and landed on top of the water, then used a kind of extremely nimble and rhythmic footwork to avoid a lot of the Samsara debris affected by the presence of the Apocalypse. He moved by himself deeper into the mass before disappearing upstream.

A few moments later.

That elf quickly returned.

The elven Grand Elder boastfully said: “God above, this is our best scout, no trap could ever hurt him”

Gu Qing Shan facepalmed.

There’s such a thing as being too considerate!

He sternly said: “If I don’t order you to do something, do not attempt to participate. Remember this well, this is for your own good”

“Do not let that elf reach the river bank!” Boss suddenly called out.

Renedol immediately pushed her hand down from afar.

The elven scout was lifted into the air a few hundred meters away from the Isle, unable to move.

Gu Qing Shan followed up Boss' words and asked the group: "Who has a clone or something similar? It would be best if it's a clone that can also perform an examination"

Little Dusk said: "I have combat Marionettes"

She drew Card after Card from the void of space, quickly gathering over ten Cards in her hand, then threw one of them forward after taking a look at it.

Poof!

A handsome male teenager appeared and started flying towards the elven scout.

"Little Dusk will be responsible for examining, but if a problem occurs, someone needs to support her"
Gu Qing Shan said.

"I'll be responsible for that" Boss opened the Book of Prophesized Destinies and took out a shining gem.

Gu Qing Shan clenched his fist and formed a stance, gathering black flames around his hands.

"When things become irreconcilable, I'll be responsible for destroying the target"

Renedol, Little Dusk, and Boss all nodded.

Everyone had been delegated a role.

The elven Grand Elder appeared puzzled when he saw that.

He really couldn't understand why these most powerful existences were still so cautious despite his subordinate being completely unharmed.

As the teenager approached the elven scout, Little Dusk quickly threw Card after Card into the void of space.

The Cards disappeared without a trace.

At the same time, the teenager suddenly gained a breastplate, a helmet, visor, wrist guard, and various other defensive items.

Little Dusk put the other Cards in her hand back into the void of space and began drawing more from it.

She drew another 12 Cards before tossing two of them forward.

“Finally drew this Card— Grand Net of Mysticism, deploy!”

She shouted.

A giant illusion of a Card appeared behind the teenager.

The Card depicted a transparent complicated net that exuded a multi-colored radiance.

The teenager approached and held onto the elven scout tightly.

The multi-colored net then manifested to envelop both of them.

Little Dusk then threw out another Card.

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This Card depicted several stone statues.

One of the statues turned to Little Dusk and said: 「 No good, he's carrying a berserk and fatal power 」

Another statue spoke: 「 That force requires the world to remain silent, any sound will trigger absolute destruction 」

A third statue continued: 「 That power will spread and infect within a radius of 100 meters, no entity can be immune to it—— you cannot let him approach! 」

At this point, the elven scout was panicking and said: “Why did——”

As soon as he uttered those words, his entire body turned into a mass of black pulp.

Not even Little Dusk's combat marionette was able to escape, it was also turned into black pulp.

The two masses of black pulp fell into the river and were stretched by the river flow into an extremely long shadow before eventually disappearing.

The Isle was completely silent.

Boss closed the Book of Prophesized Destinies and sighed: “This is the Silent Apocalypse—— it is a true Unlivable Apocalypse, even if that was only a bit of residue, I still wouldn't have been able to save that elf”

Little Dusk also shook her head regretfully.

Several Giants knelt in front of Little Dusk and spoke in a low voice: 「 Guardian, please allow us to participate in the battle 」

“You?”

「 Indeed, we Giants do not fear these things, allow us to sacrifice our lives to destroy them 」

“I forbid it!”

Little Dusk sternly replied.

Her hands swiftly put the Cards in her hand away and drew another full hand of Cards, telling them: “While I’m still here, how would it be your turn to sacrifice yourselves!”

“Dusk is right” Boss looked at the various species gathered here, telling him: “This isn’t something all of you will be able to fight against—— everyone retreat, leave the situation here to us”

The various species focused on them.

Gu Qing Shan, Boss, Renedol, and Dusk.

They were indeed the strongest.

“Retreat!” Gu Qing Shan shouted loudly.

Everyone was startled and hurriedly retreated.

“I’ll go first”

After saying so, Renedol continuously tapped the void of space with her hands in the direction of the flowing river.

The various items that were infected with apocalyptic presence flew out of the water and hovered in place.

Boss took out Abaddon the spear from the Book of Prophesized Destinies and said: "I won't be able to destroy them all alone"

He then began to thrust the spear.

Invisible gusts of wind were unleashed from the spear to crush the items from a distance.

Little Dusk threw out a Card that manifested as an invisible wall in front of the Isle.

She continued to draw more Cards to reinforce the invisible wall.

"I'll take care of defense, Rhode, please help him attack" Little Dusk said.

Gu Qing Shan shrugged and was about to take out another bow, but stopped himself.

The Dreamscape Soul Artifact, [Bow of Fallen Souls]

This bow can definitely resolve this situation, but there's a fellow hidden in the shadows silently observing everything.

A trump card shouldn't be taken out so quickly.

With that in mind, he put the regular bow in his hand away and instead put the flaming red gloves back on.

Taking a deep breath, Gu Qing Shan shifted into a stance and began to throw punches from a distance.

With each strike, a piece of Samsara debris was destroyed.

The presence that was stuck on those items quickly dissipated into the void of space.

Boss and Gu Qing Shan continued to attack the Samsara items that were flowing downstream, it wasn't until half an hour later that they finally got rid of everything on top of the water.

The two of them laid on the ground, completely exhausted.

"You've worked hard, the problem has finally been resolved" Little Dusk delightedly said.

The living beings of various species around them also cheered.

Reneedol furrowed her eyebrows and said: "I can sense many of the Apocalypse items sinking into the water. They had probably filled the bottom of the river, it's best that you don't enter the water from now on to prevent any possible issues"

Everyone nodded without hesitation.

Who would try to enter the water after seeing that? It would be nothing but a death wish!

Little Dusk was even more careful and ordered: "From now on, everyone is forbidden from entering the water! I will also need elven and giant soldiers to be stationed around the perimeter of the water and prevent this from ever occurring"

"Understood!"

The elves and giants both responded.

Gu Qing Shan and Boss exchanged glances.

"There must be something underwater" Boss sent his voice.

"That's why they didn't want us to try and investigate" Gu Qing Shan replied.

“But now that they put so many items infected by apocalyptic presence into the water, we can’t dive down at all” Boss worriedly said.

Gu Qing Shan didn’t answer him.

If he only wanted to avoid detection, he would simply need to use [Orange Sovereign Transformation] and [Ghostly Shadow of Night] when it was nighttime.

But now that so many Samsara items had sunk into the river, all of them containing apocalyptic presence that couldn’t be gotten rid of, anyone who tried to go down would only die.

What now?

Gu Qing Shan continued to lie on the ground and rest.

At some point, he silently chanted in his mind.

“—I want to find a path that can avoid both the underwater currents and the Apocalypse junk, a path that is undetected by anyone, and would lead further underground”

One breath’s worth of time.

No response.

A few moments later, a black spot appeared and circled around Gu Qing Shan’s wrist several times before disappearing.

Gu Qing Shan was a bit disappointed.

It seems that there isn't a path like I described that can connect the above and underwater regions.

[Longing] is primarily used to display the connections between living beings or between a living being and all things. If I could understand this ability better, it would even be stronger.

—-but now, it had displayed beyond any doubts that no such path existed.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly before removing some of the conditions and chanted again:

“I want to find a path that can avoid the Apocalypse junk and lead further underground”

A second later, a black thread appeared out of thin air, one end wrapped around his hand, the other end reaching far into the void of space.

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Once Laura became serious, no one in the universe would be able to prevent her from doing a certain thing.

Which was using money.

—-the world of the Spire.

The entire world was being changed.

An unprecedentedly grand magic ritual had been prepared.

This ritual was performed using the highest quality of precious magic materials that were lined up from one side of the world to the other.

Just a bit of material that was as small as a nail, from any of the components here could easily be used to buy 3-5 worlds.

But now they were being piled up like a mountain, arranged by the wizards of the Spire for the sake of a single ritual.

“Chairman, the ritual has been prepared” a wizard reported.

The Spire Keeper Association’s chairman nodded and turned to Laura.

“Can we really provide her power like this?” Laura asked.

The Spire Keeper Association’s chairman sighed: “Empress, you’ve created a magic ritual with an unprecedented energy transfer capacity, the only thing we need to do now is to imbue it with enough Soul Points in order to awaken her”

“Are you sure?” Laura was still a bit nervous.

Another white-haired old man replied: “We’re very sure. After all of our scholars’ research, we’ve confirmed that there are only two shortcuts to helping her regain her powers. The first was to collect 10 Inner Plane Cards in order to instantly help her regain her power, the second was to wait for her to accumulate power on her own, which would be an extremely long process that doesn’t carry any dangers”

“Now that we’re trapped inside the Temporal Oasis, we wouldn’t be able to find 10 Inner Plane Cards”

“So the only choice remaining would be to help her accumulate the power she needs— unfortunately, the Card’s power has been drained quite considerably, making it extremely hard to replenish her powers, it will probably need an astronomical amount of Soul Points...”

Having received the answer she wanted, Laura nodded.

“Very well, Ilya, you can begin” she said.

The Bramble Bird General Ilya immediately ordered:

“Everyone, the Empress had ordered the release of the Kingdom’s treasure vault worlds marked #4773 to #8999”

“Pay attention to the Empress’ order and prepare to unload the storage!”

Hearing these words, the Combatants at the scene couldn’t help but look at the very center of the ritual.

There was a pedestal there with a single Card on top of it.

—-Angel of Condemnation, Dusk.

As depicted on the Card, Dusk was still asleep.

When she fell into the Demon Dragon’s hands, to prevent this Card from providing power for Gu Qing Shan to travel through time, Demon Dragon drained all of the Card’s power.

Afterwards, Su Xue Er took this Card from the Holy Church of Fate, then transferred it to Gu Qing Shan through Ning Yue Chan.

Sure enough, Gu Qing Shan couldn’t use the Angel of Condemnation’s power to activate the three coins and return to the moment in time when the Spire was destroyed and save Lady Darksea.

Left with no other choice, Gu Qing Shan could only advance his status to become the Cherub of Condemnation, which was barely enough to activate the three coins.

After defeating the Soul Shrieker, he entered a Spirit Wanderer state that allowed him to foresee the predetermined future of destruction, thus deciding to use the three original coins to return to the past.

Before the Demon Dragon’s death, he had entrusted the three original coins to Gu Qing Shan.

—-the true [Key to the Past].

Because of that, Gu Qing Shan didn't need to borrow the power of the Great Bramble Tree, the Angel of Condemnation, or the Demon King of [Order] in order to return to the moment when the Wraith realm first declared war against the Eternal Abyss.

Gu Qing Shan had always been a cautious person.

Before he left, in order to prevent any possible dangers, he had entrusted the Angel of Condemnation, Dusk, to Anna.

And so, Little Dusk had always remained completely safe on the Temporal Oasis.

After that.

Strange things began to occur on the Temporal Oasis, the flow of history started to become unclear, the Fate of all living beings also began to veer off course.

Boss swiftly decided to leave the Temporal Oasis in order to return to the Age of Immemorial and fight alongside Gu Qing Shan.

The other residents of the Temporal Oasis also began to come up with solutions.

However, with both Gu Qing Shan and Boss now in the Age of Immemorial, how would they be able to help?

Most likely, this was a feat only an omnipotent God would be able to achieve.

Everyone was stumped.

Suddenly, Laura remembered this Card.

No one wanted to know what Laura was trying to achieve.

But she begged Anna to take out the Angel of Condemnation, Dusk, then spared no expenses to try and awaken the girl on the Card!

“Empress, there are a total of 4265 treasure vault worlds that we have used to store Soul Points crystals, all of which are now ready” Ilya reported.

Laura nodded and made her order:

“Pour them in!”

Following her order, thousands of Bramble Bird Royal Guards that had been stationed at various points of the ritual each created an opening to a treasure vault world.

Beautiful crystals glowing with every color of the rainbow poured out from the sky into the ritual.

As soon as the crystals came into contact with the ritual, they were instantly converted into pure Soul Points and transferred to the center of the ritual, then absorbed by the Angel of Condemnation Card.

It almost seemed like there were an unlimited amount of these crystals, filling the entire Temporal Oasis with their glow.

From morning to night, then back to morning again, the glow of the crystals colorfully illuminated everything around them.

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“Laura, how’s the situation?” Anna asked.

Laura kept a close eye on the center of the ritual, not turning around as she answered: “It’s still early, I’ve only drained a bit more than 900 treasure vault worlds since I can’t pour them in too quickly”

“Why not?” Anna asked.

“Because we need to wait for one wave of crystals to be absorbed before we can pour in the next wave, otherwise, this world wouldn’t be able to handle the weight and collapse”

Anna silently counted.

—a bit more than 900 worlds have been emptied.

In other words, there were still over 3000 worlds full of these Soul Points crystals.

She went back and looked at everyone.

The glow of the crystals pouring down from the sky made Zhang Ying Hao look red, Ye Fei Li look green, Barry purple, Ye Ru Xi blue, and Kitty orange.

“How is it?” Zhang Ying Hao asked.

The red glow around his body disappeared and became green.

Everyone’s colors had just been changed again.

Anna stayed silent for a short moment before clicking her tongue: “It’ll probably take a few more days”

Everyone was speechless.

“Seems like she’s serious” Zhang Ying Hao commented.

“Yeah— and I’ve actually just finished calculating something” Barry sighed.

“Calculating what?” Ye Fei Li asked.

Everyone looked at Barry.

“As you know... I’ve fought Soul Shrieker” Barry said.

Everyone nodded.

Barry pondered for a bit and explained: “The Bramble Bird Kingdom’s treasure vaults were actually enough to fill a few dozen worlds, so if Laura had been able to open all of them at once...”

“She would have literally been able to crush Soul Shrieker to death”

“Seriously?” everyone gasped in disbelief.

Barry lit a cigarette, took a drag, then nodded with a complicated expression: “Trust me, I wouldn’t make a mistake on that”

While they were talking, the ritual began to change in an insignificant manner.

As the Soul Points continued to replenish it, the Card at the center of the ritual began to hover.

On the Card, Little Dusk’s closed eyes began to twitch.

...

The Age of Immemorial.

Little Dusk was accompanying the elves and giants to set up a surveillance line around the river bank.

Renedol had gone somewhere again.

Gu Qing Shan and Boss continued to lie on the ground, slowly regaining their stamina.

He glanced at the extended black thread on his hand without saying anything.

—the two of them were still being monitored.

The path that [Longing] had found was ‘a path that could avoid the apocalyptic junk that would lead further underground’.

That path would still be monitored.

But Gu Qing Shan had a solution for this after night fell.

[Ghostly Shadow of Night] was a Thaumaturgy that only he could use.

In other words, he would have to move alone after this.

“Shroud, you should focus on cultivating to quickly grow stronger” Gu Qing Shan said.

Boss understood as he heard that.

Indeed, with the teenage Shroud’s level of strength, there were actually a lot of things that they wouldn’t be able to interfere with, having no choice but to be led around at the nose by that entity.

—for example, the apocalyptic junk that suddenly appeared earlier.

But there needs to be a justifiable reason for abruptly growing stronger.

The one that made the most sense would be cultivation.

Boss also had to cultivate a little bit to quickly regain his strength.

“Then I’ll go cultivate now” Boss said.

“I’ll come with you” Gu Qing Shan said.

The two of them stood up and moved towards the center of the Isle.

“Have you found a way to go underwater?” Boss silently sent his voice.

“The time isn’t ripe” Gu Qing Shan replied.

He was silently calculating the time.

It was currently afternoon.

After a few hours, it would be night.

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Gu Qing Shan accompanied Boss during his cultivation for a bit.

The two of them used their respective Law powers and sparred for half an hour.

“I think I’ve gotten more accustomed to controlling the power of Death”

Gu Qing Shan spat out some blood and said.

——he loved the black flame armor so much that he didn't even want to wear it during the sparring session and ended up getting hit once.

Boss wiped the sweat from his forehead and appeared reminiscent: "This type of training is truly nostalgic"

Seeing him blanking out, Gu Qing Shan silently sent his voice: "Alright, I think you can pretend like you're breaking through now"

Boss regained his senses and nervously sent his voice in return: "Wouldn't that appear too abrupt?"

"It won't, we've been fighting for so long, we have that as a setting" Gu Qing Shan sent his voice again.

Boss was still hesitating.

After a while, he shook his head and sent his voice: "This won't do, I still think breaking through so quickly would make it seem a bit deliberate"

"Then, should we spar again?" Gu Qing Shan helplessly asked.

"How about this, use a relatively dangerous attack on me, I'll achieve a breakthrough on the verge of life and death—— wouldn't that seem a lot more natural?" Boss asked.

"Ah, that's a good idea, but there's some danger involved" Gu Qing Shan commented.

"It'll be fine, we just need to control ourselves properly" Boss said.

"Then let's begin" Gu Qing Shan carefully said.

He silently held his breath and readjusted his state.

———*to make someone appear as if they broke through on the verge of life and death, I have to ensure that my attack is neither too late nor too early.*

Too early will only cause Boss to be heavily injured, too late will make it look fake.

It's a real test of skill.

Layers upon layers of black flames manifested from the void of space and descended behind Gu Qing Shan to form a mass of profound darkness.

——-Gu Qing Shan had gotten completely serious!

“I’m coming”

“Bring it!”

The two of them prepared to clash.

Right at this moment, Reneedol came in and saw the two of them.

“Are you training?” she asked.

Boss rescinded his presence, turned to her, and gently smiled: “That’s right, we’re trying to grow stronger as much as possible”

Reneedol nodded: “The current situation isn’t a very good one. Shroud, since you’re our leader, you can’t be lazy and need to become strong as fast as you can”

Boss paused briefly.

All of a sudden, a layer of blinding white light rose around his body.

“AAAAAAAH!”

He shouted: “I’m about to break through!”

“Huh, so quickly?” Renedol was startled.

“Of course, I am the Greatest— man below the stars, Renedol!” Boss pointed to his chest with his thumb.

His presence was visibly growing stronger.

He really is breaking through!

Renedol watched him in shock.

“Your... talents are truly exceptional...” she praised

“Hahaha, naturally”

Boss shifted into a stylish pose to begin gathering the power of Radiance.

In reality, this pose didn’t benefit gathering the power of Law.

But it was stylish.

Renedol smiled and said: “How about I spar with you for a little?”

“Alright” Boss replied.

Gu Qing Shan looked at Boss, then at Reneedol without changing his expression.

—during the breeding season, male peacocks would display their beautiful tail feathers to attract female peacocks towards them.

Gu Qing Shan silently nodded, then turned and left.

“Rhode, where are you going?”

Boss hurriedly asked.

“——I just want some time alone” Gu Qing Shan replied without turning around.

He silently sent his voice: “I want to head outside for a little bit, tell them not to look for me”

“Ah, ok” Boss replied.

Outside of the training room.

Gu Qing Shan released his inner sight to observe their surroundings while calculating time again.

——it should be about twilight right now; everyone currently had their hands busy dealing with various important matters.

The elves had lost their slaves, so they were now in the middle of a discussion.

The giants were attempting to plant some fruit trees on the Isle.

Scarlet was focused on studying Star Force.

Little Dusk was establishing a perimeter near the riverbanks for both prevention and defense.

The couple was sparring with one another in the training room.

Gu Qing Shan could clearly sense the feeling of being observed being eased considerably during this peaceful nighttime.

If that's the case...

He made a turn and headed towards the secret room of the Protection Deity.

—some things are better done sooner rather than later.

A few minutes later.

Gu Qing Shan closed the door to the secret room, arranged several alarm and defensive formations around the room, then took out something from his Inventory Bag.

A colorful rooster statue.

This secret room was relatively safe and was suitable for asking for information.

He pulled on the rooster's comb.

The rooster immediately came to life.

"Ah, it's you, youngster, what's the matter?"

The colorful rooster yawned and sleepily asked.

“How did the era preceding the Age of Myriad Deities fall to its end?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The colorful rooster instantly sobered up.

It glared at Gu Qing Shan: “This chicken had only just woken up and you’re already asking this deep question?”

Gu Qing Shan shrugged and helplessly replied: “There’s not a lot of time, I need to find the truth as soon as I can”

“Alright, I won’t make it difficult— the rules are as always”

The colorful rooster made a heart shape with its wings.

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Gu Qing Shan put his hand on the rooster and transferred a certain amount of Soul Points.

“Ah, how refreshing!”

The colorful rooster shivered a bit.

After receiving its Soul Points, the chicken was in high spirits.

“If you’re asking so sincerely, I shall gracefully bestow the answer” the colorful rooster said with a proud expression.

“Please go head” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Listen, youngster, I don’t know that either” the colorful rooster said with a solemn expression.

Gu Qing Shan: “...”

I already know Boss isn’t reliable, but you as well, chicken?

Gu Qing Shan took out a pot and a cleaver, muttering to himself: “It’s been a while since I last ate chicken...”

The colorful frightfully jumped back and hurriedly said: “No need for violence! I can tell you something else that’s very crucial as well!”

“What’s that?”

Gu Qing Shan held up the cleaver and gently asked.

The rooster explained: “The more powerful the technique, the greater the energy would be required to uphold them through the ravages of time. Inversely, things that are made from the simplest foundations can easily sustain through the ages with very little upkeep to maintain their clarity”

Gu Qing Shan pondered briefly before agreeing with this blanket statement.

“What are you trying to say?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“There are many places in the Pantheon that no one had been able to enter for many years, so the statues or murals inside them should be intact, I suggest you take a good look at these elegant decorative items” the rooster said.

“You mean——” Gu Qing Shan hesitantly said.

“Although the Deities might have exaggerated them a bit, everything that occurred had indeed been recorded on their statues and murals”

“The many shocking secrets from before the Age of Immemorial are waiting for you to witness with your own eyes”

After telling him that, the rooster nodded to Gu Qing Shan and turned back into a statue.

Gu Qing Shan stood still for a few seconds before putting the pot and cleaver away.

—-*the murals, huh?*

His gaze was focused on the wall.

The Protection Deity was fighting against an unknown entity in a bloody battle.

Perhaps I would be able to see the true identity of this entity in the underwater palaces?

Gu Qing Shan slowly stood up.

“Gongzi, should I turn into you and remain here?” Shannu asked.

“No, you’re coming with me” Gu Qing Shan cautiously said.

He turned into an orange cat, then used [Ghostly Shadow of Night] to borrow [Spotless Jade] from Adorable.

Everything had been prepared.

The orange cat put one paw forward and formed a hand seal.

The door to the secret room opened slightly.

The orange cat's figure flashed and disappeared through the gap.

The door closed again without making a sound.

Completely undetected.

The orange cat climbed on top of a tree and carefully examined himself.

— the faint sensation of being observed had disappeared completely.

A black thread was wrapped around his front left paw, guiding him towards a certain direction.

The orange cat narrowed his eyes and looked towards the nighttime riverbank.

A few moments later.

The orange cat began to run.

He quickly reached the riverbank, then followed the direction of the Thread of Fate and found a loose bit of dirt inside a random bush.

The orange cat lightly dug the dirt away to reveal a small hole the size of half a person.

Some of the water silently poured out, but quickly returned to normal.

The orange cat looked at this pothole that was already filled with water and silently pondered.

— — — I have no idea what this pothole was used for in the past, but right now, it would be able to avoid the water currents and apocalyptic junk to lead deeper underground.

It was a passage connecting this divine palace to another structure.

The orange cat silently dived into the water and continued downwards.

It was completely dark around him, not a single thing could be seen.

The orange cat used all four limbs to continuously swim downward while using his inner sight to observe everything inside this passage.

There was nothing in here.

Even after diving very deeply, he still couldn't see any living creatures or hear any sounds.

After diving for half an hour, the orange cat still hadn't reached the bottom.

He was also surprised about this.

What exactly was the Protection Deity planning when she made such a deep tunnel on her own island?

The orange cat contemplated briefly before making his decision.

He began to use [Shadow Shift] to rapidly travel along this waterlogged underground tunnel.

After diving down like this for another minute, something finally changed ahead of him.

The orange cat found himself exiting from a jet-black ceiling.

Other than this ceiling, there was nothing but the color of the dark blue water around him.

The orange cat turned his body around to look up at the black ceiling.

The ceiling itself was extremely big and wide with numerous holes drilled into it that looked exactly the same with no differences whatsoever.

Even now, the orange cat didn't understand what he was seeing.

He made a small mark at the opening he came in through with his claws before diving downwards again.

And then he saw——

Countless corpses lay on top of one another at the bottom of the water, forming a sea of corpses.

In the range of his vision, there was no end to the sea of corpses.

Every corpse appeared to be devoutly praying, even after death, their expression remained faithful.

All the corpses were clad in armor and wielding a weapon in their hands as if preparing to fight against something.

An enormous stone pillar reached out from below the sea of corpses that was connected to the black ceiling above.

An entity who wielded a long-handled scythe was depicted on the pillar. He was wearing a black mantle, hiding his face below his hood while commanding countless skeletons to fight against an unknown monster.

Unfortunately, the only thing that remained of this monster was a faint shape carved out of stone, its true form had already been destroyed.

—-completely indiscernible.

The orange cat paused briefly, still carrying a puzzled expression.

This place seemed to be the divine palace of the Death God.

But it was also very different from the other divine palaces that he had seen.

The orange cat began swimming towards the enormous stone pillar.

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The orange cat read the glowing text in the void of space and contemplated.

When both the black flames Scythe of Death and the Book of Prophesized Destinies were in my hands, the War God UI was able to sense some sort of opportunity.

It seems like I made the right conjecture.

A mass of white fog manifested around the orange cat and enveloped him.

The orange cat slowly retreated.

He vanished at the very next instant.

...

At another location.

The secret divine palace.

White fog filled the area.

The orange cat swiftly appeared.

[Fog Realm Descent] was a World Technique created by the many destroyed worlds of the past that now resided inside Gu Qing Shan's eye, which had always served him well.

The orange cat lightly waved his paws to take out both of the black flames Scythe of Death and Book of Prophesized Destinies.

These two artifacts silently hovered in mid-air.

The orange cat narrowed his eyes and observed his surroundings. The numerous miniature statues of the Myriad Deities didn't change at all, but the statues of the Lord of Radiance and Death God began to give off a faint metallic chime.

Click click click—

The two statues slowly turned their heads to look at the two artifacts.

Following their gestures, the ground began to tremble.

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[You've passed the Myriad Deities' check]

[Some sort of mechanism has been activated]

A few moments later.

The ground suddenly began to shake intensely.

The surrounding barriers that were holding the water back suddenly disappeared.

The water poured in to fill the entire divine palace.

The miniature statues were crushed by the water pressure one after another.

Everything was swiftly destroyed.

—-this whole divine palace is done for.

The orange cat continued to float in the water and patiently waited.

There's no way the Myriad Deities could've set up such secretive conditions just to destroy this place.

A few moments later.

The fountain that was now submerged in water began to give off a pure-white glow.

A voice swiftly followed:

“Envoys from the future, with the last of our divine power, you shall be shown the truth”

The glow expanded to fill the darkness of the water and displayed a beautiful world.

The voice from before continued:

“A long, long time ago, all the Laws converged together to create the first entity to possess infinite Origin power”

“Their name cannot be uttered, cannot be thought of, nor can it be written down, otherwise they would know about it”

“They continued to remain completely alone for countless years within the void, until one day when they sensed the threat that came from outside the Reality Gate”

“That threat was so terrifying that even they had no choice but to formulate a plan for the sake of survival”

“They began to use the power of their Laws to create individual creatures born for the sake of combat”

“—millions of Deities were thus born”

Within the world reflected by the water, sprites of beautiful light descended on the ground to manifest new lifeforms.

These lifeforms took numerous shapes, some were humanoid, some were beasts, elves, spirits, giants, elementals, etc. There were so many of them that it was dizzying to look at.

All of them knelt down on one knee, towards a certain direction with a devout expression.

These Deities were born from ‘them’, they were the Laws that ‘they’ had divided from themselves.

After that, the Deities began to occupy themselves by smelting metal, forging armor and weapons, researching magic as well as the essence of the Laws.

The land was prosperous.

The voice suddenly became solemn and low:

“While the Deities were born from ‘them’, they were individuals with their own will, so they gradually felt dissatisfied with their status as servants”

“However, ‘they’ were too powerful— during the Deities creation, ‘they’ had already prepared for such a situation”

The vision changed once again.

On top of a certain tall platform, one of the Deities was bloody all over, having been punctured through his chest by another Deity who looked exactly the same as them.

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The other Deity ripped off the first Deity's head and roared towards everything below the platform.

The voice became a bit gloomy and continued:

"When 'they' created the Deities, 'they' only used 40% of their Origin power to create the Deities, while the remaining 60% was used to create the Deities' shadows"

"These shadows were Law-manifested beings without any consciousness, which were completely under 'their' control"

"—no matter how powerful the Deities became, their shadows would always be more powerful, with their strength being in the ratio of 4:6"

"'They' can imbue 'their' consciousness into any of the shadows to kill a disobedient servant"

"Realizing that it was impossible to rebel against 'them', the Deities could only remain as servants"

"Up until that day—"

The world in the vision around him changed again.

Locust-like monsters descended from the sky, innumerable Apocalypses appeared all over the world, causing unprecedented destruction.

A furious roar resounded throughout the void.

The Deities came forward and began to fight against the Apocalypses"

The voice continued: "Although the Deities had been prepared as a countermeasure, 'they' still underestimated the power of the Apocalypse"

An intense crimson light struck the ground.

The entire world became dark.

And remained that way.

The voice resounded again: “They’ were defeated by the Apocalypse, having nothing but the last bit of power, ‘they’ could only fall into slumber”

The world lit up once again.

In this tattered world, life was wilting, everything had been destroyed.

The Deities stood sparsely on the ground, their expressions filled with confusion and pain.

Among the many millions of Deities in the past, barely 10,000 of them remained.

Two Deities laid on the ground at their deathbeds, enveloped by profound shadows.

A female Deity stood next to these two Deities, hurriedly chanting a mystical incantation.

All the other Deities stood behind this female Deity, praying.

“The Lord of Radiance and Death God were two notable figures among the surviving Deities”

“They had survived numerous Apocalypses and found the method to remove their shadows just before their deaths”

“However, ‘their’ remaining will did not allow this method to be passed down”

“By the power of the Time Deity, the Deities of Radiance and Death had tossed the method into a certain moment of the future”

“Once someone in the future had inherited their Laws, they would attain the chance to obtain the shadow removal method from within the Pantheon”

In the vision, the two Deities drew their last breaths.

The light of their Laws flew into the sky as stars and vanished without a trace.

Time was sped up.

The civilization of the Deities became increasingly prosperous, the remaining 10,000 Deities worked together to create a grand divine palace – the Pantheon and established themselves as the Myriad Deities¹.

Surrounded by the Deities, three female Deities accepted the scepter that represented absolute power.

“The three female Deities of Fate ruled over the fate of all Deities, they were the embodiments of the Law of Fate, thus worshipped by the Myriad Deities”

The voice continued:

“During the process of countless years, ‘their’ consciousness would occasionally resurface, constantly reminding the Myriad Deities about the past”

“The Deities of Fate blessed the Foresight Deity with their powers and had him foresee the future of the Deities”

“The Foresight Deity made two crucial prophecies”

“Firstly, ‘they’ will surely reawaken and attempt to consume all the Deities to replenish ‘their’ power”

“Secondly, the strongest person in the Realm of Life will be either the future Lord of Radiance or Death God, he still survive all challenges and calamities to eventually become the future Divine King, reestablishing the Pantheon”

The vision slowly faded away.

A sacred chant resounded around the divine palace as illusions of the Deities descended from within the vision, blessing Gu Qing Shan with their voices.

The chant that they uttered was like nothing Gu Qing Shan had ever heard before, but Gu Qing Shan could sense countless unique powers that were slowly seeping into his body.

Gu Qing Shan felt cautious.

At this moment, a line of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[You've received the blessing of the past Myriad Deities]

The vision continued to fade away until eventually it thoroughly disappeared.

The water returned to darkness.

All the statues in the divine hall had also disappeared.

It was as if the statues only existed to display that vision earlier.

Faintly, the voice from earlier spoke up one last time:

"Future Death God, we need you to find the secret of the past"

"As you unlock the secret of the Deities' shadows, the Myriad Deities will no longer be bound by 'them' and will finally obtain freedom"

"You shall lead us against 'them', triumph, and heed a glorious new era of Deities"

"You shall become the King of the Myriad Deities"

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Translator: La0o9

"You shall become the King of the Myriad Deities!"

This line of glowing text remained floating in the water in front of the orange cat.

The orange cat briefly contemplated before his tail became erect and he began to yawn.

King of the Myriad Deities?

He felt a bit bored, so he used his claws to scratch his chin and narrowed his eyes to look around.

—-the passage leading into this secret divine palace is still there.

Should I follow the same way back?

It's a bit long, rather than swimming back right now, I'd rather just use [Fog Realm Descent] to return a bit later.

The orange cat didn't dive any deeper and silently floated in the water to rest.

—-after discovering the Myriad Deities' shocking capabilities, he needed some time to think.

A few moments later.

A mass of white fog manifested out of nowhere, completely unaffected by the water.

The fog enveloped the orange cat and disappeared.

...

At another location.

The divine palace of the Death God.

The white fog had just faded away to reveal the orange cat.

It was only now that he silently sent his voice.

“War God UI, I have a question” he said.

[What is it?] the War God UI replied.

—it also silently deducted 2000 Soul Points.

“Can you help me remove this so-called blessing of the past Myriad Deities?” he asked.

[I can, but why do you want to remove this blessing? They all are the beneficial powers from the various Laws] the War God UI said.

“After going through the Tomb of Myriad Beasts’ ‘inheritance’, I’ve discovered that ‘beneficial powers’ are sometimes more dangerous compared to hostile ones”

He coldly said: “These guys were born from the Laws, so they call themselves Deities, but I don’t trust them, and I don’t like their goal—”

“So I don’t need their blessing”

The War God UI asked: [Simply because of this distrust and the fact that you don’t like them?]

Gu Qing Shan smiled and explained: “From the vision just now, we saw that the three Deities of Fate held the scepter of authority and had perfect control over the Fates of all the Deities”

“The so-called status of King of the Myriad Deities...”

His voice became sarcastic: “Giving the crown to an unknown person in the future without caring about their mentality or goals— even a mortal king wouldn’t do such a ridiculous thing”

“I also refuse to believe that all three Deities of Fate would be so generous that they’d be willing to hand over their authority just like that”

“And so, take these blessings away, I don’t need them”

The War God UI remained silent for a bit before replying: [Your reasoning was sufficient; the System will support your decision]

[If you truly wish to remove these blessings, the System will take 1 Soul Point as service fees]

1 Soul Point?

When was the last time that the War God UI took so little Soul Points?

Usually, it would take a bunch of Soul Points to even ask a question, so why is it only taking 1 Soul Point now?

This can't be right...

"Why are you taking so little?" Gu Qing Shan asked in surprise.

[You think it's too little? Then 1000 Soul Points] the War God UI replied.

"1000 Soul Points it is!"

Gu Qing Shan stopped thinking about it and quickly agreed.

—if I take too long to decide, this System might increase the price again, so might as well just get it over with.

Lines of glowing text appeared in the void of space:

[Attention!]

[Attention!]

[The blessings of the past Myriad Deities are about to be stripped from your body]

[3]

[2]

[1]

Various tiny noises and lights of numerous colors appeared from the orange cat's body.

— the body of the orange cat made him look like a cat God that had descended from heaven.

However, the party was over as soon as it began, the glow around the cat's body quickly faded away together along with the tiny noises.

The cat returned to normal.

Under the silent water, his fur was bobbing up and down following the flow of the water.

A line of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[You're clean!]

Reading this, the orange cat nodded in satisfaction.

Another line of glowing text appeared:

[To fully remove the blessings of the past Myriad Deities from you, the System spent a lot of effort. Hopefully, you will continue to absorb more power to help the System replenish]

The orange cat nodded and expressed his understanding.

The War God UI went silent, then suddenly asked again: [If you don't need the blessings of the past Myriad Deities, then what is your goal?]

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The orange cat replied: "Something wrong must have happened during this period of Boss' history, affecting even the Temporal Oasis. There's no telling if the future would even be able to continue, so I naturally want to resolve this issue"

[You need to pay attention, not even the Greatest Above the Star Crown had faced such a tough issue before] the War God UI reminded him.

"Boss had already set up the six Sealing Tokens and even returned here to help me without caring about his survival, he's done enough" the orange cat said.

[What's next? What are you going to do?] the War God UI asked.

"Get rid of them"

The orange cat simply said: "Everything, every entity who want to alter the fate of living beings in the future or harm Boss, I'm going to get rid of them all"

...

The Isle of Protection.

Within the elven territory.

All the elven aristocrats had gathered here to discuss the future direction of their race.

A beautiful female elf suddenly stood up and walked out of the meeting room.

"General, where are you going?" someone asked her from behind.

The female elf smiled and replied: "The topics that we are discussing are a bit too suffocating for a General like me, I think I'm going to get a bit of fresh air— don't worry, I support your decisions"

She ignored the gazes of the elves, quickly left the meeting room, walked along the long hallway, went through the garden, the floating bridge, and finally arrived at a secret path that very few frequented.

When everything went silent, the aura of elegance and grace she exuded earlier suddenly vanished.

Her features became twisted, filled with ferocity and cruelty.

“The blessings we planted countless years ago had disappeared...”

“That was the refined essence from the power of 10,000 Deities, it couldn’t possibly have been removed, or suddenly disappear without a trace”

She paced around the secluded path.

“Who was it? Who could have absorbed so much power all at once!?”

“Even the trap that us sisters of Fate established inside had also...”

The female elf clenched her hands tightly.

No.

We can't keep prolonging this!

Her figure flashed, turned into a shadow, then left the elven territory.

This shadow flew through the air, gradually becoming invisible as she moved through the patrolling guards.

None of them detected her presence at all.

The shadow headed straight to the center of the Isle of Protection, quickly and accurately hiding into a certain corner of the wall.

She silently waited.

After a while, Renedol left the training room and headed back to her room.

The shadow pursued her.

One girl and one shadow continued to travel together until they reached Reneedol's room.

Reneedol closed the door.

"Why are you here again?" she cautiously asked.

"The situation is changing too rapidly; I had to come and find you" the shadow turned into a female figure and replied.

——one of the three Deities of Fate, Lachesis!

"What happened now?" Reneedol asked.

Lachesis explained in a whisper: "Something had happened to the measures that we had prepared in the past to manipulate the two Deities. Originally, even if the two Deities hadn't been able to find or accept them, it would still have been a back-up source of energy in the Realm of Life, supplying us Myriad Deities with near-infinite power"

"But now, something had happened, that source of energy had been completely drained by something unknown"

Reneedol listened with a serious expression, then shook her head: "I'm currently just myself, your schemes have no relations to me"

"Stop being childish, Atropos. You have to quickly wake up already" Lachesis said.

"I don't know you at all, and you keep telling me these things—— I don't want to get involved with anything you've told me about!" Reneedol hurriedly replied.

Lachesis stepped forward and grabbed her by the collar of her shirt: “Atropos! There is no room for you to act so whimsically. Once the two of us fail, the Pantheon, and even you will be completely destroyed!”

“But I don’t remember anything at all! I’m just a monster who has no past or memories!” Reneedol shouted back.

After shouting, as if her spirits had been deflated; Reneedol took a few steps back before leaning on a wall and wiping the tears away from her eyes.

Lachesis stared closely at her and blinked.

“Atropos, this isn’t your fault. I know that something must have happened on that day for you to forget everything like you have” Lachesis muttered.

She clenched her teeth and continued: “The body of Reneedol had been fated to become the companion of the strongest. Since I’ve entered the Realm of Life, I wouldn’t be able to enter that body even if I killed you, the most I’d obtain are your memories—”

“What are you trying to do?” Reneedol cautiously asked.

“Don’t worry, I won’t destroy the body of Reneedol, it is the prophesized hope of us Myriad Deities” Lachesis replied.

She took a deep breath and made a solemn expression.

Black threads began to manifest behind her to weave into a giant featureless humanoid face.

「 Ah... 」

The featureless humanoid face looked down at Reneedol.

Lachesis told her very seriously:

“Atropos, I have no way of letting you remember what happened that night, but I will do try my best to hopefully remind you of your identity”

“You need to know... who you actually are”

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The black thread weaved together and formed a giant featureless humanoid face that looked down on Renedol.

Lachesis explained: “You can relax, I won’t hurt you. I will only display your past to you”

With a wave of her hand, the giant featureless humanoid face turned into a shadow that enveloped the two of them.

“You will soon see all of the memories that you and I shared” Lachesis explained.

Renedol hesitantly looked at her.

Lachesis appeared a bit tired and continued: “Pitiful sister, you’ve even forgotten how to use the power of Fate. After a while, when numerous Apocalypses erupt one after another, if you do not hurry and awaken those memories, you won’t be able to survive”

The darkness around them slowly changed into a vision of a beautiful place.

Renedol couldn’t help but ask: “Why do you insist on me remembering my past?”

Lachesis’ lips twitched slightly before answering: “Because you need power, and I also need your help, otherwise, neither of us will be able to survive”

“—-an even more powerful Apocalypse is about to erupt!”

...

At another location.

The divine palace of Death.

The orange cat swam around the entire place, but didn't discover anything new.

Seems like countless years ago, the Myriad Deities only established a 'blessings of the Myriad Deities', hoping that the future Lord of Radiance or Death God would be able to dispel the so-called 'shadows of the Deities'.

I can't even be sure if that's true.

Even if it was true, why should I deal with that terrifying 'them' that the Deities mentioned?

—-I don't care.

Let's just return and rest for now.

The orange cat adjusted his posture a bit and prepared to activate [Fog Realm Descent]

Suddenly, a voice resounded by the orange cat's ears:

"Don't be in a hurry. The Death miasma from these corpses had settled here for countless years, you might not be able to use it, but a pure Law-manifested being like myself can absorb them"

The orange cat was surprised for a brief moment before calming down.

—-it was Black Hound's voice.

As a Beast of Death that he created using Star Force, Black Hound certainly did possess that ability.

The orange cat sent his voice: "Don't appear just yet. Tell me how long it'll take you to absorb all of this Death miasma"

Black Hound answered right away: "It'll be very quick"

The orange cat sensed his surroundings and confirmed that he wasn't being monitored before saying:
"Come out and make it quick"

Black Hound naturally understood the situation and answered his summons without hesitation.

A cluster of black flames silently manifested and turned into Black Hound next to him.

"Such a profound presence of Death!"

It muttered, then scattered its body into mist and flew towards the sea of corpses below.

The orange cat stood still, silently waiting.

A few minutes later, he suddenly felt alarmed.

"Return!"

The orange cat sent his voice.

The black mist immediately returned to the orange cat, turned back into a small cluster of flames, and entered the orange cat's Thought Sea.

The orange cat continued to stay still while holding his breath.

— an immense and irresistible fluctuation scanned through the orange cat's position and the entire divine palace before moving away.

The orange cat didn't have the courage to even make the slightest movement or use any spells, he simply floated in the water.

After a while.

The feeling of being monitored disappeared again.

The orange cat then sent his voice: "How much did you absorb?"

"I had to stop after I just started, so I'll need to make another trip" Black Hound pitifully said.

"You know what, let's not, it's too dangerous" the orange cat replied.

Black Hound hurriedly said: "No don't! Don't leave just yet!"

"What? You want to give up on living?" the orange cat sternly asked.

Black Hound's tone softened a bit and begged: "This place should be where the ancient Deities and their servants who died in battle were laid to rest, all of their corpses remained here, accumulating an immense amount of miasma after so many years— for me, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity"

The orange cat hesitated.

—-is it really worth taking this risk?

Black Hound continued: "The entire amount of Star Force on the surface wouldn't be as beneficial to me compared to the miasma of Death here, you have to give me this chance to consume all of it"

The orange cat pondered a bit and asked: "Alright, then tell me what you'd be able to do after you've consumed all of this miasma?"

Black Hound boasted: "I had the ability to sense death and even cause a mortal to fall asleep, you know that already right?"

"I do" the orange cat replied.

"After I consume all of this miasma, I would be able to predict a being's death before they die, as well as force any entity to fall into a slumbering state— although there's a time limit" Black Hound explained.

Predict death?

That's a very useful ability.

And the ability to force any entity to fall into a slumbering state, even if there was a time limit, it still made Gu Qing Shan's heart beat faster.

He thought briefly before looking down at the endless sea of corpses below.

These two abilities would be greatly beneficial regardless of the situation.

And since there's such a good opportunity to help my Beast of Death grow stronger, how could I let it go?

The orange cat made his decision.

"Alright, how about this. Count to ten, then immediately begin to absorb this miasma of Death" the orange cat said.

"What about you? Are you going to leave me?" Black Hound asked.

"I'm going to find someone to help you, then return right away" the orange cat replied.

"Can they be trusted? I want to evolve, but not enough to die for it" Black Hound asked.

“They can!” the orange cat affirmed.

“Then all is good, all is good” Black Hound very clearly sighed in relief.

The orange cat was a bit speechless.

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— —for better or worse, you’re still a Beast of Death, even if you’re afraid to die, can you not say it out loud?

“Begin!” the orange cat declared.

A cluster of black flames flew out from the orange cat’s body and silently fell onto the sea of corpses below.

A mass of white fog that appeared from nowhere enveloped the orange cat and brought him away.

...

The Isle of Protection.

After Renedol left, Boss continued to cultivate in the training room.

Suddenly, Gu Qing Shan’s voice resounded in his ears:

“Boss, I’m in urgent need to do something that can’t be noticed by the entity that’s monitoring us, so I want you to help draw its attention”

“When?” Boss asked right away.

“Right now!” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Boss' expression didn't change at all and curtly declared: "Don't worry, it's nothing big. Give the Book of Prophesized Destinies to me, and I'll come up with a solution!"

"Here"

A cat paw appeared from the void of space that put the Book of Prophesized Destinies down.

Boss accepted the Book of Prophesized Destinies, opened the door, and went outside.

He leapt into the air, hovered in the sky, then began to laugh.

"Ahaha, mortals of the world, are you prepared for what's about to come next?" Boss grandly declared.

He opened the Book of Prophesized Destinies, which radiated a glorious blinding light.

This was so eye-catching that it immediately drew the attention of every living being on the Isle.

Everyone saw Boss right away.

This Combatant fought against the apocalyptic junk earlier today.

He was one of the most powerful entities on the Isle.

—what is he doing now?

No one knew what he wanted to do.

Everyone put down everything that they were doing and focused their attention on him.

Gu Qing Shan immediately noticed that the monitoring sensation descended from the sky, which was even more intense compared to before.

“How long do you need me to draw its attention?” Boss silently asked.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “I don’t know yet, wait for me to return!”

He used [Fog Realm Descent] again to return to the divine palace of Death

Black Hound quickly was quickly absorbing the miasma of Death that had accumulated after the deaths of a hundred thousand Deities.

The black flames around its body grew harsher.

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

...

Time quickly passed, after a total of ten breaths’ worth of time, Black Hound finally returned and quickly said: “I’m done now. I’ll enter a state of transcendent evolution soon”

Its body had practically manifested a solid black aura that naturally gave off an overwhelming presence.

The orange cat was already impatient, so he quickly said: “We’re leaving”

He immediately used [Fog Realm Descent] to return to the Isle of Protection.

After returning to the secret room and his original form, Gu Qing Shan quickly left the room to scan the surroundings.

Every living being on the Isle was solemnly listening to Boss talking.

Renedol was listening.

Scarlet was listening.

Little Dusk was also listening.

The elves, the giants, even the species that had been saved were also listening with a serious expression.

The pixies in particular had anxious expressions on their faces.

—-even the pixies seemed anxious, what exactly is Boss doing?

Gu Qing Shan turned to Boss and saw that he was holding the Book of Prophesized Destinies while a grand divine glow radiated from his body. He was saying something with a melodious voice.

Gu Qing Shan carefully listened—

“The big bad wolf blew and blew, but the brick house wouldn’t budge”

“He angrily stomped around outside and called out—”

“Little pig, if you don’t open the door, you will pay!”

“The little pig answered him:”

“Not opening, not opening, definitely not opening!”

“The big bad wolf thought of a great idea and began to climb into the chimney of the house”

“It didn’t know that the little pig had already boiled a pot of water below, waiting for it...”

Gu Qing Shan face-palmed.

So he was telling a bedtime story.

Boss really is a man of many talents.

“Alright, I’m done, you don’t need to draw their attention anymore!” Gu Qing Shan hurriedly sent his voice.

Boss sighed in relief.

“Alright, we’re going to stop here for today” he declared.

The entire Isle remained silent.

The elves and giants exchanged glances.

——even now, they didn’t understand what had just happened.

Suddenly, one of the pixies loudly asked: “What about the next chapter? When are you going to read the next chapter?”

“That’s right, you’ve only told half of it!”

“Tell us the rest of the story!”

“What happened to the big bad wolf?”

“I want answers!”

The pixies called out one after another.

Boss closed the Book of Prophesized Destinies and answered with a firm expression: “If you want to know what happens next, wait until tomorrow!”

Chapter 1499

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The secret room.

Gu Qing Shan and Boss were talking.

“I remember you telling me that you haven’t entered the underwater portion of the Pantheon during regular history, right?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“That’s right, I’ve only explored the portion of the ruins above water” Boss sat on a chair like he was exhausted and replied.

“Did you sense any sensation of being monitored at that time?”

“None”

“In other words, this sensation only existed in the underwater portion of the Pantheon...”

After saying that, Gu Qing Shan suddenly thought of something.

If that monitoring entity can’t detect [Orange Sovereign], would I be able to try and see what it was?

Not tonight though.

—Since I’ve already used [Ghostly Shadow of Night] once tonight, I won’t be able to borrow Adorable’s [Spotless Jade] again.

If I want to try anything, I’ll have to wait until tomorrow night.

Then, tomorrow night it is!

Gu Qing Shan silently decided this.

“That’s right, how was my display earlier?” Boss excitedly asked.

Gu Qing Shan was a bit speechless, but still praised him: “It was great, thank to you drawing its attention, I was able to get what I wanted”

“That’s great to hear” Boss chuckled.

“—but why did you decide to tell that story?” Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but ask.

Boss shrugged: “That wasn’t up to me to decide, the Book of Prophesized Destinies decided on an appropriate Destined Fable by itself”

“Destined Fable?” Gu Qing Shan asked in surprise.

—now that I think about it, Boss was reading from the Book of Prophesized Destinies earlier.

Boss explained: “That’s right, the Book of Prophesized Destinies had manifested a Fable that perfectly matched our circumstances, which took up all of my strength. That’s why I can only sit here motionlessly right now”

One Destined Fable took all of his strength.

Gu Qing Shan instantly became serious.

The teenage Shroud might not have been as powerful as Boss during his peak, but he was still someone who could fight me evenly matched.

“A Fable you say? Can you tell me the complete story?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Boss then told him the entire story.

Gu Qing Shan pondered after listening to it.

It's a very simple story.

There were three houses, the straw house was destroyed, the wooden house was destroyed, but the brick house remained.

This is too simple.

—-but it was somehow related to Fate.

As long as it was related to Fate, no matter how ridiculous or laughable it was, I can't be complacent with it.

Gu Qing Shan opened his palm to release a cluster of black flames.

The black flames turned into Black Hound, but it had its eyes closed and was still sleeping.

—-It was currently in the middle of evolution, so it couldn't wake up just yet.

Alright, I wouldn't be able to rely on it right now anyway.

Gu Qing Shan paced around the secret room with various thoughts popping into mind.

Right at his moment, lines of glowing text quickly appeared in front of his eyes:

[Attention]

[The System has detected an emergency situation]

[After three minutes, a unique form of Apocalypse will descend]

[Please immediately prepare for combat!]

Gu Qing Shan immediately stood up, opened the door to the secret room, and was about to leave.

He abruptly stopped.

—Boss had completely exhausted all of his strength, so he is essentially helpless inside this secret room by himself.

This isn't the same 'him' in the future.

If there is any danger, he would die!

Gu Qing Shan immediately took out a formation plate and quickly operated it.

The faint power of Huang Quan Origin power appeared from the formation plate to produce numerous glows that manifested as several large-scale defense formations in the void of space.

“What happened?” Boss asked, a bit confused.

“You should rest as much as you can right now, I'm going to patrol the Isle for a bit” Gu Qing Shan curtly replied.

—-with so many formations protecting him, if anything happened in the secret room at all, I'd be able to use [Fog Realm Descent] to quickly return!

Gu Qing Shan closed the door to the secret room, flew up into the sky and observed his surroundings.

His inner sight covered the entire Isle.

It was currently the middle of the night, and after everyone gathered to Boss' little act earlier, they returned to rest.

It was completely peaceful.

There was no new apocalyptic junk that appeared in the river.

What could it be?

Gu Qing Shan's inner sight scanned around the place several times, before slowly detecting something.

He slowly looked up at the ceiling of this underground cavern. Just above the Isle, he noticed a tiny crack at the very top.

This crack was rapidly expanding.

Oh no!

Gu Qing Shan knew that this was bad.

—after the Samsara was destroyed, the debris broken off from it had scattered all over the ground.

That debris had already crushed the upper half of the Pantheon, so the remaining living beings had to take refuge underground in order to continue living.

—but now, even this underground cavern was unable to endure the weight and was coming down on top of them!

A burst of black flames manifested around Gu Qing Shan's body.

He had fully released his presence.

Fwoom—

The power of Death spread all over the Isle of Protection, once again disturbing everyone.

All of the Isle's living beings hurriedly gathered and looked at him.

One of the pixies sleepily rubbed his eyes and asked Gu Qing Shan: "Are you going to continue telling the three little pigs story?"

Gu Qing Shan loudly declared:

"No, we're in danger. Everyone prepare for combat!"

He controlled his black flames, directing them towards the cracking ceiling.

Everyone immediately understood as they looked up.

—*—this is a life-threatening situation!*

Everyone hurriedly began to prepare.

The elves quickly distributed weapons and prepared their formations.

The giants informed Little Dusk and stood around in formation, protecting her.

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An old pixie shouted: "I knew the Destined Fable from earlier would bring something to us!"

The pixies all nodded and took off their pajamas.

They were all already fully equipped and were ready for combat.

Scarlet flew up from the ground, standing next to Gu Qing Shan: "Rhode, where's Shroud?"

“He needs some rest, so we need to resolve this situation by ourselves!” Gu Qing Shan declared.

He tossed the long-handled scythe to her.

Scarlet carefully caught the scythe, then handed him a small bottle.

“What’s this?” Gu Qing Shan asked in surprise.

“It’s the alcohol that I mixed, it’s very potent” Scarlet whispered to him.

Gu Qing Shan opened the bottle, smelled it, then drank it all at once.

The black flames around his body abruptly rose like boiling water and exerted almost twice as much pressure.

“You’re right, the alcohol you mixed is very good” Gu Qing Shan praised.

Scarlet smiled brightly and said: “Really? I learnt mixing from you, so when will you teach me again——”

Boom!

A wave of intense rumbling abruptly resounded.

Everyone looked up, only to see that the stone ceiling had already been broken through.

A giant severed hand dropped down.

This hand was almost as big as the Isle of Protection itself. As it fell into the river near the Isle, a huge amount of water was splashed into the air.

Followed by another tremor!

Everyone on the Isle felt physically shaken.

The giant severed hand stood straight up in the water, which appeared completely smooth, almost like a solid piece of jade.

“What is that thing!?” Scarlet exclaimed.

Gu Qing Shan didn’t answer.

Alarms were intensely ringing in his mind, telling him to flee as far away as he could.

The fingers of the hand slowly began to move, shifting into a strange shape that appeared somehow connected.

“It’s wiggling, Rhode!” Scarlet hid behind Gu Qing Shan and fearfully called out.

Gu Qing Shan’s heart also jumped.

The hand wasn’t wiggling.

It was forming a hand seal!

—-it is trying to perform a Cultivation-type technique!

Immediately, the entire underground cavern disappeared.

The Isle of Protection disappeared as well.

Everything vanished without a trace.

The living beings of the Isle noticed that they had been transported to a strange place.

A grand array of palaces appeared in front of them.

The lonely moonlight illuminated their surroundings, putting the beautiful palaces with their intricate designs on display, but no signs of life could be seen.

Everyone was standing in the main square in front of the palace with an empty jade altar.

At the corners of the altar, four enormous statues that depicted the Azure Dragon, the White Tiger, the Vermillion Bird, and the Black Tortoise respectively stood motionlessly.

The land outside of the palace was vast but full of trees that formed a borderless forest.

This scene caused everyone to open their eyes wide in shock.

But Gu Qing Shan remembered all of this, so he kept his eyes on the giant jade hand.

The hand's fingers continued to change as if it was preparing to unleash another technique.

Following this shift, the four enormous statues slowly turned their heads towards the group.

Gu Qing Shan's expression immediately changed.

—this is the [Moon Light] series of Immortal Craft of the Heaven realm!

In the future, Red Wraith had once used these techniques.

Damn it, damn it!

Not even an Awaiting like Ouroboros or the Apocalypse statue was able to take this Immortal Craft unscathed!

How could anyone here survive?

Gu Qing Shan's gaze became sharp.

A pair of crimson flame gloves appeared on his hands.

He threw a single punch towards the giant jade hand from afar, leaving an afterimage.

Silently, the giant jade hand froze and its gesturing was stopped.

But the technique had already been completed.

Among the four statues, the Black Tortoise opened its eyes and stared down at them.

—within this [Moon Light] Immortal Craft, the four Divine Beasts represent Life, Death, Turn, and Shift respectively; which one of them would the Black Tortoise be?

Gu Qing Shan didn't have time to think further as his figure vanished from where he was standing.

He appeared in front of the giant jade hand.

"Yah!"

Gu Qing Shan loudly roared and threw another punch towards the giant jade hand.

—[Ethereal – No Pardon]!

Bam!

With a resounding noise, the giant jade hand shook a bit.

Gu Qing Shan didn't stop there, his fists turned into ten, a hundred, a thousand, and then ten thousand.

In an instant, hundreds of thousands of flaming fists struck the giant jade hand all at once.

[Ethereal – Myriad Shadows]!

The sound of his fist striking the giant jade hand felt like there was a rain shower pouring on the earth.

Suddenly, all the fists disappeared, the flames from earlier had also died down as an unusual fluctuation appeared on Gu Qing Shan's body.

The giant jade hand suddenly began to shake, almost as if it felt fear.

The hand shifted its fingers again in an attempt to form another hand seal.

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath and sighed helplessly.

Earlier, he took advantage of the barrage of fists to use his swords and found that he wouldn't be able to destroy this hand within a short period of time.

The only solution left was this one strike.

After throwing so many punches earlier, Gu Qing Shan could sense it.

This final strike would definitely be able to destroy the giant jade hand.

But after performing this attack, all of my strength would be drained for a while!

—[Ethereal – Null Tribulation].

This was the most powerful strike of [Ethereal], the strike that contained the power that once broke the samsara apart!

Chapter 1500

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Let's rewind time a bit.

Right as Gu Qing Shan unleashed the first strike, the giant jade hand's technique had also been completed, causing the four Divine Beasts to turn their heads.

The Black Tortoise Divine Beast opened its eyes.

It looked down on everyone, then turned to the forest outside.

Following its gaze, one of the taller trees was uprooted and began flying over everyone's heads.

The elves, giants, and even pixies didn't know what was happening at all.

But someone managed to realize just how dangerous of a situation they were in.

That person couldn't remain calm any longer.

Lachesis.

Donning a lapis-colored armor, she shouted while wielding a bow in her hand: "All elves, attack those things, don't allow them to open!"

A black glow almost as dark as the ocean tide at night appeared around her body as she began attacking the tree.

The elves swiftly followed.

The giants watched them briefly before joining the attack as well.

Followed by the pixies.

And then to other species on the Isle.

Countless spells and techniques struck the tree, causing it to tremble and break, revealing the thing that was originally sealed within—

It was a coffin made completely out of iron, sealed away countless years ago; as it appeared, it immediately began to exude a ferocious presence.

Doong!

The iron coffin fell from the sky, landed in the middle of everyone, and popped open.

White, blue, red, green, and yellow, a total of five differently-coloured masses of light swirled around in front of everyone.

None of the attacks was able to hit them.

As soon as Lachesis saw these masses of light, her face showed despair.

She put her weapon away, retreated into the crowd, then swiftly approached Renedol.

“We need to run!”

Lachesis held her hand and hurriedly said.

“You’re insane!” Renedol whispered.

As they spoke, the five glows of light scattered to form a huge mass of clouds above the Isle.

Boom!

A blinding ray of blue and white light descended like a bolt of lightning that shot through the group before it returned to the clouds.

Wherever the ray of light hit, the elves, the giants, even the pixies who had already prepared themselves was turned into dried skeletons.

Renedol’s expression also went pale.

It is impossible to stop.

—--and this is only the beginning!

Lachesis held Renedol’s hand tightly and quickly told her: “We need to leave, now!”

Renedol tried to struggle: “But Shroud is still—--”

Lachesis cut her off and firmly said: “There’s no room to be worrying about others right now. This thing can’t be fought against, no one would be able to stop that giant hand either. You and I need to flee right now!”

A layer of black threads appeared around her body and tied their hands together.

The two of them left the Isle and began to swim into an underground water current.

At the same time, snakes and dragons made of light appeared from the clouds and looked down towards the Isle.

Their eyes emanated a cold and blank killing intent.

Gu Qing Shan had been observing the entire area with his inner sight, so he naturally noticed this.

Lines of glowing text swiftly followed on the War God UI:

[The Ultimate Five Elements have descended]

[This is the calamity of the Five Elements, the initial form of a certain Apocalypse. You must immediately get rid of the big jade hand, otherwise, it will continuously stimulate the 'Ultimate Five Elements' to evolve, this calamity will convert into an Unlivable Apocalypse that will destroy everything!]

Gu Qing Shan swung his fists with reckless abandon, unleashing hundreds of thousands of flaming strikes towards the giant jade hand.

[Ethereal – Myriad Shadows]

The giant jade hand tried to move within the insane barrage of attacks, attempting to form another hand seal.

Gu Qing Shan's gaze was frigid.

Even the War God UI had sent a notification, the situation must have gotten extremely dangerous.

The giant jade hand is the key to everything!

—-but if I unleash this strike, I will be drained of all of my strength.

In an instant, Gu Qing Shan had made his decision.

[Ethereal – Null Tribulation]

This strike could only be unleashed after the previous three attacks had all struck their targets.

And now, the prerequisite has been fulfilled.

The black flames as well as Huang Quan Origin power that drifted around his body disappeared all at once.

A terrifying presence emanated from Gu Qing Shan's left hand.

Shannu voice was full of concern: "Gongzi, Adorable said 'that thing' is still monitoring you... be careful"

Gu Qing Shan acted like he didn't hear her at all and focused his mind.

[Ethereal – Null Tribulation]!

Instantly, everything disappeared.

Everything around him was nonexistent, the entire world was null.

Gu Qing Shan was no longer able to sense even himself.

Everything, everyone, every Law, and every existence, vanished like a dream.

Only this punch existed.

In front of this punch, everything turned null.

Strike.

I'm going to strike.

Gu Qing Shan silently told himself.

He then felt the wind.

Violent surging wind.

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A loud explosion.

The intense wind current blew him backwards.

“Rhode!”

Someone called out.

A pair of warm hands caught him.

Scarlet held him in her embrace and looked at the other party.

The five fingers of the giant jade hand that had just formed another strange shape, only one step away from touching the last two fingers together.

But the mark of a single punch could be seen in the center of the hand.

This mark had sunken deep into the giant jade hand, ending all of its efforts.

Crack crack crack!

The giant jade hand gave off a shattering noise before abruptly exploding into pieces finer than flour, then was gradually blown away by the wind.

That was dangerous, it was only a little bit away from finishing the second hand seal, it's a good thing that I didn't hesitate.

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed in relief.

It was only now that he felt pain all over his body.

“Rhode, you’re bleeding all over” Scarlet exclaimed in shock, practically crying out loud.

“It’s fine, nothing but some flesh wounds”

Gu Qing Shan had to console her in return.

After trying, he noticed that he couldn’t release his inner sight at all.

— even my inner sight has been drained.

I’ve been cornered to this degree.

— I didn’t expect this punch to use up so much energy.

He smiled wryly and tried to look towards the Isle of Protection.

The array of palaces had disappeared together with the four Divine Beasts, the main square, as well as the forest.

The Isle of Protection had returned to normal.

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

Shannu spoke to him:

“Don’t worry gongzi, we’re all trying our best to keep an eye out”

“Before it is absolutely necessary, don’t show yourself” Gu Qing Shan said.

He didn’t say anything else.

Although his strength had been completely drained, his instincts remained.

He could clearly sense the shadows of death gradually clamping down on him, slowly suffocating him.

——some sort of wicked entity hiding in the shadows was rapidly spreading itself.

After so long, that malicious fellow had finally gotten this perfect chance.

It had prepared to act at any moment!

Gu Qing Shan could feel the situation gradually becoming worse.

Not good, seems like I’ll have to use my swords after all.

Right as he was about to send his voice to Shannu, he sensed something unexpected.

—life force was flowing into his body, stimulating it to heal his wounds.

Huh?

What's going on?

The pain all over his body was quickly subsiding.

A new power was seeping into his drained body.

This power... seems to be coming from...

Gu Qing Shan looked up and looked straight into Scarlet's eyes.

Scarlet's eyes were burning full of worry as she quickly chanted an incantation.

After she had finished her chant, Gu Qing Shan felt much better.

—even his bleeding had stopped, his strength had also somewhat recovered.

“How did you do this?”

Gu Qing Shan asked in surprise.

Seeing him getting better, Scarlet relaxed and smiled: “It was nothing. Both you and I carry the Law of Death, so I can use Star Force to help share your pain, transferring my life force to you”

Her hands began to tremble, almost unable to hold onto Gu Qing Shan.

“Idiot, you didn’t need to do such a thing!”

Gu Qing Shan slowly stood up, held onto her, then couldn’t help but exclaim.

The shadows of death he felt from his instincts were slowly fading away.

— the one hidden in the shadows had given up on this chance.

It had decided to cautiously observe the situation.

Looking at Gu Qing Shan, Scarlet grinned: “It’s ok, there’s no need to feel embarrassed. We both belong to the domain of Death, so of course I have to save you”

She took out two bottles of alcohol, handed one to Gu Qing Shan, then opened one for herself and began drinking.

Gu Qing Shan remained silent.

Since I’ve regained my strength, it won’t be the same as before.

If that one spying in the shadows dared to show themselves now...

He took a sip from the bottle while looking at the underwater current.

Earlier.

Reneedol left with a female elf.

Where were they heading?

Gu Qing Shan gave the bottle back to Scarlet and said: “Scarlet, wait for a little bit, I need to do something”

“Sure” Scarlet nodded.

Gu Qing Shan turned around, flew across the Isle and headed down into the water.

Scarlet looked at Gu Qing Shan’s bottle, took a sip from it, then silently watched as he left.

“This stupid Death God...”

Her eyes were sparkling as she mumbled to herself: “Even his back looks so charming”

Chapter 1501

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Gu Qing Shan flew away from the Isle and headed downstream.

Suddenly, he saw someone slowly flying ahead of him.

—Boss.

Gu Qing Shan hurriedly went after him and called out: “Why did you come out?”

Boss was standing on the Book of Prophesized Destinies, breathing heavily: “Reneedol left with a female elf, I couldn’t feel assured, so I followed them”

Gu Qing Shan looked at him, then at the Book of Prophesized Destinies and understood.

—after narrating the *Destined Fable*, Boss was so exhausted that he collapsed.

Right now, he doesn’t even have the strength to fly, having no other choice but to rely on the Book of Prophesized Destinies to fly.

Gu Qing Shan paused briefly before realizing something.

After returning to this era, Boss had lost his undying body.

Earlier, after I fought with all my strength, even though Scarlet had helped me regain some strength, I'm still considerably injured and drained, having only 10-20% of my usual strength.

If both of us were at our peaks, we might have been able to give it a try.

But in our current state, what can we do other than getting killed?

Gu Qing Shan's gaze followed the river, only to see a layer of mist or something of the same nature drifting above the gloomy water in the distance.

It's moving.

—-it seems to be sentient, cautiously observing Boss and me.

Gu Qing Shan attempted to release his inner sight, only for it to be instantly cut off.

Unexpectedly, the layer of mist gradually scattered away to reveal the river and cliffs up ahead.

Miniscule strands of mist avoided the direction ahead, but gradually surrounded them from every other side.

Gu Qing Shan felt an inexplicable chill climbing up his spine.

—-it had moved out of the way but was still carefully surrounding Boss and me.

Why did it curtly cut off my inner sight, but then opened the path forward while surrounding us?

Cutting off my inner sight was its first reaction.

This proved that it is hostile.

Gu Qing Shan turned to Boss.

Boss appeared completely exhausted, unable to even notice what was happening in the shadows.

—--*Boss can't even fly by himself and I can't fight, so what will happen next?*

Gu Qing Shan turned around.

Some of the black mist was slowly drifting towards the Isle of Protection.

“Gu Qing Shan, carry me for a bit, it's really unstable standing on top of the Book of Prophesized Destinies like this” Boss continued to breathe heavily as he said so.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at him.

—-for some reason, he suddenly recalled the fable earlier.

Boss exhausted all of his strength to tell that Destined Fable.

Gu Qing Shan felt cautious.

He said to Boss without changing his expression: “I have something important I need to tell you”

“Huh? What is it?” Boss asked.

Gu Qing Shan grabbed Boss's hand and pulled him closer.

A mass of white fog suddenly appeared to envelop the two of them, then quickly disappeared.

World Technique, [Fog Realm Descent]!

Instantly, the two of them had returned to the secret room in the Isle of Protection.

Boss called out in surprise: “Huh, why did you take me back?”

Gu Qing Shan looked straight into Boss’ eyes and resolutely said: “Because you couldn’t even fly by yourself, and I can’t fight properly. We’ll be heading to our deaths even if we caught up”

“Of course I already know what you’re saying, but now that history is no longer determined and even the future is being changed, I’m just worried that something might happen to Renedol” Boss sighed and said.

“What can you actually do in your current state?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

He released his inner sight to scan around the Isle, quickly noticing the black mist as it crept onto the riverbanks.

Boss shook his head: “At least I need to know if she’s safe before I——”

Gu Qing Shan cut him off and sternly said: “Boss, if we followed her, in the off-chance that something did happen, it would be Renedol who would have to save us. Do you really think that’s worth a trip?”

Boss had nothing to say against that, so he sighed and sat back down.

Seeing him calm down, Gu Qing Shan took out a cushion, sat on it, then crossed his legs to enter meditation.

The two of them silently rested.

From beginning to end, Gu Qing Shan didn’t mention what happened earlier.

After a few moments, he suddenly opened his eyes and said: “Oh no”

“What’s the matter?” Boss anxiously asked.

“I forgot about Scarlet, she’s still waiting for me in the sky— and Little Dusk as well, I also need her to be here since I have something that I need to tell her” Gu Qing Shan replied.

He stood up, walked to the door of the secret room, then rushed outside.

A few moments later, Little Dusk and Scarlet returned to the secret room with him.

“Shroud, why do you look so exhausted?” Scarlet asked in surprise.

“Telling that story earlier consumed a lot of strength” Boss had to answer.

Gu Qing Shan closed the door to the secret room, then used his formation plate to create an array of formations before sitting back down.

“Rhode, what did you want to tell us?” Little Dusk asked.

Scarlet also looked at him.

Gu Qing Shan pondered briefly and asked: “Little Dusk, why did you originally choose this place to establish a settlement for the refugees from the surface?”

Little Dusk explained: “I searched through many places and found that this place seemed to have been the divine palace of the Protection Deity from the Age of Myriad Deities— it was said that her defensive capabilities were the strongest among the Myriad Deities”

“Was it really the strongest?” Gu Qing Shan asked again.

“Indeed. If even this place could be destroyed, then none of the other ruins in the Pantheon would be able to handle the calamity” Little Dusk affirmed.

Scarlet exclaimed in surprise: “No wonder nothing was damaged when I practicing in the training room earlier, regardless of how much power I used”

Little Dusk continued: “Not only that, this secret room was considered the masterpiece of the Protection Deity, it is so sturdy that nothing should be able to destroy it”

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

That fable—

If what Little Dusk said was true, then if we tried to run to any other locations, we would only be in more danger.

Little Dusk added: “If there was anything stronger than this secret room, then it would be the Sacred Gate of the Myriad Deities. But that door requires gems to replenish itself, and because of the Myriad Deities’ Causality Laws, it could only remain inside that hallway, which was why I opted for this location in the end”

Gu Qing Shan was surprised, then casually took out a heavy door.

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Doong!

A resounding noise was heard as the door was placed on the floor.

“Do you mean this door?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Little Dusk opened her eyes wide and asked in surprise: “How did you take it with you?”

「 He said he wanted to take me to see the world 」 the door answered with a low voice.

Gu Qing Shan patted the door and asked: “Explain for me a bit, how exactly do you work?”

「 Find somewhere that has a door, place me on it, and I’ll replace that door 」 the door replied.

“What would happen then?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

「 After I replace the door, unless they satisfy the requirements from the Causality Law, no one would be able to look through the ‘realm’ that had been isolated by me, and naturally, they would also not be able to enter 」 the door explained.

“Then, what if someone tried to enter from another direction by either breaking the wall or digging underground?” Gu Qing Shan asked again.

「 Don’t worry, no matter where they try to break in from, I would still be guarding that place 」 the door proudly said.

Gu Qing Shan picked up the door, then pressed it against the door of the secret room.

Bam!

With a loud noise, the door attached itself to the original location of the secret room’s door.

The Sacred Gate said with satisfaction: 「 Ah—— this place is very sturdy; I like it here. By the way, do you have any gems? 」

“You already ate everything I had last time” Gu Qing Shan replied.

「 Without any gems, how am I going to activate my Causality Law? 」 the door said with a troubled tone.

Gu Qing Shan looked around, then told Little Dusk: “I remember Shroud giving you a few gems as a gift, can I borrow them?”

Little Dusk was a bit surprised, then said: “Of course you can”

She took out the entire trunk of gems that Boss gave her earlier.

Gu Qing Shan picked up the trunk, walked up to the door, then quickly asked: “How many gems do you need?”

「 The more the better, every gem would strengthen the Causality Law further 」 the door answered.

Gu Qing Shan poured the entire trunk of gems into the door

Boss felt like Gu Qing Shan was acting a bit strange as he watched him, but couldn't really say exactly where the strangeness was coming from.

——he appeared to be calm and collected as usual, but also a bit worried.

It wasn't just Boss, but Scarlet and Little Dusk also noticed it as well.

“What's going on with you?” Boss asked him directly.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Right now, both you and I don't have the strength to fight, so we need an absolutely safe location”

None of them could refute that.

After all, Shroud and Rhode were indeed the two strongest among them, it made perfect sense for him to pay attention to their safety when they couldn't even protect themselves.

However...

You're the Death God, do you really need to be that cautious...?

At this point, the Sacred Gate uttered a satisfied groan, then said: 「 Alright, time to establish a Causality Law, what kind of person do you want to enter this room? 」

“Unless I permit it, no one is allowed to enter or leave” Gu Qing Shan replied.

「 The Causality Law has been established! 」 the door loudly declared.

The sound of a holy aria and prayers resounded from the void of space around the Sacred Gate.

These sounds slowly faded away.

Gu Qing Shan seemed to sigh in relief, then told Little Dusk: “Thank you, I'll pay those gems back to you in the future”

Little Dusk shook her head: “There's no need to do that—— I feel like this secret room is already very safe, why did you have to use the Sacred Gate as well?”

Scarlet and Boss both looked closely at him.

Gu Qing Shan smiled and explained: “It's because of the Destined Fable that Shroud told earlier, I thought we would need an especially sturdy place”

Everyone recalled what the fable was, then suddenly realized.

Scarlet giggled, then patted Gu Qing Shan's shoulder: "Rhode, I've never thought that that the Death God would turn out to be such a wimp"

Boss also said: "The Protection Deity's secret room, combined with the strongest Sacred Gate of the Myriad Deities, this certainly would be more than safe enough"

"No" Gu Qing Shan refuted: "This door needs gems, the more gems we have, the stronger the Causality Law would be— do any of you still have any gems?"

The three of them exchanged glances.

You want it to be even more sturdy?

Aren't you a bit paranoid now?

Little Dusk cleared her throat and said: "—Rhode, I'm telling you, this is safe enough already"

Gu Qing Shan shook his head: "No, I know for a fact just how terrifyingly powerful Fate-related things can be"

Before he even finished speaking, a series of strange noises could be heard.

The four of them all turned towards the Sacred Gate.

A series of high-pitched sharp noises could be heard outside the door as if someone was using their nails to claw at the door.

This noise was ear-piercing and continuous, almost as if someone was swinging a weapon against the door over and over again.

As time went by, this noise grew increasingly louder and faster, until it finally sounded like the screeching of countless people.

This continued for a few dozen seconds, but the door stood firm, and so the noise gradually subsided.

Everyone's expressions changed.

"Who's there?" Little Dusk furrowed her eyebrows and asked.

No answer.

Little Dusk stood up to go out and said: "Who exactly is playing such a childish prank, I'll go take a look"

Gu Qing Shan firmly held her back after she had taken just two steps.

Little Dusk turned to Gu Qing Shan and gave him a questioning look.

Gu Qing Shan didn't say anything and simply shook his head.

Boss loudly asked: "Who's there? Are you elf or giant? Or Renedol?"

Still no answer.

For some reason, everyone felt an indescribable sense of eeriness.

Gu Qing Shan continued to remain silent as he stared straight at the door.

But he wasn't calm at all.

After a long while, a whisper was heard from the other side of the door: "Open the door, hurry up"

Chapter 1502

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Within the complete silence, the voice outside was very clearly heard.

“That is... the voice of a pixie” Little Dusk commented in surprise.

Hearing her, everyone felt like that was very probable.

Scarlet hesitantly said: “But the door seemed to have been attacked earlier, I’m still feeling a bit frightened”

Little Dusk replied: “You’re right, let us take a look——”

She reached her hand into the void of space and drew a Card.

This Card depicted a God parting the clouds to observe the prosperous mortal realm beneath.

“In truth, the entire Isle is under my constant observation and protection, so I only need to take a look to see what’s going on outside” Little Dusk explained.

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

——*Little Dusk has certainly done very well, not to mention how it hasn’t been even more than 20 years since she was born.*

Little Dusk threw the Card forward.

Instantly, the Card turned into a screen of light and expanded in front of them.

On the screen of light, the Isle of Protection as a whole was on display, clearly showing every location to them.

Little Dusk whispered: "Show me the front side of the secret room"

The scene on the screen moved to display the front of the Protection Deity's secret room.

7-8 pixies had blocked the door, grinning mischievously while swinging the short staves in their hands around.

As they did that, transparent claws could be seen appearing from the short staves.

Little Dusk sighed in relief and muttered: "So it was their practical joke after all, I knew that it was just a prank"

She walked up and tried to open the door.

It didn't budge.

"Huh? Why isn't it opening?" Little Dusk asked in surprise.

The door spoke with a deep voice: 「 The established Causality Law was very particular, that is: Unless Rhode permits it, no one could enter or exit 」

Little Dusk turned to Gu Qing Shan and said: "Open the door, there shouldn't be any issues"

Gu Qing Shan pondered a bit, then approached the door and asked: "Sacred Gate, tell me who's on the other side?"

The Sacred Gate replied: 「 There are indeed some pixies, wait a moment-- 」

A second later, another voice resounded from outside: "Shroud, are you inside?"

It was Reneedol's voice!

Boss' eyes lit up, he struggled a bit to stand, then loudly responded: "We're all inside, how are you?"

"I'm fine... I just got some minor injuries" Reneedol weakly replied.

When the four of them checked the screen of light, they saw Reneedol soaked in blood with one of her arms missing, her complexion was also pale as she leaned on the wall in front of the door.

Boss couldn't stop himself from worrying and urged: "Rhode, open the door"

Gu Qing Shan looked closely at the screen of light and asked the Sacred Gate again: "Is she truly outside?"

The Sacred Gate confirmed: 「 Indeed, it is the girl on screen 」

Gu Qing Shan nodded and muttered: "Seems like there's really no danger. Scarlet, what do you think?"

Scarlet was caught a bit off guard, but after looking closely at the screen, she replied: "There shouldn't be any issues... but then..."

"But then what?" Gu Qing Shan pursued the question.

"...But I keep feeling a bit uneasy for some reason" Scarlet furrowed her eyebrows and said.

Gu Qing Shan abruptly laughed out loud and said: "You're thinking too much"

As he said that, a sword abruptly appeared behind Boss.

The Earth sword.

The Earth sword was propped right next to Boss' neck.

"Don't move, there's going to be a lot of trouble if you do" Gu Qing Shan said.

Boss gave him a puzzled look.

"What exactly is going on here?" Boss asked him in a low voice.

"Little Dusk, don't move either" Gu Qing Shan told her.

The Heaven sword had also silently appeared at Little Dusk's neck.

Little Dusk was also confused: "If you want to take my life, then you can do as you wish; since you were the one who saved me, but can you explain to me what exactly is going on here?"

She pointed at the screen of light: "She's clearly outside, heavily injured and requires urgent healing. Even the Sacred Gate had confirmed it, but you still insist on not opening the door and even did this, there must at least be a reason!"

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

With things being like this, he had no other choice but to use his swords, exposing his real Profession.

After a moment of silence, Gu Qing Shan lightly placed his hand on the door.

"Sacred Gate, can you display to us the scene outside?" he asked.

「 Naturally, every door must have a cat's eye nowadays 」 the Sacred Gate replied.

A screen of light appeared from the door to display the scene outside of the door.

—a group of 7-8 pixies.

—Reneedol.

It was exactly the same as what Little Dusk was showing.

Reneedol was also bleeding from her arm and appearing extremely weakened, to the point that she could collapse at any moment.

Boss felt a bit pained and wanted to say something.

“Boss, don’t be in a hurry, she’s not going to die”

Gu Qing Shan shut him up right away.

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Gu Qing Shan reached his hand out to grasp the Six Paths Great Mountain sword and pointed at the Sacred Gate.

“Shannu, I want you to do something—- if there are any spells or techniques that are affecting the gate, cut it; but definitely do not cut the Causality Law of the door itself” he said.

“Yes, I’ll give it a try” Shannu’s voice came from the sword.

Gu Qing Shan brandished the sword and drew a cold arc of sword phantom.

Clang!

The sword phantom struck the Sacred Gate, leaving a tiny mark on it.

But everything immediately changed——

The screen that the Sacred Gate was showing had changed considerably.

There was complete darkness around them.

No underground river.

No Isle of Protection.

No pixies.

No Renedol.

There was nothing.

The entire secret room stood alone in the darkness.

——there was only a single thin tentacle that reached out from the shadows underneath the secret room, which had wrapped around the secret room, completely enveloping it.

This tentacle had numerous eyes of varying sizes all over it, all of which blinked at different intervals, revealing their vertical irises.

This tentacle was the only thing that existed in the boundless darkness outside.

“What is this!?” Little Dusk exclaimed in shock.

Boss looked at this, then turned to the scene that Little Dusk’s Card was displaying.

——on that screen, the pixies and Reneedol were still standing just outside the door.

But the Sacred Gate had displayed a much more terrifying scene.

These two scenes were in stark contrast with one another.

“We’ve probably been caught by something” Gu Qing Shan muttered in thought.

“No wonder... no wonder I kept feeling uneasy for no reason” Scarlet muttered to herself.

Her gaze towards Boss and Little Dusk now appeared a bit warier.

Gu Qing Shan patted her shoulder and said: “It’s ok, Shroud and Little Dusk—— there isn’t an issue with them, but the thing affecting them is probably very troublesome”

Gu Qing Shan held the Six Paths Great Mountain sword and approached Boss, slowly telling him: “You’re willing to give up everything for the sake of your girlfriend, this, I wholeheartedly believe”

“But I don’t believe that while staying in the secret room, having been drained of your strength, you would still be able to notice Reneedol leaving with an elf among a mass of numerous other living beings”

“Even if you noticed, you would first calm down and think of a solution”

Boss appeared contemplative and told him: “I had a feeling that something would happen to Reneedol, so I left the secret room to check. Not too long after I left, I saw her leaving the Isle of Protection”

“Let me guess, there were three paths outside the secret room, but when you left, two of the three paths had some sort of obstacle or problem, which forced you to take the path where you eventually found Reneedol’s traces?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Boss thought for a bit and replied: "At the time, there were indeed a large gathering of elves on the other two paths, so I followed the path on the left"

Gu Qing Shan nodded and drew a cold arc with the sword in his hand.

[Law Breaker]!

A small wound appeared on Boss' arm.

Boss scowled, then appeared shocked.

"Huh? Huh? What's going on!?"

He exclaimed.

Gu Qing Shan silently observed him and asked: "What's the matter?"

Boss puzzledly replied: "I clearly didn't have any bit of strength left, so why did I decide to go find Renedol?"

Gu Qing Shan stared straight at him.

Scarlet covered her mouth while her body began to shiver.

Little Dusk was also stunned.

None of them was stupid, so they naturally understood what happened.

"Something, or someone, had taken control of your thoughts. It was able to somehow send things into your mind from afar" Gu Qing Shan emphasized every word.

Boss carefully thought about it, then said: “No, it wasn’t total control. I was at least still capable of retaining my consciousness, but at certain points in time, I would—- would—-”

He couldn’t quite describe it.

“Would feel like you’re being guided” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Yes, that’s exactly it!” Boss affirmed.

Gu Qing Shan scowled.

This is very troublesome.

Up to now, the only individuals capable of doing such a thing that I’ve met are the Earth Creator and the Lady of Time.

But this time was different.

The Earth Creator had control over the ‘Earth’, which could also be understood as the body of living beings; while the Lady of Time was capable of travelling forwards and backwards through time, affecting the course of events from the very beginning.

This ‘thing’ was capable of affecting both thought and changes in the environment.

What kind of entity would be capable of such a thing?

Gu Qing Shan’s expression was grim as he turned to Little Dusk and asked: “So? Are you planning to come out or not?”

Little Dusk looked confusedly at Gu Qing Shan and said: “Rhode, you were the one who saved my life, I’ve never thought about wanting to trick you”

Gu Qing Shan gently told her: “Not you, Little Dusk, I’m talking to something else, if it actually has the courage to show up”

Little Dusk looked at him without knowing what to say.

Suddenly, her body lightly hovered into the air, unable to move a muscle.

A voluminous voice resounded from the void of space around her:

「 Visitor from outside the Reality Gate, I had originally wanted for you to live for a bit longer, but unfortunately, you are asking for death 」

Chapter 1503

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Countless years later.

The Temporal Oasis, the world of the Spire.

Little Dusk had woken up and was resting.

All the Combatants had gathered here.

Kitty was explaining what happened to her.

“So many things have happened already?” Little Dusk looked at the unfamiliar faces around her and asked in surprise.

Kitty said: “Indeed. And now the Empress of the Bramble Bird, Laura, had spent a lot of effort in order to awaken you prematurely”

Little Dusk seemed puzzled: “I could have slowly absorbed power from around me to slowly awaken, why did she insist on awakening me so early?”

“I don’t know, but she seemed to have some sort of plan” Zhang Ying Hao shrugged.

Little Dusk asked: “Where is she?”

Ye Fei Li explained: “She’s tidying up what remained of the magic ritual, perhaps we’ll see her coming soo—”

Bam!

The door was kicked open as Laura rushed in.

“Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Big sis Little Dusk, I need your help as well”

Laura took Little Dusk’s hand and hurriedly said.

“Huh? What happened?” Little Dusk puzzledly asked.

Laura showed her a purple length of rope.

— the Twine of Cloud Atlas.

She had another Twine of Cloud Atlas!

Or rather, this was perhaps the other half of the same Twine of Cloud Atlas?

While Gu Qing Shan was within the Tomb of Myriad Beasts competing against the Apocalypses in the great tomb, she once used this Twine of Cloud Atlas to eavesdrop on Gu Qing Shan.

This length of rope had the ability to bypass Space and Time!

Laura took a deep breath, then said: “You’re going to help us with helping Qing Shan”

This was a bit of a strange request, so Little Dusk was still a bit confused and asked: “Huh? What do you mean?”

“You can help Gu Qing Shan” Laura explained.

“But didn’t Gu Qing Shan already travel back to the Age of Immemorial?” Little Dusk asked.

Laura quickly told her: “He’s currently in a very dangerous situation, we need your help to send him everything that would be able to help him”

Little Dusk pondered briefly and asked: “You mean— the [Duo Image] state?”

“Yes, when you were taken back from the Holy Church of Fate by Su Xue Er and big sis Ning handed you over to Qing Shan, all of us were present!”

Laura continued: “I saw with my own eyes how Gu Qing Shan drew a Card from you, which was a phonograph— you used this method to inform Gu Qing Shan of the situation!”

Ye Fei Li and Zhang Ying Hao both nodded.

They also recalled something like that happening at the time.

Little Dusk sighed and explained: “If I use the [Duo Image] Card, I would certainly be able to send him something, but regretfully, that only applies if we’re in the same Space-Time”

Laura tied the long purple length of rope around Little Dusk’s hand and said: “This is an Occultism treasure, the other half of it is currently in Gu Qing Shan’s hand, we would be able to use it to send him one item— but only once!”

Everyone was surprised.

Both Gu Qing Shan and Boss were currently in that era of the past, so if they were able to aid them, everyone would certainly be willing to help, even if it meant handing over their most precious weapon”

Little Dusk sincerely told her: “If Space-Time doesn’t need to be considered, I would be able to use [Duo Image], but I have to turn the item into a Card for him to be able to draw it— and I don’t have any Cards right now”

“I do”

Laura took out a thick stack of empty Cards and put it in front of Little Dusk.

Anna suddenly asked: “Is Gu Qing Shan currently in a lot of danger?”

“Yes” Laura replied.

Anna took her black flame scythe from the void of space and asked: “Could I send this to him? He would probably be able to use it”

“We can’t, that scythe had already existed in that era, so if we send it to him, one of them would only disappear” Laura replied.

Ye Ru Xi took out a hairpin and said: “How about this? This would be able to immediately awaken ten Awaitings from the [Chaos] faction to come to his aid”

“That won’t do either. The Awaitings hadn’t entered the Reality Gate during that era” Laura refused again.

Barry thought briefly and said: “How about you send me over?”

Everyone turned to him.

“I can’t die, so if I come back to them, I’d be able to fight for a very long time” Barry clenched his fist and said.

Little Dusk shook her head: “You are a living being, a living being can’t be turned into a Card. Not to mention, I can only have one partner, which is now Gu Qing Shan, so I wouldn’t be able to turn you into a Card that way either”

Anna glanced briefly at Little Dusk.

At this point, Ye Fei Li took out a canned drink and grinned: “Seems like it’s my time to shine”

“—Ever since our battle with the Soul Shrieker, I’ve stocked up on an innumerable number of canned energy drinks, which consists of every type of energy. It would definitely allow Gu Qing Shan to battle much more freely and even quickly heal in case he’s wounded”

Everyone looked at the canned drink in his hand and fell into thought.

Ye Fei Li’s idea was quite good.

Not to mention, his canned drinks were certainly considered an extremely rare commodity within the infinite worlds, even Boss had to rely on him in order to heal his past injuries.

Barry asked: “Little Dusk, what do you think?”

Little Dusk said: “If we can only send him one item and only this one time, we can try to fit as many canned drinks as possible into a storage item. After that, I can simply put that storage item into a blank Card”

Everyone sighed in relief.

That’s a very simple thing to do.

Barry concluded: “Then let’s decide on that, we’re going to put Ye Fei Li’s energy drinks into a storage item, then use [Duo Image] to send it to Gu Qing Shan!”

Everyone nodded.

Right as Ye Fei Li was about to go get his energy drinks, someone called out: “Wait a moment!”

He turned to the voice and saw that it was Laura.

“What is it? Do you have a better option?” Ye Fei Li asked.

“No, I also think your drinks are necessary for him— but I also have another idea” Laura said.

Everyone turned to see that she had clenched her tiny hands tightly, seemingly making up her mind about something.

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The Age of Immemorial.

The secret room was now surrounded by the unending darkness, wrapped around by a tentacle.

Scarlet retreated a few steps out of fright and grabbed her black flames scythe.

Boss also held tightly onto the Book of Prophesized Destinies with a solemn expression.

From the looks of it, he was preparing to rip out a certain page in the Book of Prophesized Destinies.

Gu Qing Shan put his hand up, signaling them not to attack.

“You want to kill me?” Gu Qing Shan grinned and asked.

Warped fluctuations appeared around Little Dusk’s body, which manifested as a voice:

「Of course, you’ve continuously hindered my plans, so now I must use my powers to erase you as the thorn in my sides」

Gu Qing Shan shrugged: “Can’t we cooperate instead?”

The voice paused briefly.

Gu Qing Shan sincerely said: “Take a look, I am the current embodiment of the Law of Death, while Shroud is the embodiment of the Law of Radiance. The two of us will help you, then take whatever benefits we can get, wouldn’t that be mutually beneficial?”

The voice mocked: 「You two? One has exhausted all of his strength, while the other is injured without even 20% of his strength remaining. How exactly would you be able to help me?」

Gu Qing Shan took out a formation plate and quickly operated it.

An array of several dozen shining formations gradually appeared all over the secret room, then slowly disappeared into sprites of light and returned to the formation plate.

——earlier, to protect Boss, he used a lot of Huang Quan Origin power to arrange this formation array.

“To express sincerity, I’ve taken back all of my formations. After this, if you’re willing to let us regain our power, we’d actually be a couple of very good lackeys”

Gu Qing Shan replied.

He put the formation plate back into his Thought Sea, silently absorbing the Huang Quan Origin power within.

This couldn't be helped. At this point in time, every little bit of power could be the difference between life and death for everyone here, so he had to retrieve it.

The voice slowly pondered: 「 An Overlord of Death, and an Overlord of Radiance, this combination... 」

It appeared to be hesitating.

On the screen displayed by the Sacred Gate, the tentacle had opened all of its vertical irises wide, staring at Gu Qing Shan.

It was silently evaluating him.

「 Tell me, how did you notice me? If you can provide a satisfactory answer, I will consider it 」 the voice finally said.

Gu Qing Shan silently absorbed the Huang Quan Origin power and replied: "That's very simple. The first reason was that Renedol had appeared at a very strange time"

「 What do you mean? 」 the voice asked.

"At first, you tried to make it seem like the pixies were playing a prank at the door, which was still believable, but Renedol's appearance made the entire matter unnatural" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The Huang Quan Origin power within the formation plate continuously flowed into his body.

— if he fully absorbed it, he would probably replenish around 5% more of his strength.

It was only 5%.

But it was still better than nothing.

Being able to unleash even one more sword strike could make an entire difference.

「 Simply because of that? Your explanation does not show me your value at all 」 the voice said with dissatisfaction.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “In reality, the most crucial reason was the Destined Fable that Boss had told”

「 Oh? Why do you think it wasn't me who manipulated that fable? 」 the voice asked.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head: “I suspect that you hadn't even considered that he would be narrating a Destined Fable. Most likely, not even he had thought of it, as this is actually a part of the human subconscious”

「 Subconscious? 」

“That's right, he wanted to resist against something. He had already realized that something was wrong, but he wasn't sure what it was, nor could he express it in words, so when I told him to announce something to everyone, he decided to tell a Destined Fable”

Gu Qing Shan explained.

—-in truth, the six Sealing Tokens were also like this.

When Boss was at this peak, he didn't notice anything wrong at all, but he instinctively set them up.

Even the giant corpse praised him for this.

Gu Qing Shan smiled and said: “Since you're already looking to act against us, I assume that you wouldn't specifically use a fable to remind us that that danger was already at our doorsteps”

「Indeed, I would not do such a thing」 the voice admitted.

“That’s why I trusted in the Destined Fable—— Fate had not and would not ever lie. Only after a prophecy occurred in front of your eyes would you realize just how true it was. Additionally, I’ve studied the murals all over the Pantheon and discovered how the three Deities of Fate were their rulers, this meant that even Deities had their fates to adhere to, so I concluded that there would definitely be danger” Gu Qing Shan followed up.

「I still think your conjecture does not fully explain everything」 the voice said.

Gu Qing Shan continued: “There was one more thing”

In his Thought Sea, the yellow glow of the formation plate had almost been fully absorbed into Gu Qing Shan’s body.

「Oh? What else was there?」 the voice asked in interest.

“This is the very first time I’ve seen an entity who could manipulate someone’s thoughts, but you regretfully seem to not be able to manipulate Scarlet and I” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Only Scarlet and I weren’t under your control. I might have been an exception one way or another, but why could you not manipulate Scarlet?”

Gu Qing Shan answered it by himself: “Because Scarlet currently doesn’t belong to your world system, she now belongs to the Samsara”

“Earlier, you called me ‘visitor from outside the Reality Gate’, which made it clear that the range of your influence should be living beings who were originally inside the Reality Gate”

“The fact that you were able to influence even a being born from the Tree of Fate and an Overlord proved just how distinguished your existence must be”

“I heard that——”

“In the distant past, all the Laws of Reality had converged to create the first entity who wielded infinite Origin power”

“This entity created millions of Deities and had perfect control over them”

“No matter how much I thought about it, being able to affect an Overlord’s thought, as well as influence the power of a Fruit of Fate to display an illusion to us——”

“You are, in fact, that entity who wielded infinite Origin power, aren’t you?”

— he had finished absorbing all the Huang Quan Origin power from the formation plate.

It was only 5% more power.

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed and prepared for an answer from the other party.

In reality, this was the calm before the storm that would decide their survival.

He held no such wishful thinking that the other party would let their group go.

Right at this moment, the War God UI lit up.

Perhaps knowing that it was an emergency, lines of glowing text were displaying at record speed:

[Unique Card: Duo Image, has been activated]

[Angel of Condemnation – Dusk is entering synchronization]

[Angel of Condemnation – Gu Qing Shan is entering synchronization]

[Synchronization complete]

[You’ve entered the Duo Image combat state!]

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Lines of glowing text continued to show up:

[The power of Occultism within the Twine of Cloud Atlas is continuously being released]

[Thanks to this, the two Angels of Condemnation are able to bypass the restriction on Space-Time during this Duo Image combat state and become linked]

[As the distant in Space-Time between you two is too lengthy, please wait for a moment]

[—a few minutes later, you will be able to start drawing the Cards synchronized with the Angel of Condemnation – Dusk]

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised.

Little Dusk has woken up?

And it turns out the Twin of Cloud Atlas is capable of linking the [Duo Image] combat state bypassing Space-Time.

Did they know what was happening here?

A loud series of cracking noises had cut off Gu Qing Shan's thought.

Cracks had appeared all over the wall of the secret room.

—-the tentacle full of vertical irises was exerting all of its strength to crush the room.

「Feeble being, you have a bright mind, but you fail to realize the truth of the world」the voice spoke.

“Then I'm all ears” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The voice became extremely grand—-—

It resounded from everywhere, but also nowhere at the same time, echoing through the souls of everyone here to manifest as a solemn declaration:

「I, the Lord of Infinite Origins, am the soul of the natural Laws of Reality, he who lords over all!」

「I am the Godfather of all, the master of all spirits, the King of Deities!」

These two statements seemed like they were the only thing remaining in this entire world, continuously resounding in their minds.

Boss was unable to stand up straight, practically kneeling on the ground.

The cracks on the wall were growing increasingly larger, the Scared Gate was faintly grunting in pain.

Gu Qing Shan caught Boss and sent his voice: “What’s the matter with you?”

Boss appeared enlightened and replied: “I am a part of him— it turns out that all the Deities were once a part of his body, we belong to him, so he could very easily influence our everything.

Gu Qing Shan looked up to see tiny bits of dust were crumbling away from the ceiling.

The cracks on the wall were growing bigger.

The Sacred Gate shouted out loud: 「 I won't be able to endure much longer! 」

Boss stood up, flipped through the Book of Prophesized Destinies, then took out a treasure chest and poured all the gems within into the door.

“You need to endure, otherwise, all of us will die” Boss said while breathing heavily.

The gems were being absorbed into the door.

A second later, all the cracks quickly disappeared.

「 Hoh— it's good now, as long as there are gems, I will be able to endure for a bit longer 」 the Sacred Gate sighed in relief.

Gu Qing Shan and Boss exchanged glances.

“How many gems do you have left?” Gu Qing Shan sent his voice and asked.

“None” Boss replied.

“Stall for a bit longer” Gu Qing Shan told him.

“Do you have a solution?” Boss asked.

“Maybe” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The two of them finished their exchange in almost the blink of an eye.

Boss blinked, then opened the Book of Prophesized Destinies and took out ten more closed treasure chests and grandly displayed them on the ground.

He loudly called out: “Great Lord of Infinite Origins, take a look, we still have so many gems, is it really worth it for you to expend your limited power on us?”

「 Limited? 」 the voice suddenly became angry and shouted: 「 I am the master of all the Deities, how dare you suggest that my power is limited! 」

Gu Qing Shan continued: “What you said earlier—— ‘you’ve continuously hindered my plans, so now I must use my powers to erase you’—— I suspect that ‘power’ is considerably precious to you right now. Most likely, you’ve sustained some sort of injury that still hasn’t totally healed”

——This was information that Gu Qing Shan obtained from the hidden divine palace of the Myriad Deities.

The voice was shocked: 「 No... that is impossible, you’ve been under my constant observation, how could you have known about this 」

It seemed to have fallen into thought.

Gu Qing Shan's gaze turned to the void of space.

A series of glowing text slowly appeared:

[The Duo Image combat state had been established. As the distance in Space-Time between you and the other Angel of Condemnation is too lengthy, please patiently wait]

Gu Qing Shan sent his voice to Scarlet and asked: "Do you have any gems?"

Scarlet was also anxious as she replied: "I don't have any gems, what now?"

Gu Qing Shan's gaze scanned through the secret room.

Boss doesn't have any gems left, Scarlet also doesn't, while Little Dusk has been taken control of, and I also don't have any gems.

This is a true emergency.

The voice spoke up again:

「 Do you want to live? 」

Gu Qing Shan was surprised, then exclaimed in delight: "Of course, you should have cooperated with us from the very beginning"

The voice continued: 「 You and that girl next to you— give up on your Samsara identities and I shall grant you a chance to survive and work for me 」

The voice was slowly raised higher and declared with a solemn and grand tone: 「 The numerous living beings and all things in this world are connected to me. Their flesh, skin, and bones; the food they eat; the sun they feel; the journeys they go through; even the place they reside after death; all of them are the Laws that I granted them, as well as existences that had transformed from my body. I advise that you do not hold any wishful thinking, as I am the world itself 」

Following its speech, the darkness around the secret room instantly receded. Large and grand divine palaces abruptly sprouted from the ground; the sun above brightly illuminated all things; beautiful flowers and green grass quickly grew all over the ground with butterflies dancing above them; a clear river flowed across a mountain in the distance, drawing a scene of heavenly beauty that was perfectly harmonious, almost like it was the garden of Eden.

Watching the scene that appeared on the screen, Gu Qing Shan's group was shaken.

“Boss, were you able to do this during the peak of your strength?” Gu Qing Shan asked in a whisper.

Boss sent his voice: “Don't be fooled, it's only an illusion—— but I was indeed capable of doing this”

Gu Qing Shan gave him a sidelong glance.

If you hadn't been charmed by female beauty——

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The world would probably have been completely different.

The voice continued: 「 Only after you become my subjects would I feel relieved to let you exist in this world 」

“You'd accept us right away as long as we gave up our Samsara identities?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

「 That's right. Do it quickly, open the door, then I shall grant you a new identity 」 the voice said.

Gu Qing Shan chuckled: “We haven’t even finished talking and you’re already telling us to open the door?”

「 I can’t see any other way that you would be able to survive 」 the voice declared.

Crack crack crack!

The walls began to heavily crack and collapse.

The scene of beauty outside had completely disappeared, leaving nothing but a tentacle full of vertical irises that was exerting strength on the secret room.

“Stop!” Gu Qing Shan called out.

「 What? 」 the voice replied.

“I actually have something else very crucial that I wanted to tell you before” Gu Qing Shan said.

The sound of crushing outside the secret room did not stop at all.

The voice mocked: 「 Tiny and feeble being, you do not understand. There is no meaning in trying to stall for time in front of me, I am everything, the true lord of all beings and all things in this world, the thoughts and souls of all beings originated from me and bend to my will! 」

Bang——

The walls began to break apart!

The Sacred Gate cried out: 「 My body is already starting to collapse. I had thought that I’d be able to go out and play, but now I’m losing my life for it 」

Gu Qing Shan shouted back: “Endure for a bit longer!”

The tentacle full of vertical irises coiled tightly around the walls, it continued to crush the secret room.

Several tiny tentacles slipped through the cracks on the wall, then reformed into a large one that abruptly pierced through Little Dusk’s back.

Little Dusk’s eyes lit up, turning into a pair of vertical irises, then stared down at everyone and smirked:
「 Look, I’ve taken over a soul. She was originally a part of me, and now she had once again—— 」

Before the voice even finished his words, a sword had already flashed.

This sword strike bypassed Space itself to hit Little Dusk.

“Shannu, cut!” Gu Qing Shan abruptly shouted.

The sword vibrated swiftly, then——

「 AAAARRRRGGGGHH! 」 Little Dusk uttered a maddened screech.

A mass of black mist went out of her body, turned back into a tentacle that fearfully fled the secret room.

The voice uttered a furious roar and echoed through the darkness:

「 Useless! Once that room has been completely crushed, you tiny insects will no longer have a place to avoid your fate! 」

Boss rushed forward, caught Little Dusk, then flipped through the Book of Prophesized Destinies and chanted an incantation.

A layer of yellow light enveloped Little Dusk.

“She’s fine, but she needs to rest” Boss said.

“Are we going to die here?” Scarlet bit her lip and asked.

“———Let’s fight” Gu Qing Shan wielded the Six Paths Great Mountain sword and said.

Scarlet silently nodded, wielded her black flames scythe, took a deep breath, and also prepared herself for battle.

「 This is the first time I’ve gone outside; I don’t want to die! 」 the Sacred Gate uttered a loud cry.

Bang!

One of the walls had been completely broken to pieces and is about to collapse on itself.

Right at that moment———

Gu Qing Shan sensed something and suddenly drew something from the void of space.

A Card had appeared in front of him.

Depicted on the Card was a lapis ring that gave off a boundless green glow. It exuded a feeling of elegance and grace, granting anyone who looked at it the feeling of being protected.

Lines of glowing text appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan’s eyes at breakneck speed:

[Attention, you may now draw one synchronized Card between yourself and the Angel of Condemnation – Dusk]

[You've completed the Card draw!]

[You obtained Unique Card: Ring of the Bramble King]

[This was a ring passed down through the royal throne of the Bramble Bird Kingdom, which included the entirety of the Bramble Bird Kingdom's wealth]

[Attention: This ring contains a total of 9,999,999,999,999 treasure vault worlds, as well as one large trunk full of energy drinks from the World Destroyer – Ye Fei Li]

[You may access this ring at any moment and use anything contained within]

[Special description:]

[—To a Bramble Bird, wealth is nothing but dust on the ground]

Gu Qing Shan shook the Card without hesitation.

Poof!

The Card disappeared, leaving the ring in his hand.

He put the ring on, randomly chose a world inside, then focused his mind.

Clack!!!!!!!!!!

The secret room that was originally on the verge of collapse was suddenly filled to the brim with gems of every color, completely enveloping them.

At the very next moment.

The entire secret room returned to an intact state!

— not even a single crack remained!

The Sacred Gate's shocked exclamation followed:

「 Huh, what the? 」

「 What the hell!?! 」

「 WHAT THE HELL!!!!!!?! 」

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Clakkk!

The gems were continuously disappearing, being absorbed into the wall in order to provide a constant supply of power to the Sacred Gate.

Gu Qing Shan was the first to pop his head out from underneath the gems, followed by Boss and Scarlet.

Gu Qing Shan hurriedly pulled Little Dusk up and laid her flat on top.

Scarlet asked in surprise: "Rhode, where did you get so many gems?"

Gu Qing Shan glanced at Boss to signal him, then answered: "This is the Overlord of Radiance's treasures, Shroud was afraid that he would use them without limit, so he left them with me"

"That's right, all of this is mine!" Boss patted his chest and declared.

"So that was it!" Scarlet was surprised.

After deceiving Scarlet, Gu Qing Shan faced Boss' questioning gaze and silently sent his voice: "It was Laura, she thought of a way to send me the entire wealth of the Bramble Bird Kingdom"

“That’s great to hear” Boss only felt glad.

A furious roar resounded from outside again.

The secret room trembled continuously, once again filling up with cracks.

———evidently, the other party had exerted even more strength to destroy it.

The gems quickly reduced layer by layer as they were absorbed into the walls.

In the end, only a thin layer of gems remained on the ground, about to be absorbed as well.

「 Insects, inferior life forms, did you really believe you’d be safe hiding in a room like this? 」 the voice loudly resounded.

———the last of the gems disappeared.

The Sacred Gate nervously said: 「 It’s hitting me too hard. You need to somehow give me more gems, otherwise, we’re in big trouble! 」

Gu Qing Shan and Boss both appeared calm.

Scarlet looked at them and couldn’t help but ask: “The two of you looked like you were ready to throw down your lives earlier, so why do you appear so calm now?”

Boss replied: “Scarlet, let me tell you a secret”

“What is it?”

“Money is a man’s courage”

Gu Qing Shan moved the ring.

Clack!

Innumerable gems once again enveloped everyone.

As the entity outside continued to attack, these gems disappeared layer by layer, once again reaching the end.

The voice resounded again from outside the secret room:

「 Pitiful fools, you might have harvested countless precious minerals from nature, thinking that they would last you for a very long time; unfortunately, you met me 」

Cracks once again appeared all over the room.

The Sacred Gate once again called out nervously: 「 Bosses, take a look at this—— 」

Gu Qing Shan moved the ring again.

Clack clack!

Innumerable gems once again surrounded them.

And then, as the entity outside pressed its attacks, these gems disappeared layer by layer until they once again ran out.

The voice resounded within everyone's minds:

「 You have certainly collected many beautiful gems, a lot more than I had thought. It seems like you've prepared quite sufficiently for hiding inside this secret room; but regretfully, you were up against me— the Spirit of Creation that even the Myriad Deities must bow down to, the Lord of Infinite Origins! 」

On the screen, the long tentacle was no longer wrapped around the secret room but instead pulled itself back to swing at the secret room like a whip.

Bang!

One of the walls was instantly filled with cracks.

The Sacred Gate hurriedly called out: 「 Give me more gems! It's too horrible! Without gems, we'll all die here! 」

Gu Qing Shan moved the ring.

Clack clack clack!

Innumerable gems once again surrounded them.

...

This process repeated 23 more times.

The 24th time——

The Sacred Gate tried begging: 「 Sir, please sir, I'm about to break here, can you please stop hitting me? 」

Bam!

The door was cracked.

Gu Qing Shan moved the ring to replenish the gems.

The 36th time.

The tentacle was swinging wildly at the secret room.

The Sacred Gate begged for mercy: 「 Please stop hitting me, boss man. Even if you keep hitting me, I'll keep getting repaired, so can I have a little bit of peace? 」

The Lord of Infinite Origins said: 「 You damned insects, have you been doing nothing but collecting gems for your entire life? How laughable and pitiful! 」

Bam!

The door was cracked.

Gu Qing Shan moved the ring to replenish the gems.

The 65th time.

Gu Qing Shan moved the ring to take out a few canned drinks, tossing them to Boss and Scarlet.

“Drink it, it’s good for you” Gu Qing Shan told Scarlet.

Scarlet looked at Boss and saw that he had already pulled the tab and chugged it down.

Scarlet also took a sip.

Ah?

My injuries are being healed?

Scarlet was a bit surprised, then followed Boss and chugged it all down.

The intense sound of banging resounded from outside the secret room—

Bam!

The door was cracked.

Gu Qing Shan moved the ring to replenish the gems.

The 91th time.

Little Dusk had also woken up and was drinking one of the canned drinks.

The voice shouted in fury: 「 Even if my injuries haven't healed, I would still be able to make you use up all of your gems 」

The Sacred Gate spoke sadly: 「 Boss Deity King, I've already been broken so many times already, please calm down and stop beating me! 」

Bam!

The door was cracked.

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Gu Qing Shan moved the ring and replenished the gems.

The—

365th time.

The Sacred Gate shouted out loud: 「 Hit harder! You hungry or something? What did you do yesterday that made you so shaky? Put your back into it! 」

It was completely silent outside.

It wasn't until a while later that the predicted hit finally arrived.

Bam!

The walls of the secret room slowly cracked.

Gu Qing Shan moved the ring to release a bunch of gems.

—-the secret room was completely repaired.

The voice appeared both unwilling to accept the truth and confused, then declared once again:

「 Very well, insects, the number of gems you've prepared had far exceeded my estimations, but regardless, I have already imprisoned you here 」

「 —-You will be trapped here for all eternity, having nothing to eat, nothing to drink, no cultivation resources, and nothing that you can use. Dying in the darkness shall be your ultimate fate 」

After saying this, the long tentacle pulled back and went away.

Only the small secret room remained in the boundless darkness.

“He’s right” Gu Qing Shan commented.

“Yeah, if I were him, I’d think that this was a good idea as well” Boss replied.

Clack!

Their chopsticks intersected, then avoided each other as they each took a piece of beef from the hotpot.

Little Dusk was sitting on one side, putting in more meat for everyone.

Scarlet had a bottle of liquor in her lap, she was drinking while also stealing some seaweed from Gu Qing Shan’s bowl.

— they were having dinner.

There was naturally some food in Laura’s treasury— since everyone had a very deep impression of Gu Qing Shan’s cooking, and since she found out that Gu Qing Shan was trapped inside a small room, she made sure to prepare plenty of ingredients.

“So spicy!”

Little Dusk tried a piece of meat and stuck out her tongue.

Scarlet handed her bottle to Little Dusk and said: “Here, it’ll help you feel better after a sip”

Right as Little Dusk was about to drink, Gu Qing Shan stopped her.

“You can’t drink her alcohol, if you do, you’re going to collapse right away” Gu Qing Shan said.

He gave her a bottle of fruit juice instead.

The four of them enjoyed a healthy meal.

Gu Qing Shan put the pot away, then prepared a few snacks.

Once everyone had finished, he took out a few dozen bottles of different alcohol and told Scarlet: "Thank you for transferring your life force to me earlier. Since we have some time right now, give each of these bottles a little taste and commit their taste to mind. After a bit, I'll teach you alcohol mixing techniques in detail"

Scarlet's eyes lit up brightly and loudly said: "Got it!"

Gu Qing Shan left her to herself, then went to Boss and Little Dusk: "Both of you, come here with me"

"What's the matter?"

"Come here first"

The two of them were a bit puzzled, but still followed him.

Gu Qing Shan told them with a stern expression: "While that guy still believes that he has us trapped, I need to use a profound force to remove all of your links with him"

Boss shook his head: "That couldn't possibly be done. In reality, he is the will of the world itself, the original omnipotent God capable of linking himself with all things. He's just currently injured without being able to heal, otherwise, we would have already fallen under his control"

Scarlet thought further and asked: "Why did he suddenly show up? Was it because he noticed that both of you happened to be in a state where you couldn't fight?"

Gu Qing Shan and Boss exchanged glances.

This was a good question.

“Other than this reason, it’s possible that... it isn’t quite that simple...” Boss pondered and replied.

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

Little Dusk’s expression became grim and said: “When he took control of me, I wasn’t able to resist at all. Without Rhode’s sword strike, I wouldn’t have been able to regain my senses and would have attacked you”

Gu Qing Shan put up one finger and told them: “But it wasn’t able to take control of Scarlet and I, so now, I’m going to do something that the two of you need to do with me— this is the ultimate secret that would allow you to escape his control”

“Got it!” Scarlet and Boss both replied with delight.

Gu Qing Shan cleared his throat and shifted into a graceful pose.

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

A series of glowing text appeared in front of his vision:

[You’ve begun to practice the Living Being Sacrificial Dance]

[This session shall be a 3-person group dance. As the lead dancer, you will guide your two dance partners to experience the wonders of the Dance]

[Let us begin with a series of warm-up steps]

[Perk up your head, puff out your chest, and wiggle your buttocks—]

[Music, go!]

Doong!

Doong, doong, doong!

Dum dum tsh! Dum dum tsh!

A series of rhythmic drumming resounded out of nowhere.

Boss' expression changed and exclaimed: "Why is this devil— this Dance that even devils worship?"

Gu Qing Shan glared at him and sent his voice: "Watch your words, do you want to die?"

Boss was soaked in cold sweat.

A second later, he noticed that he had lost control of his body and began to strongly wiggle his butt.

"Hey, are you saying that Scarlet also escaped his control because of this?" Boss asked.

Gu Qing Shan replied with a stern expression: "Exactly! This is the only method to escape his control, you will need to change your world jurisdiction in order to not be under its control"

Little Dusk also began to follow his lead and asked with an amused voice: "By just performing this charming Dance?"

Gu Qing Shan made a pose where he puckered up his lips, then answered very seriously: "That's right"

Boss: "..."

Little Dusk covered her mouth and giggled: "Whoa, I like this Dance"

She happily followed, the more she danced, the better she became, several times better than Boss was doing.

While the three of them were dancing, something appeared from the void of space.

When everyone turned to look, they saw that it was a Card that had silently appeared in front of Little Dusk.

Little Dusk glanced at Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan naturally saw the notification on the War God UI and happily told her: "Nicely done, you've received the favor of the Dance, this Card was a reward from the Dance to you, take it!"

Little Dusk then took the Card with her hand and read its description out loud:

"Causality Law technique: [Weapon Prohibition]"

Chapter 1506

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The sound of music filled the room.

Doong dum tsh, doong dum tsh!

Dum tsh!~

Dum tsh!~

Doong doong tsh!

Gu Qing Shan as the lead, as well as Boss and Little Dusk at the back, the three of them danced.

As the Dance reached the climax, lines of glowing text appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan's vision:

[Congratulations, you've obtained the Authority of World Jurisdiction!]

[Your dance partners belongs to the 'Rivers of Life and Death' world system]

[You may now change their world jurisdiction]

[The currently available jurisdictions are as follow: Rivers of Life and Death, Samsara]

[If you continue to choose 'Rivers of Life and Death', please twirl towards your left to maintain their world jurisdiction]

[If you want to change it, please perform a series of continuous short hops to change your dance partner's world jurisdiction to: Samsara]

Gu Qing Shan had gotten used to these dance steps as they weren't particularly difficult.

He put his hands behind his back as both his feet continuously tapped the ground, completing a series of short hops.

As soon as he stopped, the Dance was also concluded.

New notifications popped up on the War God UI:

[Your dance partners' world jurisdiction has been changed]

[World jurisdiction: Samsara]

[Due to the unique characteristic of the Samsara, you may examine their three lives of past, present, and future]

[As they are newly inducted Samsara beings, they temporarily do not have three lives for you to examine]

[Your dancing has improved, please continue to diligently practice]

The lines of glowing text then all disappeared.

Gu Qing Shan sat back down and breathed heavily.

“Rhode, look!” Scarlet suddenly called out.

Gu Qing Shan turned around, only to see numerous tubes connected to Boss’ body, these tubes were connected to his head, neck, arm, heart, back, thighs, calves, etc. the other end of these tubes reached into the void of space, connected to somewhere unknown.

There was nothing on Little Dusk’s body.

Boss immediately struggled.

“YAAARGH!”

He roared, then yanked out each and every tube from his body while ignoring the bleeding that ensued.

Little Dusk stood next to Boss with her mouth opened wide, seemingly stupefied by the sudden occurrence.

Out of nowhere, a frigid voice could be heard from the void of space:

[Key observation and control target has disappeared, initiating destruction of connective devices]

As soon as the tubes left Boss’ body, they flew into the air and vanished into the void of space.

Everyone that saw this was shocked speechless.

—it was as if another world had descended, briefly stopped here, extracted the tubes that they left on Boss' body, then left.

This caused everyone to feel a chill crawl down their spines.

Gu Qing Shan hurriedly took out two canned drinks with healing effects, giving them both to Boss and Little Dusk.

After drinking, their complexion became a little bit better.

But no one said anything yet.

“What happened just now?” Gu Qing Shan tried asking.

Boss thought briefly about it: “When the Dance concluded, I noticed that something seemed to be perceiving the world through me, and then those tubes appeared”

Gu Qing Shan stood up, approached the Sacred Gate, then knocked on the door and asked: “Why did you let those things in?”

The Sacred Gate pitifully said: 「 Those things were originally attached to him; I didn't let them in 」

Gu Qing Shan turned around to look at Boss, then at Little Dusk and Scarlet.

When I changed Scarlet's world jurisdiction, that didn't happen to her.

Or to Little Dusk.

That voice said that Boss was a 'key observation and control target'—

What exactly was it attempting to do?

Boss stood up with a grim expression and asked: “What did you do through that Dance earlier?”

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“I turned you two into Samsara beings” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Boss thought briefly and quickly understood.

“From now on, that Lord of Infinite Origins would no longer be able to control us” Boss said.

Gu Qing Shan added: “But you would still be able to use your original powers and abilities”

Boss put up one hand.

A mass of radiance appeared in his palm.

“Miraculous...”

No one mentioned the tubes again.

But Gu Qing Shan knew that Boss was most likely a very unique character.

Gu Qing Shan was still contemplating what had just happened.

Those tubes earlier looked like they were Technological artifacts.

How were they connected to the Lord of Infinite Origins?

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

There is too little information.

To find out the truth about this, I'll probably need to think of another way.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at the screen of light that the Sacred Gate had been displaying---

It was completely dark outside without any borders or any living beings.

“Where exactly is this?” Gu Qing Shan wondered.

He put his hand on the door and lightly pushed.

The door didn’t move at all.

The Sacred Gate said: 「 Boss man, if you want to leave, just tell me, no need to push 」

Gu Qing Shan asked: “Would something be able to take advantage of the moment when you open to sneak in?”

「 If you’re concerned about that, then just grant yourself the right of passage and directly teleport outside 」 the Sacred Gate explained.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a few moments and told everyone: “I have a way that’ll ensure I won’t be detected by the other party. I’ll go outside and take a look”

“Wait!” Boss suddenly called out.

“What’s the matter?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Boss pondered: “Since it had imprisoned us here, I suspect that this place might be a location where living beings cannot reach”

“What do you mean by ‘a location where living beings cannot reach’?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Boss seriously answered: “You probably don’t know, but when I became the Eternal Abyss, I discovered that my Abyssal form contained several objects of extreme power, but all of them had been in a constant state of slumber”

“How powerful were they?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“More powerful than anything that I’ve ever seen before” Boss replied.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and recalled something.

After unleashing the Seven Swords of Offering, during his Spirit Wanderer state, he saw the gigantic eyeball.

The God of Life swiftly perished in front of its gaze, even a Wraith Lord was barely able to stay alive before fleeing.

What terrifying power it had!

Gu Qing Shan was no longer in a hurry to leave and said: “I once saw a certain eyeball in a vision of the future, I had thought that you said it was yours...”

“It wasn’t my eyeball, but rather something that was sealed away by being contained inside the Eternal Abyss—— the Eternal Abyss was originally supposed to ensure that those things remain in eternal slumber and to never awaken” Boss explained¹.

“Those things? You mean, there were more things similar to that eyeball?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“That’s right, so the most terrifying thing that could happen was if they all woke up” Boss replied.

“Compared to yourself at your peak, who was more powerful?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Boss paused briefly and answered: “I’m not sure either, but I had once sensed their powers during my peak—— if that eyeball awakens right now, it would easily erase all of us from existence”

Gu Qing Shan touched his forehead with his hand, a bit speechless.

Boss looked towards the empty darkness and also appeared slightly helpless.

“It’s useless to talk about these things right now, because we absolutely cannot offend them—— it’s only because we’re most likely in that situation right now that I had to give you a reminder to be careful”

Chapter 1507

Translator: La0o9

The outside was covered in complete darkness.

Nothing could be seen.

This was the scene being displayed by the Sacred Gate.

Gu Qing Shan asked: “Is there really nothing outside?”

「 There is water 」 the Sacred Gate replied: 「 This room we’re currently in had most likely been submerged in water, there is water all around us 」

“Then, we’re probably in the underwater portion of the Pantheon ruins” Scarlet commented.

“Or maybe even deeper” Little Dusk added.

“——How deep are we?” Boss asked.

「 Fortunately, I can't sense any pressure, it's probably not very deep 」 the Sacred Gate answered.

Boss then reminded Gu Qing Shan: “There's no need to try diving too deep underwater, make sure to stay in the shallow regions— from what I remember, those things were all submerged in extremely deep water”

Gu Qing Shan asked: “Weren't they all in slumber?”

Boss replied: “Even while in slumber they are still dangerous, definitely do not approach any regions in deep water”

“Alright, I got it— I'll head up to the Isle of Protection first, then try and see if I am able to return”

As Gu Qing Shan finished speaking, he filled the room with gems another time, just in case the Lord of Infinite Origins suddenly ambushed them again.

“Go ahead, make sure to stay safe. If you can, check up on Reneedol for me” Boss told him.

“No problem”

Gu Qing Shan turned into an orange cat and lightly leapt into the air.

“Meow”

The sound of a cat could be heard.

The orange cat swiftly disappeared in front of everyone.

...

The Isle of Protection.

As the mass of white fog scattered, the orange cat climbed out of the shallow river bank and quickly hid in a bush.

He cautiously observed his surroundings.

— — — a large number of elves were patrolling along the riverbanks, the giants were responsible for keeping a lookout for anything that occurs outside of the Isle, while the pixies and other species in the Isle were responsible for maintaining order in the Isle itself.

Everything was in order.

From the looks of it, they hadn't noticed that the secret room disappeared.

Strange.

The orange cat was a bit puzzled, so he used [Fog Realm Descent] to directly arrive at the original location of the secret room.

— — — the secret room was still here.

The place appeared exactly the same as the secret room that they were taking refuge in, down to the tiniest details.

Several elves stood outside of the secret room as guards.

A giant came stumbling, but was chased away by the elves.

"Go away, the Combatants who saved everyone are resting in the secret room, what did you come here for?" one of the elves said with irritation.

The giant tried to smile in a friendly manner and said: 「 I'm not here for anything, I just wanted to know how the Guardian and sir Death God are doing 」

“They’re both resting in the secret room, don’t bother them” another elf replied.

Receiving this answer, the giant was satisfied and left.

The orange cat shivered a bit, then released his inner sight to examine the insides of the secret room.

—this isn’t the secret room at all, even my inner sight was easily able to penetrate it.

There’s no one inside.

It seems that these elves and giants haven’t realized that we’ve been taken away together with the secret room itself.

This was very well done by the Lord of Infinite Origins.

The orange cat thought briefly while wagging his tail.

I can’t tell them about what just happened, otherwise, it would only cause unnecessary fear and panic.

—it’s best to maintain this façade for now.

The orange cat lightly flew away.

He had left the Isle, heading downstream of the underground river.

Not too long ago, he ran into Boss, who was heading after Reneedol, at this location.

If Boss was led here by the Lord of Infinite Origins——

Why did the Lord of Infinite Origins have to do such a thing?

The orange cat gradually became cautious.

While maintaining gentle flight, he slowly moved forward.

After a few dozen minutes of flight, he heard some people talking ahead of him.

The orange cat silently approached while concealing himself.

This was a divine palace that had been submerged in water, leaving only half of the roof portion above water, which contained the statue of a female pixie.

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Reneedol and the female elf from before were both here.

“There’s still no commotion even after so long, could that apocalypse have passed?” Reneedol asked.

“Don’t hold such wishful thinking” the female elf refuted: “That was the Five Element Calamity, capable of continuously evolving. Once you approach it, it would suck you in and kill you before you can even think of retaliating”

Reneedol appeared hesitant.

“Thanks to you, I’ve recalled my past in the Age of Myriad Deities, but I still can’t remember what happened that night” she suddenly said.

The orange cat’s expression froze.

—Reneedol had regained her past memories?

This isn’t good news.

The orange cat flew lower, cautiously approaching them from the other side of the roof.

Lachesis hurriedly called out: "Atropos, more and more Apocalypses will keep showing up by the day, you have to take me with you so I can survive!"

"My sister, why do you insist on saying that I'd be able to survive?" Renedol asked with a strange expression.

Lachesis loudly shouted: "Because you possess the Wing of Fate, it is the proof of your survival into the future. During the overpowering waves of Apocalypses, it will ensure that you will be able to survive until the very end!"

Renedol's expression appeared cold and said: "Among us three sisters, you were the psychotic, the one they all feared. Who would have thought there'd be a day when you'd openly beg me like this just for the hope of survival?"

"You——" Lachesis opened her eyes wide and spoke.

"Lachesis" Renedol lightly cut her off, "Tell me the real situation. If you don't tell me, how would I know what's truly going on? And if I don't know, I would definitely not help you with anything"

Lachesis hung her head, hesitated for a bit, then finally said: "The Pantheon we've hidden at the edge of the Dusty World has been destroyed"

"Who destroyed it?" Renedol asked

Lachesis sorrowfully replied: "Who else could it be? The one who created us using the Laws, the Lord of Infinite Origins, Godfather of all Deities, the King of everything"

Renedol took a step back and cautiously observed her.

Lachesis shook her head: "We fled into the Realm of Life because the Myriad Deities in the Realm of Death had all become his puppets. We had no other choice but to run away"

Reneedol said: "But from what I can see, you aren't under his control at all"

Lachesis abruptly looked up at her and raised her voice: "That's because when he created me, he used the pixie's bloodline to make up half of me! You know just how unreasonable of a species the pixies are, he can't project his thoughts onto a pixie's body!"

Reneedol nodded.

"My sister, you are correct. The Myriad Deities have now become a part of the past, and to survive while being trapped between the Apocalypses and the Lord of Infinite Origins, you truly have no other option but to rely on me"

She took a step forward and said: "But sister, I cannot trust you. You must make a Deific Vow to guarantee that you would never harm me, only then would I accept you"

Lachesis took a step back.

Reneedol followed with another step forward and continued: "You would be able to follow me and survive, heeding the new era together. I can already see the resurrection of the Myriad Deities as well as our glorious future, however—"

She stared straight into Lachesis's eyes and doubtfully asked: "How can I be assured and leave my back to you?"

Lachesis sighed, then said: "Similarly, I cannot trust you"

Reneedol immediately knelt on one knee, lowered her head, closed her eyes, and made a vow: "I, one of three Deities of Fate, Atropos, hereby make a vow to the disciplinary net of the Myriad Deities. As long as Lachesis makes a similar Deific Vow as a guarantee, I vow to never harm her and heed the new era together"

From the void of space, numerous tiny whispers were suddenly heard.

A flower crown appeared from thin air, which was caught by Reneedol and placed over her head.

“Take a look, my sister, I’ve been recognized by the Deific Vow, now it is your turn”

Lachesis had been holding her breath, it was only now that she finally sighed in relief.

She also knelt on one knee in front of Reneedol, lowered her head, closed her eyes, and also began to make a Deific Vow:

“I, Lachesis, hereby make a vow...”

As she continued to chant, Reneedol silently observed her while listening to her vow.

Suddenly, Reneedol reached out her hand and quickly tapped the void of space several times.

Behind Lachesis, from the nearby rushing river, a mass of dark fog suddenly manifested.

This fog quickly approached Lachesis and formed a dark net behind Lachesis.

Lachesis didn’t notice this at all.

Reneedol’s expression still hadn’t changed, seemingly listening to her vow.

Right as Lachesis was about to finish her vow, the net abruptly turned into a giant featureless humanoid face that opened its mouth and chomped down.

“AH——”

Lachesis uttered a curt scream.

The featureless face tilted backwards and swallowed her whole!

Reneedol collapsed on the ground and continuously trembled.

However, while she trembled, she abruptly broke into laughter:

“A vow? Did you really think I’d let you finish that vow? One of you was too psychotic, and the other was too snobbish, I knew neither of you would be able to amount to anything, my sisters!”

The giant featureless humanoid face carefully chewed for a while, then calmed down and turned to Reneedol.

「 Prepare 」

It spoke with a resounding voice:

「 The power of the three Deities of Fate shall belong to you alone! 」

Endless black fog rushed forward from the underground river and fully enveloped Reneedol.

Chapter 1508

Translator: La0o9

Endless dark fog silently appeared from the underground river, turning into thin flower petals that circled around Reneedol, before attaching themselves onto her body, slowly covering it.

She uttered clear chiming laughter:

“My sisters, you will no longer be able to scheme against me after this”

“From now on, I will only do what I truly want to do!”

The orange cat was still hidden, but while he was hesitating on what to do, he decided to temporarily continue watching after hearing this.

—-*Reneedol.*

What is it that you truly want to do?

The countless black petals continuously circled around Reneedol, whenever they attached themselves to her, they would then disappear.

After a few dozen seconds, all the black petals disappeared, and the underground river also returned to normal.

“Power! The power of Fate!”

As Reneedol called out, two blurry figures appeared behind her, which seemed to be her older sisters.

As soon as the two figures appeared, they hurriedly tried to run away from Reneedol.

Countless thin strands of thread appeared from her body that restrained both of them.

The figures then quickly returned to Reneedol’s body.

She opened her beautiful yet frigidly cold eyes, softly announcing in an almost harmonious chant:

“Your souls shall be forever imprisoned in my hands, give up and accept your fates as my source of power!”

“Even if the Myriad Deities were to be resurrected, they would still dance upon the palm of Fate, they cannot go against my will, unless they want everything they’ve worked so hard for, to ultimately return to nothingness”

—she had the appearance of an angel, a pure and pristine existence, but the words that came out of her lips were filled with cruelty and bloodthirstiness.

The featureless humanoid face floated in mid-air and asked: 「 The power has been fully absorbed, what about this corpse? 」

Thud!

A dead body came out of its mouth and fell on the ground.

Lachesis.

Lachesis' body had now completely withered up like a dried tree branch, which gave off a hard sound as it fell on the ground.

Renedol glanced at the corpse and said: "From now on, I am the only Lady of Fate, everything of the past should return to dust"

「 As you wish 」 the dark featureless humanoid face spoke.

Lachesis' body was instantly reduced to dust, which was then scattered all over the ground.

Renedol no longer paid any attention to it and said: "Time for official business"

Her body flashed and took flight, heading downstream the underground river.

She moved extremely quickly, disappearing almost instantly.

This divine palace that was half-submerged in water returned to silence.

Time slowly passed.

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

Discreetly, a cat's paw reached out and formed a hand seal.

The dust and dirt that had been scattered by the wind once again gathered into a mass on the ground.

The orange cat appeared from the darkness, closely observing this mass of dirt.

Earlier, Reneedol seemed to have absorbed all of this individual's powers.

—this mass of dirt used to be one of the three legendary sisters of Fate?

From what Reneedol said earlier, the only person left among the three sisters of Fate was her.

She had obtained the complete power of Fate!

The orange cat walked around the mass of dirt a few times, his eyes full of various thoughts.

Reneedol is no longer afraid of the Myriad Deities.

What would she do after this?

—regardless of what she plans to do, it would be very tough for me to deal with it.

Because of that, I need to figure out her stance as soon as possible!

With that in mind, the orange cat put the mass of dirt and dust away into his Inventory Bag and swiftly pursued her.

Reneedol was rapidly moving, so the orange cat had to continuously use [Ground Shrink] in order to catch up.

This place was where the underground river ended, all of the water had gathered there over the years to form an insurmountably deep lake.

The walls around the lake depicted the form of various Deities, all of which were singing, laughing, happily living their lives in the forests and green meadows.

—-from this, it looked as if they had only just been born and were beginning to comprehend this world.

Reneedol stood at the very center of the lake and extended her arms, loudly declaring: “Creator of the Myriad Deities, Lord of all things, come out!”

The calm lake slowly began to fluctuate, which eventually looked like it was boiling.

Countless tentacles appeared from the water, then combined with one another to form a large writhing ball of flesh.

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This ball of flesh eventually formed the visage of an old man, his face was filled with numerous tiny vertical irises that each gave off a black ray of light as soon as they opened to look at Reneedol.

Reneedol didn't move at all.

But behind her, a dark featureless humanoid face quickly appeared, opened its large mouth, and fully consumed the black rays of light.

Seeing that, the vertical irises slowly closed again, returning the face to that of a normal old man.

The old man spoke:

「 Final Deity of Fate, you were manifested from the Laws that I carry. I am now heeding your words, so you had better choose them carefully 」

Reneedol chuckled: “You— are afraid of me, aren’t you?”

The old man replied: 「 Ignorant spirit of Law, you were my creation, why would I be afraid of you? 」

Reneedol casually replied: “In the ancient legends of the past, you created millions of Deities in order to fight against the Apocalypse. There were no issues during this process, except for the fact that you had also created something that frightened even yourself”

「 The Laws came from me; how would I be wary of them? 」 the old man scoffed.

Reneedol observed him and softly continued: “Because you discovered that not even you were able to surpass Fate. No matter what you did, or how you thought, you continued to remain within the net of Fate”

The old man didn’t say anything and stared straight at Reneedol with a terrifying gaze.

Reneedol continued: “How strange it was. It was clearly your own creation, so how could it instead control you?”

“No one could ever accept such a result, and especially not you”

“And so, each of the other Laws only had a single Overlord, but the Law of Fate was weakened by you time and time again, which eventually fell under the joint control of three sisters”

Reneedol laughed, then continued: “—but now, Fate had once again become one”

The old man stared straight at her and asked: 「 What exactly are you trying to say? 」

Reneedol took a step forward, clenching her fist tightly and said: “I know that you hold the Myriad Deities in your hands. I want you to let go of them now”

「 And why should I listen to you? 」 the old man scoffed.

“The Apocalypses have arrived, from the perspective of Fate, the future era has been determined to be the time of the Deities’ awakening, what meaning would there be in you capturing them like this?” Reneedol curtly asked.

The old man went silent briefly before answering: 「 I also want to continue existing, and I need to find myself a suitable body in order to continue living in the new era 」

Reneedol easily accepted: “That is reasonable, I accept. You are free to choose any of the Myriad Deities to use as your body”

The old man continued: 「 I have examined each and every Deity, from which I found the body most suitable for myself 」

“Which one?” Reneedol asked.

The old man didn’t answer, but a tentacle appeared from his face to create a screen of light.

The screen displayed the scene of Shroud and Gu Qing Shan’s group hiding in the secret room while fighting against the tentacle.

Shroud’s face appeared on the screen and was quickly zoomed in.

「 He is the body I want, catch him for me, and we shall continue discussing the future 」 the old man said.

Reneedol’s expression changed, no longer as calm as before.

“Why him?” Reneedol asked.

「 Because Radiance derives into all Laws, only his body is suitable for me to continue taking control over the mortal realm, and once again becoming the King of Deities 」 the old man explained.

Reneedol went silent again.

The orange cat was still hiding nearby, silently listening to them, so he was a bit surprised.

Reneedol had regained her memories and recalled everything that had happened except during the Samsara's descent into the world—

Has she become attached to Shroud?

「 Why aren't you saying anything? Could it be that you want to make things difficult with even this simplest first demand? 」 the old man grimly said.

“Must it be him?” Reneedol asked.

「 Indeed, I need only him 」 the old man persisted.

Reneedol continued to remain silent.

The orange cat silently peeked his head out to take a closer look at this.

Has she really gotten attached to Boss?

If this is true, then everything Boss had done up to now wouldn't be a waste.

After a while, under the orange cat's scrutinizing gaze, Reneedol finally spoke up again:

“If you take a closer look, you can see that the Death God is also with him— would the Death God not be OK instead?”

The orange cat's originally swinging tail abruptly went stiff.

The old man shook his head: 「 Who would be willing to become the Death God? No Law had ever liked the end, and I am no exception 」

Reneedol sighed and said: “Then there is no way for us to reach any sort of agreement after all”

「 For what reason? Why aren't you willing to hand over his body to me? 」 the old man asked disappointedly.

After saying that, the old man once again dispersed into countless tentacles.

All the tentacles moved around, the vertical irises all over them became focused on Reneedol and prepared to attack.

Reneedol took a step back, manifesting layers of black flower petals around her body and also made the final preparations for the ensuing battle.

“Because he is mine, nobody can take him from me” Reneedol replied.

Chapter 1509

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「 He is yours? Why is he yours? Do you also need his body? 」

The numerous tentacles angrily questioned her in return.

Reneedol stood still in the middle of the dark lake, remaining silent.

“I do not need his body, but I need him to be by my side, this was the arrangement of Fate” Reneedol replied.

She readied herself for battle, then spoke in a low voice: “Aside from him, any of the other Deities are free for you to choose!”

The tentacles once again gathered into the visage of an old man.

This time, all the vertical irises opened wide and uttered an ear-piercing screech: 「 What blatant lies! You know full well that I need him, and yet you insist on cutting off my only path of survival! 」

Following his voice, all the tentacles scattered and slowly sank into the lake.

“What, so you’ve decided to risk it all in a fight?” Reneedol coldly smirked.

As the lake surface fluctuated the other party’s voice resounded:

「 Although the Law of Fate is capable of taking control of everything, you alone cannot represent Fate itself. You will end up no different from the other Deities, a pawn in my hands! 」

Fwoom—

Boundless light filled the entire lake and shot into the sky.

Behind Reneedol, a giant dark hand manifested to stop the light.

The two sides briefly clashed with each other before the dark hand perfectly caught all of the light without letting any of it go.

Reneedol said: “Your power is very pure, perfect for me to absorb”

「 That is only your delusion! 」 the old man angrily shouted.

Immediately, Reneedol suddenly appeared to be suffering.

She held her head with both of her hands, moaning in pain.

The dark hand was instantly struck by a mass of light and was flung away.

Instantly after that, Reneedol was enveloped by the light before crashing into the rock walls behind her, digging deep into it.

Numerous tentacles reached out of the lake to manifest the old man's visage again as he headed straight towards the hole that Reneedol had crashed into.

「 Ahahaha, you couldn't even protect your own thoughts and you want to fight against me? How ridiculous! 」

The old man laughed maniacally.

The orange cat stood at a distance watching this and fell into thought.

*Hadn't Reneedol fully gathered the power of the three sisters of Fate?
She appeared so confident, yet she was disturbed at a pivotal moment.*

The orange cat suddenly recalled Boss.

Boss was also taken control of without him knowing.

—this enemy is the embodiment of all the Laws of Reality, the literal spirit of the world and everything within it.

Every living being that exists is a part of his body and falls under his control.

Reneedol knew about this, but not the extent of it, that's why she was disturbed at a crucial moment and fell into dire straits.

In the hole, the old man triumphantly declared: 「 I will send your pitiful form to the surface with the countless rampaging Apocalypses, once the Apocalypses have weathered you down, I will imprison you for eternity. This way, you will no longer be able to do anything against me 」

「 Fate is nothing but another kind of power! 」

Bang bang— —

Intense crashes could be heard from above, almost like walls that were gradually being broken through.

The orange cat knew that he couldn't hesitate.

But right now, there are too many mysteries, and the truth is still hidden, completely unreachable to me.

The Lord of Infinite Origins said that he would imprison Reneedol.

— — why not kill her?

Could there have been some terrifying consequence to killing the Deity of Fate?

And also.

While Reneedol didn't care about other people, she insists that Lord of Infinite Origins cannot harm Boss, meaning that she was indeed changing.

Then, should I save her or not?

The orange cat silently took a few steps forward and reached the shore of the lake.

The old man had broken through the rock ceiling to fly upwards, the tentacles that made up his body now filled the water surface.

These tentacles were still continuously stretching out and growing upwards.

—seems like I definitely have to save Reneedol.

Right now, other than her, there isn't anyone else who could fight against the Lord of Infinite Origins.

There was another crucial point.

Regardless of what she was really thinking, in this battle alone, she was indeed fighting for Boss' sake.

The orange cat's tail raised up and lightly coiled around the void of space.

A gleaming sword appeared.

The Earth sword.

This was the sword with the most offensive power he had.

「 How are we doing this? 」

The Earth sword's mountainous heavy voice resounded in the orange cat's mind.

“Cut them” Gu Qing Shan sent his voice.

As soon as he said that, lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[Although these tentacles are only a small portion of the other party's gigantic body, if you want to cut down the tentacles in front of you, you would still need to expend 1 million Soul Points]

The orange cat wasn't at all concerned about this number.

After killing the Samsara War Shaman and the Judge of Living Beings' Fate, as well as eating a bunch of dried salted fish, even after everything he's done, he still had a couple hundred million Soul Points remaining.

1 million wasn't that unreasonable.

The orange cat prepared himself, then abruptly leapt towards the lake.

His tail curtly swung in the air, unleashing a frigid light-blue sword phantom.

The sword phantom flashed, then reformed into the shape of a full moon.

—Secret Art, [Consecutive Full Moon Slash]!

His Soul Points decreased by 1 million on the War God UI.

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All the tentacles went stiff for a moment as a thin slash mark would be seen where the sword phantom had passed through them.

「 NO! WHO IS IT!? AT THIS PIVOTAL MOMENT—— 」

The old man's furious roar could be heard from a distance, then was abruptly cut off.

In front of the orange cat, the tentacles that had reached upward earlier continuously collapsed one by one into a pile of blood and flesh, then faded away and completely disappeared.

——these tentacles had been slain by a single sword strike!

The orange cat landed on the other side of the lake and sheathed his sword.

Right at this moment, a thunderous rumbling noise could be heard from deep underground, as if numerous things were trying to climb up.

The orange cat released his inner sight to observe the situation above.

In the far distance, at the very end of the hole in the stone ceiling, Reneedol wiped the blood from the corner of her mouth before she vanished.

She had fled!

From the depths of the lake, more tentacles were rapidly reaching towards the surface.

The orange cat didn't have the courage to hesitate and immediately summoned a mass of white fog to envelope himself.

Don't be ridiculous, the Lord of Infinite Origins is definitely going berserk, it would be unwise to stay here for even a second longer.

At the very next moment, innumerable tentacles shot into the sky.

The orange cat had already disappeared.

...

At another location.

The Isle of Protection.

The orange cat had returned to the fake secret room in the island, then swiftly arranged several layers of isolation formations.

—although the Lord of Infinite Origins wouldn't be able to detect me during my [Ghostly Shadow of Night] state, he's still capable of connecting to every living being here, so it's better if I am careful about this.

After all the formations had been arranged, the orange cat took something out from the void of space.

A colorful rooster statue.

As he pulled on the comb of the rooster, it awoke.

“Huh, isn’t it a holiday? Why did you call me out of bed so early, damn it?”

The colorful rooster rubbed its tired eyes and complained.

The orange cat helplessly said: “Meow, meow meow meow”

Hearing that, the colorful rooster waved its wings: “Alright, I already know that the situation is quite urgent on your side, I’m awake already, aren’t I?”

“Meow meow?”

“Hm, like always”

The colorful rooster made a heart shape with its wings and said.

The orange cat put his paw on the colorful rooster’s wing and transferred the Soul Points.

“Cock-a-doodle-doo! With these Soul Points, my holiday fatigue has been completely cleared!”

The colorful rooster instantly became full of spirits, even its comb had stood up completely while it performed a happy tap dance.

The orange cat took two steps back and silently watched it.

“Haha, I was a bit excited; I finally have Soul Points to go shopping again” the colorful rooster said.

“Meow meow meow?” the orange cat asked in confusion.

The colorful rooster proudly explained: “Ah—— in truth, I have a golden finger that lets me buy things by spending Soul Points. Of course, I usually don’t explain this and just keep it a secret while I silently grow—— it’s best that you don’t ask too much about it, give up on that idea—— haven’t you heard the saying ‘curiosity kills the cat?’”

The orange cat paused briefly before nodding: “Meow”

“Everything is good as long as you don’t ask about this. Now, let us talk business, what do you want to know” the colorful rooster asked

The orange cat put up both paws and said: “Meow meow, meow meow meow meow, meow meow”

The colorful rooster nodded: “The secret regarding the Lord of Infinite Origins and Myriad Deities, that’s indeed a grand matter, but—— didn’t I already tell you about this before?”

The orange cat appeared confused.

The colorful rooster explained with a serious expression: “All of these secrets are things that cannot be heard or witnessed. Countless years ago, the Lord of Infinite Origins had already placed a curse on it that would be inflicted to anyone who saw or heard of such matters, ensuring that they would never be able to escape its senses”

“That’s why I had told you to take a look at the murals and statues”

Hearing this, the orange cat appeared contemplative.

No wonder all the murals and statues had erased the enemy of the Myriad Deities.

They probably discovered that anything depicting the Lord of Infinite Origins would carry a curse, so they erased them.

But now, even if I had discovered the clues, what would I be able to do?

Even the Myriad Deities taking refuge in the Dusty World had fallen under the Lord of Infinite Origins' control.

Reneedol had gathered the power of three Deities of Fate, but she still lost.

Thinking of that, the orange cat helplessly said: "Meow meow, meow meow meow"

The colorful rooster replied: "Indeed, you've managed to see through and discover several secrets, but some other things had been hidden especially deep, which requires you to seriously observe them and ponder about"

"The murals, the key to everything lies in the murals and statues"

Leaving that statement, the colorful rooster turned back into a motionless statue.

The orange cat put it away and fell into thought.

The murals and statues...

That's true, I've only seen the murals and statues inside a few divine palaces.

There were still a lot of secrets hidden in the Pantheon ruins.

—-the Myriad Deities' 'shadows', as well as the blessing of the Myriad Deities.

—-the fact that the divine palace of Death was capable of leading to all other divine palaces was also a mystery.

There was one other crucial thing.

—-I've never been to the divine palace of the three sisters of Fate.

Perhaps a piece of crucial information might be hidden within the sisters' divine palace.

A second later.

A black thread appeared out of nowhere, one end was wrapped around his hand while the other end reached into the far void of space.

The orange cat looked at the black thread.

So the divine palace of the three sisters of Fate is in this direction?

He put all the formations away as his figure flashed and left this secret room.

Chapter 1510

Translator: La0o9

The Isle of Protection.

A strand of black thread reached far into the distance.

The orange cat appeared on top of a building and observed the direction that the thread was leading to.

Reneedol had become unprecedentedly powerful.

But the Lord of Infinite Origins was even more powerful, capable of taking total control.

How would I be able to resolve this situation?

The orange cat appeared a bit unsure as he looked at the Thread of Fate.

However, he quickly resolved his emotions and began running across the roofs of these buildings.

At a certain point, the orange cat suddenly stopped.

The water flow of the underground river had become a bit chaotic.

The orange cat turned towards the downstream area of the river.

A huge round of quakes was rapidly spreading.

This quaking originated from the far end of the downstream region, spreading all the way to the Isle of Protection.

— — — the Lord of Infinite Origins.

Some of his tentacles were severed to set Reneedol free, so he had most likely gotten insanely furious.

The orange cat blinked a few times, then turned to the Isle.

...Strange.

The giants, the elves, and even the pixies acted completely ignorant of these quakes.

Have their senses been obscured? Or are there any other reasons?

The orange cat felt a bit uneasy, so he hid in the shadow of a roof and silently waited.

Not too long later, a mass of black light floated up the river and landed on the Isle.

The black light only remained for a split second before it broke into numerous tiny tentacles that pierced into the heads of each living being.

None of them noticed anything at all.

Their gazes froze briefly but visibly, then they quickly stopped whatever they were doing and gathered around to search the Isle.

“Have you found it?”

“Is it over there?”

“Is it inside the secret room?”

“——Let’s check the secret room”

The giants, elves, and every other species had coordinated to conduct a carpet-style search for something.

Even some of the fishes in the underground river had a fine tentacle attached to them.

These fishes were constantly diving downwards to search the bottom of the river.

The orange cat silently felt shocked.

The other party had clearly become angry, so much so that he took direct control over all living beings.

This is even more severe than I had thought; would Renedol be able to escape this tight encirclement?

The orange cat stayed silent briefly before muttering in his mind: “Where is my sister?”

Another Thread of Fate appeared out of thin air, wrapping around his paws and reaching outside of the Isle.

——this Thread of Fate had overlapped with the previous one, both of them pointing at the same location.

The same place!

So Renedol is also heading to the divine palace of the three sisters of Fate?

The orange cat was surprised, then vanished from where he stood.

He reappeared near a certain part of the riverbanks and cautiously looked around.

The Thread of Fate had reached into a secluded bush by the riverbanks.

“Meow?”

The orange cat was a bit confused.

This is clearly the path leading to the divine palace of Death, why did Reneedol come here?

The orange cat then recalled the numerous holes he saw on the ceiling of the divine palace of Death.

— —if all the Myriad Deities had a passage in their palaces that led directly to the divine palace of Death, then the divine palace of the three sisters of Fate should also be the same.

The divine palace of Death seemed to have been a relay location.

The orange cat stepped forward and quickly found a piece of loose mud and dirt at a secluded corner of the riverbank.

He used his paws to gently push the dirt away, revealing a hole about half a person in size.

Water silently surged out of the hole before quickly calming back down.

— —this was the passage that led to the divine palace of Death, the orange cat had already gone there once before.

The orange cat took a deep breath, slowly entered the water, and discreetly dived down.

This time, he no longer carefully observed his surroundings and instead sped up.

Dive.

And dive.

Using [Ground Shrink], he continuously moved down the passage.

Finally.

The orange cat once again came out of the passage and entered the empty submerged divine palace of Death.

He looked at the two Threads of Fate that were wrapped around his paw.

Both of them reached forward, bypassing the numerous holes on the ceiling and directly pointed to the empty far corner of the divine palace of Death.

—without the guidance of the Threads of Fate, probably no one would have taken notice of this secluded corner.

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The orange cat slowly swam forward while he silently contemplated.

All the Myriad Deities had a passage that led directly to the divine palace of Death, but the three sisters of Fate did not.

What did this mean?

The orange cat approached and stopped in front of the secluded corner.

Wiping away the gunk that was accumulated at the corner, a few engraved words could be seen:

[The King of Deities authority belongs to Fate]

The gunk was slowly diluted in the water.

— — — evidently, this place hadn't been touched in a very long time.

Renedol probably used another path to enter the divine palace of Fate.

So the divine palace of Fate was hidden this well...

The orange cat was a bit suspicious and lightly tapped the text with his claw.

A tiny flash of light swiftly appeared on the engraved text.

At the same time, lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[Unique passage: Divine palace of Fate's hidden teleportation circle]

[Usage authority: The hands of the three sisters of Fate must touch this line of text in order to activate the teleportation circle]

The orange cat took a step back with a complicated expression.

What now?

After thinking for a bit, the orange cat took out something from his Inventory Bag with his paw.

— — — this mass of dirt and dust was once the body of one of the three sisters of Fate, Lachesis.

Her body doesn't exist anymore, this bit of dirt is the only thing left of her.

And only the hands of the three sisters of Fate would be able to go through this path by touching this line of engraved text.

This mass of dirt included her entire body, so her hand should be part of it as well... maybe...

The orange cat put the mass of dirt on the engraved text.

Another flash of light appeared, enveloped Gu Qing Shan, and disappeared.

The divine palace of Death returned to silence.

...

A secret passage.

A secret passage that didn't have any water.

The orange cat suddenly appeared inside this secret passage and cautiously observed his surroundings.

This place was very quiet without the presence of danger.

However, the back of the passage was completely sealed off, leaving the only exit ahead of him.

The orange cat carefully approached the exit and looked out.

He saw Renedol almost immediately.

Renedol stood in front of the statues of three female Deities and appeared to be praying.

After a while, she finally whispered:

“The three Deities of Fate had become one. Deity of Fate from the past, Clotho, please grant me the Divine Artifact from countless years ago to retaliate against the Lord of Infinite Origins”

Rumble rumble—

Among the three statues, one of them slowly retreated to reveal an altar.

A pendant clad in dim starlight was sitting on the altar.

Renedol waved her hand to summon it.

After putting the pendant on, she turned to another statue and whispered:

“I, Atropos, have come to retrieve the Divine Artifact I left in the past— you who have waited for so long since I went to the Dusty World, reveal yourself!”

The statue gave off another series of rumbling noises as it slowly retreated and revealed another altar.

This altar displayed a dress armor that was full of black light.

Renedol stood still.

The dress armor broke into pieces by itself into numerous components, which surrounded her before it reformed into armor.

An almost non-existent black glow exited around her body, which faintly housed three dim stars.

Renedol turned to the statue in the middle and whispered:

“The three Deities of Fate had become one. Deity of Fate from the past, Lachesis, please grant me the Divine Artifact from countless years ago to retaliate against the Lord of Infinite Origins”

This statue didn't move at all.

Renedol's gaze became cold and muttered:

"My sister, everyone had always said that you were a psychopath as well as the strongest among us, but the ultimate winner was none other than I"

She slowly raised her hand.

Boundless starlight poured out of the glowing pendant and manifested into a bow in her hand.

Renedol drew the bowstring.

An arrow made of nothing but starlight suddenly manifested between her drawn fingers.

The starlight bowstring was pulled tightly, then was let go.

The starlight arrow was instantly shot forward and struck the middle statue.

Boom!

The statue was forced to retreat.

At the same time, the third altar slowly rose up.

— —but the altar was completely empty without anything in it.

Chapter 1511

Translator: La0o9

There was nothing on the altar at all.

Reneedol was clearly surprised.

“Lachesis, my sister, you’ve always been the one to plan everything out, it makes natural sense for you to be able to hide things from us...”

She paced around the divine palace and carefully observed every corner, but still couldn’t discover anything.

Without any other option, Reneedol raised the Starlight Bow and once again drew the string to a full arc.

Pah!

The starlight manifested into an arrow that flashed in the air.

With a resounding explosion, Lachesis’ statue was destroyed in a single shot.

Reneedol walked forward and took a careful look.

But there were still no Divine Artifacts inside the statue, nor were there any hidden mechanisms.

Reneedol stood still and muttered to herself: “This can’t be. Before their deaths in the past, the Deities gathered all of their powers to manifest a Divine Artifact for each of us three sisters, and I’ve indeed received Clotho’s Divine Artifact— so why is Lachesis’ Divine Artifact nowhere to be seen?”

She put the Starlight Bow away and clasped her hands together and whispered: “[Plate of Destiny’s End], manifest a protective armor for my Fate Spirit”

A dark glow appeared from Reneedol’s armor to manifest as the featureless dark humanoid face behind her.

This time, the featureless dark humanoid face was no longer just darkness, it was now covered in a large number of black armor plates all over its face, which appeared even more terrifying.

The featureless dark humanoid face spoke with a resounding voice: 「 You are currently injured, but your enemy has just discovered this location and is rapidly approaching. You must leave this place immediately」

Reneedol's expression froze for a second before raising her hand.

“Very well, I've already obtained two Divine Artifacts, which should be more than enough to accomplish the next step...”

A mass of starlight poured out from the pendant on her neck into her hand.

「 Hurry! 」 the featureless dark humanoid urged her.

“I'll make it in time!” Reneedol hurriedly replied.

She threw the starlight towards a certain direction, then vanished into the void of space and disappeared.

———she had left.

The orange cat instinctively knew that it was dangerous, so he instantly summoned the white fog.

Right as he left, he saw a thin long tentacle reaching out from the void of space.

Before the vertical irises on the tentacle could even open, the mass of starlight had already struck it.

Boom!!!

The tentacle only managed to endure for a split second before it was completely obliterated.

The starlight continued to fly towards the three statues and broke them into a mass of debris.

...

Inside the divine palace of Death.

A mass of white fog had just scattered, revealing the orange cat.

Hoh—

A number of bubbles escaped from the orange cat's mouth.

He placed his paw on his chest with a relieved expression.

That was dangerous.

The starlight that Renedol's pendant gave off contained irresistible power, capable of eradicating me in almost an instant.

Even if the Lord of Infinite Origins had arrived, it was already too late.

Facing that level of power, just one of his tentacles wasn't even a challenge.

The orange cat relaxed his body and let it float in the water as he slowly fell into thought.

Renedol only obtained a pendant and a suit of armor, but apparently didn't find the last Divine Artifact.

—three Divine Artifacts of Fate, one is missing.

Other than that, Renedol had destroyed the three statues before she left.

If she had done that to cause trouble for the Lord of Infinite Origins who was about to arrive—

—that can't be right!

The Lord of Infinite Origins had countless tentacles, so it didn't matter if he lost one of them.

Then why did Reneedol have to destroy the three statues at the very last moment?

While the orange cat was contemplating this, he suddenly saw a few tentacles appearing from the gloomy dark water around him.

These tentacles quickly writhed and moved around the divine palace of Death, attempting to search for anything that might seem suspicious.

The orange cat didn't bother to pay attention to these tentacles and continued to ponder his thoughts.

Time slowly passed.

The black tentacles searched everywhere, but couldn't find anything at all; unwilling to stop searching just like that, they continued to move all over.

Suddenly—

The entire divine palace trembled.

A large amount of soot and dust fell from the ceiling like mist, causing the water to become murky.

The tentacles seemed to have realized something and swiftly pulled away.

The orange cat regained his senses.

—*—what happened? Why do I have a bad feeling about this?*

The orange cat entered the white fog and disappeared.

The Isle of Protection.

The orange cat appeared in the shadow of a certain building's roof, then looked around in shock.

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The stone wall above them was continuously rumbling like it was about to cave-in.

As far as his eyes could see, innumerable tentacles reached out from the Isle and river water into the sky, doing everything it could to hold the ceiling up.

The orange cat swiftly understood.

—-the Samsara's debris!

Debris from the Samsara was still continuously falling through the Reality Gate into this world.

—-all life has gone extinct on the surface, and now even the Pantheon is about to be crushed!

This was the only situation where the Lord of Infinite Origins would temporarily ignore everything else to maintain the current status quo.

Observing this, the orange cat's expression slowly became grim.

If the Samsara debris continued to accumulate like this, it would only be a matter of time until the Apocalypses arrived.

At that time, even the Lord of Infinite Origins wouldn't necessarily be able to guarantee his life!

Shannu's voice was suddenly heard:

"Gongzi, what do we do now? Let's hurry up and run"

The Earth sword sighed emotionally: 「 Run? Where else can we run to now? There's nowhere to actually hide anymore 」

Luo Bing Li commented: “Let’s run further down, at least we’d be able to delay our deaths”

The orange cat stayed silent for a few moments before he entered white fog again and vanished from the Isle of Protection.

...

White fog scattered.

The orange cat once again reappeared in the divine palace of Fate.

——the World Technique [Fog Realm Descent] that was manifested by the worlds of the past allowed him to travel to any place that he had been to before.

After searching for a while in the divine palace of Fate, the orange cat had carefully looked through every corner but still couldn’t find anything.

He thought briefly and asked in his mind: “Where is the Deity of Fate Lachesis’ Divine Artifact?”

A short moment later.

A strand of black thread appeared out of thin air, coiled around the orange cat’s paw, then wrapped around his arm.

The orange cat was a bit surprised.

——*not even [Longing] could find that Divine Artifact?*

Could that Divine Artifact have already been destroyed?

The orange cat thought briefly, then felt that something wasn’t quite right.

He suddenly noticed that the Thread of Fate was still coiled around his paw, but the other end was reaching up towards his chest.

The orange cat quickly understood.

He searched the fur at his chest before he pulled out an Inventory Bag, then took out the mass of dirt.

—after Reneedol killed Lachesis, her body was reduced to this pile of dirt.

The orange cat held the pile of dust, thought briefly, then called out in his mind: “Luo Bing Li, is it possible?”

The Heaven sword had been silently observing behind him, so Luo Bing Li quickly replied:

“Possibly, but most also likely to be impossible”

She continued to explain: “—I don’t mind using [Chaotic Flow], since an ability only exists to be used, not to mention the dangerous situation we’re currently in, but this Deity’s powers had already been fully absorbed by Reneedol. This was the power of the Law of Fate, as well as a Causality Law, and above all else, a mystical connection between them, so I would most likely not be able to make her return to a moment in the past”

The orange cat silently spoke in his mind: “Give it a try, I’m a bit hopeful about this”

「 “Huh?” 」 his four swords questioned at once.

The Earth sword asked: 「 Why are you hopeful about this psychotic woman? 」

Shannu asked: “Did gongzi notice something?”

The orange cat pondered: “I suspect that I’ve made a certain mistake”

“What is it?” Luo Bing Li asked.

“The Destined Fable that Boss told—— in reality, we only hid inside the secret room that one time, which didn’t fit the story” the orange cat said.

The Earth sword asked: 「 You mean, that fable about the three little pigs and their three houses was incorrect? Or did you think of something else? 」

The orange cat explained: “The individuals who were most closely related to Fate in this world were actually the three Deities of Fate”

The three little pigs corresponded to the three Deities of Fate, while this seemed far-fetched, it also seemed to somehow relate the more one thought about it.

The orange cat continued: “I noticed that when Reneedol talked about Lachesis, she mentioned that ‘among us three sisters of fate, you were the most psychotic and most feared’, or ‘Lachesis, my sister, you’ve always been the one to plan everything out, it makes natural sense for you to be able to hide things from us”

Shannu was confused: “What’s wrong with those descriptions?”

The orange cat explained: “This suggests that the true person in power among the three sisters of Fate had always been Lachesis, and it was only after this Reneedol entered her body that this situation changed”

The orange cat then asked: “——So why was Lachesis able to hold the true ruling authority of the Myriad Deities among the three sisters and manage everything?”

The four swords were silent.

The Earth sword said: 「 Just tell us straight, what exactly did you find out? 」

The orange cat's eyes lit up: "Earlier, we saw with our own eyes how Reneedol's thoughts were influenced during her battle against the Lord of Infinite Origins. If I hadn't interfered, she might not have been able to escape"

"Before Reneedol killed Lachesis, Lachesis had said that the Lord of Infinite Origins couldn't control the minds of pixies, and yet on the Isle of Protection earlier, we clearly saw the pixies being under his control, she might have simply been lying"

"Of course, this might simply be because the Lord of Infinite Origins had thought of a new method of control—I don't know if you noticed it or not, but Lachesis had disguised herself as an elven General earlier, and the Lord of Infinite Origins couldn't even detect her presence!"

The Earth sword cut in: 「 In other words— 」

The orange cat continued: "They said that the Myriad Deities of the Dusty World had all fallen under control, so there was only one reason why Lachesis managed to escape from the Dusty World: she had a way to avoid being controlled by the Lord of Infinite Origins, perhaps even disguising herself and deceiving him while she was right in front of him"

The orange cat raised his tail and grabbed the Heaven sword.

"In the Destined Fable, the houses of the first two little piggies couldn't keep the big bad wolf out and were swiftly destroyed"

"Only the third little pig managed to keep the big bad wolf out due to them having a sturdy house"

"Lachesis was the true protagonist of the Destined Fable. Even the Lord of Infinite Origins couldn't take control of her, she was the real core of the Myriad Deities"

"We must resurrect her!"

Chapter 1512

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The divine palace of Fate was a complete mess.

The statues of the three Deities of Fate had been completely obliterated, leaving their fragments all over the ground.

The orange cat sat down in front of one of the fragments and lightly poked it with his paw.

「 What are you doing? 」

The Earth sword asked with its mountainous heavy voice.

The orange cat continued to poke at various fragments and answered: “When Reneedol escaped, she made sure to destroy these three statues, so I assume they carry some sort of unique meaning”

Rumble rumble rumble—

An intense quake could be heard from far above them.

—more and more Samsara debris was falling down, so it was completely unknown how long the Lord of Infinite Origins would be able to hold them up.

The orange cat listened for a brief moment before saying: “Alright, let’s leave the statues here for later. The more important thing to do right now is to resurrect Lachesis”

Luo Bing Li hesitantly said: “Her situation is too unique; I can only give it a try without guaranteeing success”

“Then let’s give it a try” the orange cat insisted.

He carefully placed the mass of dirt on the ground, then took a few steps back.

“Ready?”

“Let’s go”

The orange cat's tail swung, turning the Heaven sword into a flash of cold gleam that cut through the mass of dirt.

—[Chaotic Flow] had been activated!

An inexplicable fluctuation was transferred from the sword into the mass of dirt, causing it to hover.

“So, did it succeed?” the orange cat asked.

Luo Bing Li yawned, then barely managed to squeeze out an answer: “I’m not very sure, the situation is a bit strange, take a look by yourself, I’m going to sleep...”

The Heaven sword then went completely silent.

In front of the orange cat, the mass of dirt hovered in the air and swiftly formed the shape of a woman.

Before she fully manifested into form, she already declared with a solemn and dignified voice:

“Among the three Deities of Fate, one is responsible for birthing Fate, one is responsible for ending Fate, while I’m the master of Fate who’s responsible for controlling the Fates of all Deities”

—-Lachesis!

Her form had fully manifested, but her body was still made out of dirt and dust, not a true body of flesh and blood.

“Who was it? Who attempted to resurrect me?”

She hovered in the air, asking with a confused tone.

The orange cat returned to Gu Qing Shan's form and spoke: "It's me"

Lachesis was surprised:

"So it was you, unrestrained Death God. I do not know what method you used to achieve this, but the fact that you were able to steal my corpse and attempted to resurrect me had proven that you and Atropos are not two on the same path"

"Why did you call me the unrestrained Death God?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Lachesis replied: "Because you've already taken the Law of Death as your own possession. The Lord of Infinite Origins could no longer influence your thoughts through the Law, and I cannot control your Fate"

Gu Qing Shan pondered: "If you've already taken control of the Myriad Deities' Fate, why did you fall into such circumstances?"

"Because all living beings and all things, including the three Deities of Fate themselves, exists within Fate—— you should know of the Twin Tree of Fate, it was a creation from the Law of Fate in order to decide the destiny of us sisters"

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

The Law of Fate is all-encompassing, not even the Deities who wield it can escape its influence.

Just like Black Hound who was manifested by the Law of Death. While it originated from Death, it must still be fearful of death.

Lachesis suddenly appeared panicked as her tone became faster: "I do not have a lot of time to talk to you, but there is something you must understand. The three Deities of Fate have returned to as one, I cannot be resurrected by you"

Gu Qing Shan was surprised: "Then what about your presence here——"

Lachesis held onto the dirt and dust that made up her body and flew into the divine palace of Fate.

Landing where the three statues originally were, she told Gu Qing Shan: “A long time ago, the Myriad Deities jointly manifested three Divine Artifacts for us sisters of Fate, hoping to create a resistance against the Lord of Infinite Origins in the future”

“These three Divine Artifacts contain unimaginably vast power, the likes of which no one could ever fight against”

“Clotho wielded the [Tear of Deities]— a pendant clad in starlight, capable of manifesting unlimited Origin power at the user’s will to form various weapons for combat”

“Atropos wielded the [Plate of Destiny’s End], capable of warding against all disasters and attacks, it could even form a connection to the enemy’s life— which would cause an enemy to receive double of any damage the user receives”

“And I, as the only one among the Myriad Deities who actually could see Fate—”

Lachesis’ body flashed and turned into a mass of dirt and dust and reformed in front of Gu Qing Shan.

“I placed that Divine Artifact in the Dusty World, at the secret hiding place of the Myriad Deities”

She whispered into Gu Qing Shan’s ears.

After saying so, Lachesis quickly chanted an incantation.

A key that glowed with a dim light appeared in her hand.

She put the key into Gu Qing Shan’s hand and said: “This is the [Key of Myriad Deities’ Consent], only an unrestrained Deity who wouldn’t fall under the Lord of Infinite Origins’ control would be able to use this key to enter the Dusty World and retrieve my Divine Artifact”

“If someone who isn’t an unrestrained Deity tries to hold it, the key would return to the hands of its previous owner” Lachesis stared closely at Gu Qing Shan’s hand and quickly traced something in his hand.

“And you’re just giving something so precious to me?” Gu Qing Shan doubtfully asked.

“It was only now that I’ve managed to see a small bit of the course of Fate— Death God, you are the only hope”

After saying that, Lachesis’ body suddenly shook.

The dirt and dust that formed her face slowly collapsed, unable to maintain her form.

Lachesis stopped holding Gu Qing Shan’s hand and took two steps back, glancing down at the fragments on the ground.

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—before Renedol left, she had destroyed all of these statues

“Hmph, that fool, did she really think that I’d hide the Divine Artifact inside the three statues?” Lachesis scoffed.

Her body was finally unable to hold itself up any longer and began crumbling into fine dust starting from the bottom up.

When she only had her head left, she sighed in a lonely manner and said:

“In the past, I once predicted that someone in the far future would attack our statues, so I made sure to imbue the statues with strong defensive measures to ensure that they remain intact”

“Never did I think that the one who would ultimately cause the statues to break was actually one of us three sisters of Fate”

After saying that, the dirt completely turned to dust and fell to the ground.

She had died again.

At the very next moment, a person appeared in the divine palace.

Reneedol.

She stared closely at the gloomy key in Gu Qing Shan's hand and said: "Rhode, that does not belong to you"

Gu Qing Shan turned his hand around and put the key into his Inventory Bag.

He sat down, collected all the dust on the ground, then stored them into a jade box again before putting it away into his Inventory Bag as well.

Reneedol's gaze became focused and suddenly smiled: "Rhode, how did you revive her? And where did you get that dust?"

She was exuding killing intent.

Boundless starlight had manifested from her pendant to form countless stars around her body.

Gu Qing Shan answered leisurely without changing his expression: "That's a very long story. I was exploring the underground river by myself when I suddenly discovered a divine palace that was almost fully submerged in water, so I approached it to take a look. For some reason, this mass of dust was lying on top of the roof of the palace, which formed the message 'save me'"

"And then?" Reneedol asked.

"Then I asked it how I should save it, so it rearranged itself into another message that said 'I will lead you to a divine palace, then grant you the ultimate Divine Artifact', it also told me a lot of secrets.

"And you simply believed it?" Reneedol asked again.

“Of course, why shouldn’t I believe such a good thing?” Gu Qing Shan appeared surprised.

“Then, what happened next?” Renedol asked.

Gu Qing Shan explained: “After I arrived here, she resurrected just as she had said, then gave me a key. Tch tch, if it was such a sudden opportunity and pleasant surprise, I wouldn’t mind running into more of them”

Renedol slightly furrowed her eyebrows and said: “No, that is a Fate Divine Artifact, only those with the power of Fate can wield it, it’s not suitable for you”

Gu Qing Shan grinned, casually took out the key again and tossed it to Renedol.

Renedol caught the key.

It instantly disappeared and returned to Gu Qing Shan’s hand.

“Seems like you’re incorrect” Gu Qing Shan examined the key a bit and put it away.

“What’s going on?” Renedol asked.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “This is the [Key of Myriad Deities’ Consent], only an unrestrained Deity who doesn’t fall under the Lord of Infinite Origins’ control would be able to use this key to enter the Dusty World and retrieve the corresponding Divine Artifact”

“An unrestrained Deity?” Renedol repeated.

“That’s right”

Gu Qing Shan nodded, then raised one hand: “I vow that everything I said regarding this key was the truth; if I had lied to you in any way, I, Rhode, would forever lose the power of Law and no longer be the possessor of the Law of Death”

Rings of black flames appeared from his body, circled several times around him, then swiftly returned.

Renedol silently watched this, then silently said with a cold voice: “And so, you’re the only one who is able to use this key?”

“That’s right. Since I have such a treasure, I’ll probably become incredibly powerful in the future” Gu Qing Shan proudly boasted.

Renedol looked at him, unable to say anything for a while.

“If there’s nothing else, I’ll be going first” Gu Qing Shan said.

Renedol immediately asked: “How did you arrive here? Or rather, how are you going to leave?”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “She led me through a teleportation circle—— in a corner of the divine palace of Death, she used the power of the Deity of Fate to activate a few letters and then we arrived here”

Renedol appeared convinced.

There was indeed such a circle.

However, that was a truly ancient formation that no one should know about, nor even come close to finding it.

No wonder Rhode was able to find this place, it seems Lachesis had truly used a method I didn’t know about in an attempt to give the Divine Artifact to someone who isn’t me.

Dream on!

Renedol raised her hand and lightly grasped the starlight around her.

The starlight surged forward and manifested into a bow in her hand.

“Rhode”

“Huh? Ah? What a beautiful bow, are you going to give it to me, sister?”

Gu Qing Shan put a hand on his chest and acted excited.

Reneedol scoffed and said: “Care to take a guess?”

An immense pressure appeared from her body.

Even the release of this pressure caused Gu Qing Shan to almost falter.

——this was the power of a Divine Artifact jointly created by millions of Deities in the past, it surpasses all imagination, it was specifically created to rival the Lord of Infinite Origins.

Aside from the Lord of Infinite Origins, no one would even be a match for it!

Gu Qing Shan fixed his expression and was about to say something when layers of light suddenly appeared from his body.

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[Your mutual savior: Boss, is performing a reverse summoning on you, would you like to accept the summon?]

Chapter 1513

Translator: La0o9

As soon as the radiant light appeared, Reneedol’s killing intent vanished without a trace.

“This is the Law of Radiance... is Shroud calling you?” she asked.

“Seems so, I’ll be going first, see you later” Gu Qing Shan waved his hand.

He immediately answered the reverse summoning.

“Wait a minute, where is Shroud—”

Before Renedol could finish her words, a flash of light appeared and took Gu Qing Shan away.

Only Renedol remained in the divine palace of Fate.

She stood blankly in place and muttered to herself: “Seems like I’ll have to quickly return as well. The Lord of Infinite Origins is surely still after Shroud, and only I would be able to protect him now”

Renedol looked around.

—Other than the broken fragments of the statues, there was nothing left in this divine palace.

“This place... will most likely never welcome another visitor...”

She shook her head and vanished from the divine palace.

...

At another location.

Under the dark watery abyss.

The secret room continued to be trapped there.

With a flash of light, Gu Qing Shan appeared directly in front of Boss, Scarlet, and Little Dusk.

“What’s the situation outside?” Boss asked.

“Are the living beings of the Isle of Protection still alive?” Little Dusk asked.

“Are you hurt? Did something happen?” Scarlet asked.

Gu Qing Shan looked at Boss, then turned to each of the two girls.

“The fallen debris of the Samsara is currently destroying everything. The Lord of Infinite Origins is barely managing to hold the Pantheon ruins up, so the living beings inside are still alive, but I think this situation won’t last for much longer” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Scarlet and Little Dusk both appeared worried.

“Where’s Reneedol? Did you meet her? How is she?” Boss sent his voice and asked.

Gu Qing Shan consoled the two girls, then also sent his voice to explain in detail what happened between Reneedol and Lachesis.

Boss seriously listened, nodded, then appeared to be in thought.

Suddenly, a dark grey stone seal appeared from thin air and hovered in front of Gu Qing Shan.

“What’s this?” Gu Qing Shan curiously asked.

“The fourth Sealing Token— — seems like you’ve set this period of history in stone. Since Reneedol didn’t die during this period, the fourth Sealing Token had also appeared” Boss explained.

Gu Qing Shan took the Seal Token and smiled wryly: “She isn’t just ‘not dead’, she’s now powerful enough to directly fight against the Lord of Infinite Origins”

As he held the Sealing Token in his hand, lines of glowing text quickly appeared on the War God UI:

[You’ve obtained the fourth Sealing Token]

[There exists a total of six Sealing Tokens, you will need two more Sealing Tokens in order to completely grasp the seal in your hands]

Gu Qing Shan trembled briefly.

So many things had happened that he had only just remembered what the six Sealing Tokens represented.

On one hand, these six Sealing Tokens would solidify history and ensure that everything that had happened couldn’t be changed.

On the other hand, these six Sealing Tokens sealed Boss’ original body, and the Reneedol in the future was attempting to come up with a way to undo the seal and obtain Boss’ corpse.

“Hardly, her mind would still be influenced by the Lord of Infinite Origins, so even if she had gotten stronger, she would still not be able to go directly against him” Boss retorted him.

“...That’s right, Boss. This place is about to collapse already, hurry and tell me, when will the fifth Sealing Token appear?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Gu Qing Shan looked at Boss, and Boss also looked back at him.

The two of them read the same message in the other’s eyes.

This era is too dangerous, remaining here for even one extra day is one extra day full of risks.

—-the best course of action right now is to quickly retrieve all six Sealing Tokens to ensure that history could no longer be changed, then immediately return to the future.

Boss recalled: “The fifth Sealing Token, I think it was to protect those around you and triumph against all enemies?”

The two of them went silent.

Right now, the mastermind in the shadows, the Lord of Infinite Origins, had shown himself.

Renedol had also obtained two Divine Artifacts crafted by millions of Deities.

The Samsara was about to crush the entire world under its weight.

Not even the Lord of Infinite Origins might be able to endure it.

—-and now, we need to ensure that Shroud, who wasn’t even 20 years old, triumphs against all of his enemies?

Boss face-palmed: “It seems the conditions I initially set up were quite careless”

“Yes, very careless” Gu Qing Shan agreed.

At this point, the secret room trembled slightly.

Followed by a resounding furious roar from afar that went on for 5-6 breaths’ worth of time.

Everyone’s expressions changed.

—-this place was deep underwater, and yet they were still able to hear that roar so clearly.

Scarlet covered her ears and asked: "What exactly is making that noise?"

"I'm not sure, let me check its power first"

Little Dusk said, then drew a Card from the void of space.

She threw the Card forward.

It instantly manifested as a series of constantly changing numbers.

The numbers rapidly increased, then finally solidified at 1000:1.

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"What does this mean?" Scarlet asked.

"It means that the other party is 1000 times stronger than I am" Little Dusk replied.

"It's the Lord of Infinite Origins!" Gu Qing Shan and Boss both exclaimed.

Scarlet covered her mouth.

—-that terrifying entity was actually that powerful?

How are we supposed to fight against that?

Everyone was speechless.

Boss took out the Book of Prophesized Destinies, then shouted: "Manifest calamity"

The Book of Prophesized Destinies flipped open by itself and quickly turned to a certain page.

This page was originally blank, but it soon manifested various marks to depict a portrait.

In the portrait, the numerous passages, stairways, and divine palaces of the Pantheon were undergoing total collapse.

A tentacle filled with vertical irises stood in every location of the Pantheon, trying their best to hold the Pantheon up, but it was proving futile.

Boss' expression changed: "Not good, the Pantheon ruins are collapsing on us, I need to quickly find and retrieve Renedol"

Gu Qing Shan held him back: "Don't go, you're not even as powerful as she is right now"

Boss shook his head: "You don't understand. There is no one who's as familiar with this place as I am, not even the current Lord of Infinite Origins knows as much as I do— only I know of all of this place's secrets, and even if it reached the worst-case scenario, I still have unique measures that no one else can employ!"

Gu Qing Shan was stunned briefly, then realized what he was talking about.

— the secrets that Boss mentioned were the entities at the same level as the giant eyeball.

An entity who had the power to triumph against everything!

Boss put one finger on the Book of Prophesized Destinies and lightly chanted an incantation.

The Book of Prophesized Destinies rapidly flipped through its pages, displaying numerous pictures of weapons, spells, creatures, secret scriptures, etc.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised: "What is this?"

“Ah right, after you left, I’ve begun to all-around strengthen myself—— I’ve actually recalled quite a few methods that would greatly boost my strength—— but let me retrieve Reneedol first” Boss said.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly, then closed his eyes and told him: “Boss, listen to me, perhaps the relationship between you and Reneedol isn’t quite what you thought it was”

“I know, that’s why I entered this era merely to witness everything” Boss replied.

Gu Qing Shan looked at him, only to see his expression was calm and collected.

“It’s ok, Gu Qing Shan, after I escaped from that bastard’s mind influence, I’ve become considerably more rational, I won’t be deceived by anyone ever again” Boss calmly told him.

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit more at ease, then firmly said: “I respect your decision”

He then walked up to the door and said: “Grant Shroud the authority to leave and enter as he pleases”

「 Understood 」 the Sacred Gate replied.

Boss flipped through the Book of Prophesized Destinies before turning into a ray of light and disappearing from the secret room.

Only Gu Qing Shan, Little Dusk, and Scarlet remained.

Little Dusk didn’t say anything and rapidly drew Card after Card from the void of space.

Each time she Drew ten Cards, she left them aside and continued to draw even more.

Very quickly, she had drawn about seventy or eighty Cards.

Little Dusk carefully examined each Cards, occasionally placing a couple, or three, or even four Cards together to fuse them.

She diligently did this while forgetting their current circumstances.

Scarlet also walked aside, manifesting dozens of stars around her body before using black flames to slowly adjust their positions.

Gu Qing Shan silently nodded.

—it seems they had been stimulated by the Lord of Infinite Origins and were now trying to do everything that they could to grow stronger.

Gu Qing Shan walked to a corner, then took something out of this Inventory Bag.

It was a key that immediately gave off a faint dark glow as soon as it appeared.

According to Lachesis, it was the [Key of Myriad Deities' Consent], which he could take to the Dusty World in order to retrieve a Divine Artifact.

— — — a Divine Artifact that was jointly created by the power of millions of Deities.

Renedol seemed to have known about this, which made her think about killing Rhode in order to take this key.

However— —

The situation isn't quite as it seemed.

Gu Qing Shan's expression grew increasingly stranger as he examined the key.

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

[Secret Key of Fate (fake)]

[Ability one: This Key can only be obtained by an unrestrained Deity]

[Ability two: Capable of opening a certain mundane storage unit and retrieve the item inside]

This key was fake.

It wasn't just the War God UI who said this, but someone else as well.

—-Lachesis.

When she handed me the key, she quickly wrote the word [Fake] on my palm.

In other words, this key was made for the specific purpose of deceiving Reneedol.

Lachesis wasn't willing to let Reneedol obtain that Divine Artifact!

What exactly was she trying to do?

Gu Qing Shan carefully pondered and recalled what the other party had said:

...

"Among the three Deities of Fate, one is responsible for birthing Fate, one is responsible for ending Fate, while I'm the master of Fate who's responsible for controlling the Fate of all Deities"

...

Controlling all Deities.

She was the most powerful Deity, as well as the most unique one, not even the Lord of Infinite Origins could control her thoughts.

Gu Qing Shan slowly paced around the secret room while carefully thinking about each of the other party's words and gestures.

...Lachesis was most likely implying that the Divine Artifact she had was the real key to everything.

This made sense, as she was originally the most powerful among the three Deities of Fate, she naturally had to be the one who obtained the most powerful Divine Artifact.

However, she only gave me a fake key.

Indeed, this was done to deceive Reneedol.

Reneedol had mistakenly thought that the clue towards the third Divine Artifact was the key in my hands.

But then——

Where exactly would the most powerful Divine Artifact created by millions of Deities actually be hidden?

Chapter 1514

Translator: La0o9

“Rhode!”

Scarlet’s loud call cut off Gu Qing Shan’s train of thought.

“Huh?” Gu Qing Shan turned to her with a questioning expression.

Scarlet pulled him to one side, then told him in a whisper:

“Rhode, I have something to ask you”

“What is it?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I originally wanted to wait until you’ve finished with everything before slowly telling you, but I don’t think there’s time for that now” Scarlet nervously said.

“Tell me then, I’m listening” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Scarlet took out the black flames scythe and asked: “This weapon is actually the key to the Death God’s authority, isn’t it?”

Gu Qing Shan nodded: “Indeed, just like the Book of Prophesized Destinies was the weapon of the Lord of Radiance, this scythe is the weapon of the Death God, representing the two Law’s authority”

Scarlet handed the long-handled black scythe to Gu Qing Shan and said: "I originally wanted to use it to complete the final step of my Star Force technique, but I can feel that it wouldn't cooperate with me—
— perhaps only the Death God would be able to utilize it to the greatest degree, so I'm giving it back to you now"

Gu Qing Shan glanced at the long-handled scythe, then at the dejected Scarlet.

— I really don't like to use scythes as weapons.

He received the scythe and carefully sensed it.

Sure enough, just like Scarlet had said, if she were able to use it during her Star Force construction and summoned a Beast of Death, it would definitely become very powerful.

But this scythe is the Death God's personal weapon, so others cannot use it.

However, there was one exception.

If someone had a grasp of the Law of Death that surpassed even the Death God, then this weapon would naturally follow that person's order and exert its full power.

Gu Qing Shan pondered briefly and said: "Scarlet, try and release your full strength for me"

"Ah, ok"

Scarlet wasn't too sure about what he wanted to do, but she still obediently released her full power of Death while standing still.

Layers of black flames rose from her body and continuously burned.

"If I have a drink, I'd get even stronger" Scarlet explained.

"Then have a drink" Gu Qing Shan smiled.

Scarlet took out a bottle of liquor and chugged it down.

Hoh—

The flames on her body abruptly grew 30% stronger.

Gu Qing Shan silently nodded.

In the mortal realm, alcohol and Death were definitely the best companions.

“Ah, it really was effective, can you get even stronger?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“But why do I have to do that?” Scarlet asked confusedly.

Gu Qing Shan casually explained: “If you hold even more power of Death compared to the Death God, you’d naturally also be able to fully exert the power of this Divine Weapon”

“Oh! So it was like that”

With that realization, Scarlet eyes were filled with spirit once again.

Gu Qing Shan also smiled: “Try your best to come up with something, as long as the power of Death that you carry is stronger than mine, I’ll give this scythe to you so that you can construct your Star Force technique”

“Got it! Then I’ll try my best!” Scarlet exclaimed.

She took out several bottles of alcohol from her personal storage and began making herself a cocktail.

She speedily finished mixing and displayed a glass of deep blue alcohol in her hand.

“Rhode, this is a type of strong alcohol I made that can make my power of Death grow 20% more!” Scarlet proudly showed it off.

“Oh? Does this alcohol have a name?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Yes, it’s the same name as my Star Force technique, it’s called The Crab”

“The Crab?” Gu Qing Shan chuckled.

—no one had ever named a drink they made ‘The Crab’.

Scarlet’s face flushed red: “Yeah, that name was suitable with my Star Force technique, I was going to create a crab with my Star Force, but regretfully, the scythe didn’t cooperate with me”

“Why a crab?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Because among the Star Force techniques Shroud taught me, the properties of my powers were especially suitable for manifesting two protective techniques, which correspond to the two claws of a crab” Scarlet replied.

“And also” Scarlet clenched her fists and continued: “I’m a follower of the Death God, I want to rampage on the battlefield¹!”

Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but chuckle again, telling her: “Two protective techniques? You mean defensive techniques, are you only just going to defend yourself?”

“Hm, I’ve decided to support you— you can fight in front while I provide you with two of my unique protections” Scarlet explained.

Gu Qing Shan pondered for a moment.

Any Star Force techniques that Boss taught her must have been the very best.

But for Scarlet's growth, in particular, just defense isn't enough.

Gu Qing Shan sternly told her: "Scarlet, that isn't enough. Other than providing protection to others, you should also prepare a means of offense for yourself. On the battlefield, this is very important, especially since there are so few of us. Under emergencies, there wouldn't be anyone else who would be able to help you"

"Ah... I'll keep that in mind..." Scarlet appeared contemplative.

"Alright, show me your power" he said.

Scarlet drank the entire glass of dark blue liquor at once.

Fwoom!

An even more intense fluctuation radiated from her body, the black flames rose even higher.

"So? Did I surpass you yet?" Scarlet cautiously asked.

Gu Qing Shan stood on one side and silently evaluated her.

—she's still quite a bit lacking compared to me.

If that's the case, she wouldn't be able to exert all of the black flames scythe's power.

She wouldn't be able to use it..

At the receiving end of Scarlet's hopeful gaze, Gu Qing Shan's lips twitched, then sighed.

The situation is only getting more dangerous by the second, no one would be able to tell what would happen at the very next second, so I wouldn't be able to ensure the safety of this girl, Scarlet.

I need to provide her with a bit of strength...

Gu Qing Shan touched the Bramble Bird ring on his hand, then made his decision.

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“Come with me Scarlet, you’re just a little bit away from surpassing me. Let us research a few new cocktails and see if they’d be able to help your power of Death grow a bit more” Gu Qing Shan said.

He put down several bottles of alcohol on the ground, before quickly taking out almost a dozen of them.

Scarlet pulled the flames around her body back in, crouched down, casually opened one of the bottles, and tried sniffing it.

“This smells very normal to me” she commented.

Gu Qing Shan smiled and told her: “Mixology is like that—— you can find your own feeling of supernatural from the mundane”

He quickly made a cocktail and put it in front of Scarlet.

Scarlet observed the glass.

Several kinds of light-colored drinks, after going through Gu Qing Shan’s mixing, had been turned into a liquid of crimson hue with a hint of black.

“What kind of alcohol is this?” she asked out of interest.

“I call it the Flames of Death” Gu Qing Shan casually replied.

Scarlet picked up the glass and took a light sip.

“It’s good!”

She then drank the entire glass all at once, but still seemed a bit unsatisfied as she licked her lips.

Gu Qing Shan looked straight at her.

“Huh? It goes down really nicely— why are you looking at me?” Scarlet asked.

“Did you think I made that just for fun? Hurry and try to see if your power of Death has improved!” Gu Qing Shan said with an impatient tone.

“Oh sorry, I forgot!” Scarlet said with a flushed expression.

She fully released her power, noticing that the black flames had risen a few centimeters higher.

Gu Qing Shan silently nodded and encouraged her: “That’s great, seems like we just need a little bit more until we achieve our goals”

He took out a few more bottles of alcohol and made a new glass of cocktail.

“What’s this?” Scarlet asked, full of expectations.

“The Bloodthirster” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Scarlet picked up the glass then tried a sip.

“Such a strong liquor, yet it makes one feel a bit sorrowful. It was as if you weren’t in a very good mood when you made this” she frowned.

Gu Qing Shan appeared reminiscent, feeling emotions welling up in his heart.

“Try again” he told her.

Scarlet fully released her power of Death again.

The black flames rose a few centimeters higher.

——at this point, the power of Death on her body had basically become equal to Gu Qing Shan.

“Alright, just a little bit more and you’d be able to surpass me” Gu Qing Shan commented.

Scarlet jumped from joy, then hugged Gu Qing Shan’s arm and said: “Give me another shot, Rhode, I beg you, give me your best drink, my Star Force technique is only one final step away!”

“Alright, you don’t have to beg me like that, let me think about what other kinds of alcohol there are” Gu Qing Shan smiled.

He carefully thought for a while.

———*among all the cocktails and liquor I know, perhaps only that one would be able to surpass ‘The Bloodthirster’ and ‘Flames of Death’.*

Gu Qing Shan’s smile stopped as he popped open one bottle.

He continuously picked out several bottles of liquor, then skillfully prepared a glass of cocktail.

“Oh, what kind of alcohol is this?”

Scarlet licked her lips and asked full of expectations.

Gu Qing Shan paused briefly and answered: “There’s no name, just hurry and drink it”

Scarlet raised her glass and drank it all at once.

The drink was as strong as fire itself, scorching away at her emotions, causing her to subconsciously close her eyes.

Strong.

Intense.

Burning.

Destruction, loneliness, sorrow.

And finally, a hint of deep longing sweetness.

After closing her eyes for a while, Scarlet opened them again and looked at Gu Qing Shan in surprise with drops of tears rolling down her face.

“Huh? What’s the matter?” Gu Qing Shan frowned and asked.

Scarlet wiped the tears from her eyes and confusedly answered: “I don’t know”

She stood up, then focused her power——

Fwoom!

Intense flames erupted from her body, turning her surroundings into a mass of blurred dark and red hue.

“Rhode, I can sense it... I’ve surpassed you” she muttered.

After saying that, she waved her hand into the void of space, manifesting numerous stars to appear from the darkness that gave off blinding light.

Gu Qing Shan happily nodded.

“You can use it now”

He handed the black flames scythe to her.

Scarlet received the scythe and placed it in the middle of all the stars.

“Rhode, earlier you said that aside from defensive techniques, I also need offensive means” she said.

“I did” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“I understand now. Aside from the two protective techniques, I will establish a technique for offense as well”

“If that’s the case... my Star Force technique won’t be called The Crab anymore”

“I’m going to call it— Scorpio”

Chapter 1515

Translator: La0o9

The underground river.

While flying, Reneedol suddenly stopped in mid-air.

She put up her arm in front of herself.

Boundless starlight poured out of her pendant to form a shining tower shield.

At almost the exact same time, a dark pillar of light abruptly shot out from the underground river ahead of her.

This pillar of light was so fast that it practically reached Reneedol in an instant.

The tower shield clashed against the pillar of light.

Boooooong—

The pillar of light was deflected away from the shield as it shot towards the thick stone ceiling above, leaving a deep circular crater in it.

Reneedol raised the shield and coldly said: "Hiding in a concealed location, using devious means to face Fate, you are still as detestable as ever"

A voice resounded from the underground river:

「 No need to detest your Creator, as you originated from me, you are a part of me 」

Reneedol shook her head: "Just thinking about the fact that you can observe my thoughts at any moment makes me nauseous"

「 That is because you have yet to mature. One day, you will feel accustomed to this means of existence
」 the voice replied.

“I will never be accustomed to it” Renedol declared.

A giant tentacle reached out from the calm river water in front of her.

This tentacle was so large that it had blocked the entire river.

A thin slit slowly appeared on the tentacle, which swiftly opened to both sides to reveal a black vertical iris.

This vertical iris stared straight at Renedol and coldly spoke: 「 Your outcome today has already been determined, the very same ending as those Myriad Deities who hid in the Dusty World 」

Boom—

The river water suddenly rose up bit by bit.

Figures appeared from the underground river one after another, slowly standing all over the river itself.

As the water receded, their figures were quickly revealed to Renedol.

“These are... my comrades from the Dusty World”

Renedol’s expression went pale as she saw this.

The Deities all donned armor and wielded weapons as they blankly stared at Renedol.

Numerous thin black tentacles had pierced deeply into their nape's, controlling their every thought and action.

The resounding voice declared again:

「 Renedol, I don't have time to waste with you, hand Shroud over to me right now—— this is your last chance! 」

Renedol coldly smirked.

A dark shadow appeared from her armor to envelop her surroundings.

Countless stars poured out from her pendant and manifested into a spear.

Wielding a spear in one hand and a shield in the other, she raised her voice: “They're only the Myriad Deities, you think that's enough to take Shroud away from me?”

「 Then die! 」 the Lord of Infinite Origins angrily declared.

Following his declaration, the Deities standing above the river began to move.

——*crack crack!!!*

A series of cracking noises were abruptly heard.

Renedol looked up, only to see that the stone ceiling above her had already begun to fill with cracks that quickly proliferated in every direction.

Renedol's expression changed.

The numerous Apocalypses were crushing the Pantheon, she understood very well what this meant.

On the other side, numerous tentacles reached out from the underground river towards the stone ceiling above, attempting to hold up the cracking stone and rocks.

Tiny tentacles also entered the cracks, becoming the new filling for the ceiling.

「 AAAARRGH! DETESTABLE APOCALYPSE! 」

The Lord of Infinite Origins ignored Renedol completely and shouted in a frenzy.

The Myriad Deities under his control also leapt into action, using all sorts of powers to maintain the rocky ceiling above.

Renedol took a few steps back and appeared hesitant.

The two Divine Artifacts that she had were made by millions of Deities using all their strength for the sake of killing the Lord of Infinite Origins.

—-and this was the perfect chance for her to attack him.

But under the current circumstances, if she truly struck the Lord of Infinite Origins down, there wouldn't be any other person capable of holding up the Pantheon.

Killing the Lord of Infinite Origins means letting the countless apocalyptic junk on the surface destroy the Pantheon.

If that happens, I would also die!

—-all living beings taking refuge within the Pantheon would also die!

Renedol raised her spear, then slowly lowered it.

Suddenly, a male voice resounded from behind her: "No need to think too much, this isn't the right time to kill him"

Reneedol suddenly turned around.

"Shroud! Why did you come here? This place is too dangerous!" she hurriedly said.

Boss looked at her, displayed a casual smile, then answered: "Come, lend me your Star Force"

"What do you want to do?" Reneedol asked.

The Book of Prophesized Destinies hovered in front of Boss, automatically flipping through until it stopped at a certain page.

This page depicted various kinds of mechanisms.

A large eye hovered at the very center of the book, silently observing Boss.

"We need to borrow a bit of power to deal with the current situation"

Boss replied.

...

The secret room.

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The blinding starlight entered Scarlet's body, then disappeared without a trace.

Gu Qing Shan looked blankly at her.

Come to think of it, I was the one who originally introduced alcohol to the domain of Death.

I was also the one who taught Scarlet how to mix drinks.

The fact that a Star Force technique required an offensive measure aside from its defensive measures was also something that I told her.

—who would have thought that Scarlet would name her Star Force technique Scorpio, corresponding to the glass of Scorpio Palace that I made her.

Fate truly is a mystical thing.

I wonder how Scarlet would turn out in the future.

And if Anna was her descendant or not.

With that in mind, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but ask: "Scarlet, where's the Scorpio that you created with Star Force?"

Scarlet lifted her chin and proudly said: "Wanna guess?"

"Can't think of anything" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"Ehehe, I am Scorpio" Scarlet replied.

"How could that be?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Scarlet patiently explained: "This is a unique Star Force technique that would allow me to gain the power of a Beast of Death. Shroud said that this was the strongest technique in history, it was just that almost no one had been able to complete it"

"But you managed to" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"It was thanks to you lending the black flames scythe to me and teaching me how to mix alcohol, otherwise, I wouldn't have been able to either" Scarlet said.

Gu Qing Shan was a bit stunned.

So it turns out everything was because of me.

I have the power of [Distortion], but there are too many enemies that simply can't be defeated during this era.

The Samsara Apocalypse.

Reneedol.

The Lord of Infinite Origins.

Not to mention the sealed things that Boss had mentioned as well.

Under such circumstances, what else could I change?

Gu Qing Shan blinked, turned to Little Dusk who was a bit of distance away, then turned back to Scarlet.

Because she finally managed to manifest her technique, the girl was smiling brightly.

A voice appeared in Gu Qing Shan's mind.

—regardless of what happens, I must at least guarantee these girls' survival.

Even if the Apocalypses fill the world and monsters rampage the land, I need to give them the power to continue surviving!

Gu Qing Shan's gaze slowly became firm.

He stood up and paced around the secret room.

Lachesis was the most powerful one among the three sisters of Fate, who governed the Fate of the Myriad Deities, not even Lord of Infinite Origins managed to corrode her mind.

The Divine Artifact that millions of Deities forged for Lachesis must have also been the most powerful.

—to obtain more power, the best shortcut would be to find this Divine Artifact!

But then, where would I find it?

To deceive Reneedol, Lachesis had given me a fake key.

How would I be able to find the clues leading to the real Divine Artifact?

After a moment of silence, Gu Qing Shan felt a bit of a headache.

“Rhode, what are you thinking about?”

Seeing how he was scowling; Scarlet couldn’t help but curiously ask.

“Don’t mind me, I’m just thinking about something” Gu Qing Shan waved his hand dismissively without turning around.

“How about you tell me as well, I might be able to give you some suggestions” Scarlet offered.

Gu Qing Shan tilted his head to look at her, then said: “You?”

“Are you looking down on me? My Scorpio was the notoriously most difficult Star Force technique to manifest in history y’know!” Scarlet angrily told him.

Gu Qing Shan straightened up and smiled: “Then how did you complete it?”

“I continuously pieced it together bit by bit, whenever I’m tired, I take a sip of alcohol, and eventually, I managed to completely piece the entire structure of Scorpio together!” Scarlet answered.

Gu Qing Shan smiled and was about to say something, then suddenly stopped.

Piece?

Piece...

For some reason, Lachesis’ words resounded in his ears again.

...

"...It was only now that I've managed to see a small bit of the course of Fate— Death God, you are the only hope"

"...In the past, I once predicted... someone in the far future would attack our statues... I made sure to imbue the statues with strong defensive measures to ensure that they remain intact"

Gu Qing Shan's expression changed.

The three statues of the Deities of fate were broken into pieces by Reneedol.

Could it be that Lachesis had already managed to predict this?

If she truly managed to predict this, there was a possibility of her leaving something on the three statues.

The statues—

Right.

The colorful rooster also mentioned the statues.

—it said that many of the past era's secrets were hidden on the murals and statues within the Pantheon.

Lachesis said that I was the only hope, was she implying that she was entrusting something to me?"

What did she have that she could have entrusted to me?

The answer is quite clear.

Gu Qing Shan stood still and stared straight at Scarlet.

"Rhode, what's wrong?" Scarlet puzzledly asked.

Gu Qing Shan regained his senses, then patted her shoulder: "Scarlet, you truly are a genius!"

After saying that, he retreated into a mass of white fog and disappeared.

...

The divine palace of Fate.

White fog filled the area.

Gu Qing Shan appeared from within the fog and looked at the entire divine palace.

Fragments of the statues had been scattered everywhere.

It wouldn't be easy to piece all of these statues back together.

But Gu Qing Shan didn't seem troubled by that at all.

—he was completely rational.

He crouched down, picked up a fragment of the statues, then muttered:

“Lachesis, let me take a look and see what exactly you have hidden within these three statues”

Chapter 1516

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The divine palace of Fate.

The three statues of the Deities of Fate had been broken into pieces.

Even though a casual attack by the current Renedol was powerful, Lachesis had left behind defensive techniques on the statues, so they were only broken into fragments by the attack instead of thoroughly crumbling into dust.

Gu Qing Shan released his inner sight throughout the entire divine palace.

He had a complete grasp of the situation in a mere single breath's worth of time.

For a cultivator at his level, it was as easy as turning his palm to fix a couple of broken statues.

Gu Qing Shan casually formed a hand seal.

The small fragments flew into the air and gathered at the center of the divine palace.

Following Gu Qing Shan's will, the fragments reformed into the shape of the three statues.

Gu Qing Shan used a technique to temporarily hold the fragments together and made sure that they wouldn't abruptly collapse.

After that was all done, he approached it and began to carefully examine the statues.

——but these statues were just carved out of rock, there was nothing suspicious about them at all.

15 minutes later.

He still couldn't find anything.

Gu Qing Shan sighed, then waved his hand.

Three swords appeared behind him.

"Take a look for me if you can see any issues with these statues" he said.

The swords flew out and circled around the statue a few times.

The Chao Yin sword was the first to return, loudly vibrating with an embarrassed tone.

Gu Qing Shan consoled it: "Ah, it's ok, this is very difficult for sure, even I couldn't discover any clues"

A few moments later, the Earth sword also returned and hovered in mid-air.

It asked in a mountainous heavy voice: 「 Renedol was one of the three Deities, but even after she examined them, she couldn't find any secrets. Could you have made a mistake? 」

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised but answered hesitantly: "I'm not sure either. I simply thought that after being summoned in that way, since she didn't have a lot of time, Lachesis wouldn't have told me useless things"

The Earth sword thought about it for a bit, before it then flew back and continued circling around the three statues again.

A few moments later, the Six Paths Great Mountain sword returned, Shannu's voice reported from the sword:

"Gongzi, there were originally defensive techniques on these three statues, but they're gradually fading away now"

Gu Qing Shan nodded: "Since they've been destroyed once, it makes sense for their defenses to gradually weaken"

"Other than that, I didn't discover anything either" Shannu replied.

Gu Qing Shan appeared a bit helpless.

No matter how he looked at them, these three statues were still only statues.

Perhaps it isn't a matter of the material or technique, but something else entirely?

Gu Qing Shan retreated a bit further and observed the three statues from afar.

Among the three statues; the eldest, Clotho, was on the left, and the youngest, Atropos, was on the right, while Lachesis stood in the middle. Their expressions were calm, dignified, and focused.

It was a real wonder who the sculptors of these statues were, as they perfectly depicted the three Deities' delicate physique, graceful features, as well as overwhelming charm.

After silently observing them for a while, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but mutter:

“What are they looking at...?”

The gazes of the three statues were respectively looking in different directions.

Gu Qing Shan casually formed a hand seal.

A ray of light shot from his hand and connected to the iris of the Deity of Fate Clotho, then followed her gaze until it reached the wall.

Like the other divine palaces, the walls of this divine palace were also decorated by a series of grand murals that depicted the glorious past of the palace's Deity.

The place Clotho was gazing at depicted a pivotal moment in the saga of the past, countless Deities had been killed by the Apocalypse, leaving only a single Deity clad in black flames who barely managed to sit on the ground while praying to the three female Deities.

This Deity wielded a long-handled black scythe.

It was the Death God.

Gu Qing Shan's heart jumped a bit.

...

"...Death God, you are the only hope"

...

Lachesis' statement sounded by his ears once again.

—could she have been able to foresee this within Fate?

Gu Qing Shan lightly clenched his fist.

It was only now that he had finally confirmed that his conjecture was correct.

These three statues were definitely hiding some sort of secret.

—a secret that not even Renedol had been able to discover!

Gu Qing Shan put his hands together to form another hand seal, sending two more rays of light towards Lachesis and Atropos' eyes respectively.

The mural Atropos was looking at depicted the most intense part of the war—

On the battlefield, severed limbs and body parts were scattered all over the ground, the Deities were dying off one after another while Atropos herself was looking towards the severed limbs and body parts.

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While Lachesis was gazing towards the top of the mural.

This mural reached towards the peak of the divine palace, where there wasn't quite enough light to illuminate it. Without carefully taking a look, one wouldn't be able to see anything clearly at all.

At the top of that mural, a single Deity was depicted standing on top of a tall cliff with a war horn in her hands. The warhorn gave off a divine holy light that summoned millions of Deities to the decisive battle.

At a glance, that Deity was indeed Lachesis.

But as Gu Qing Shan carefully observed, he found that it only looked that way.

It's as if...

This Deity is not quite right somehow.

Within the divine palace filled with murals of history, this Deity took up such an insignificantly small portion that anyone would easily miss her if they didn't take a careful look.

But Lachesis' statue was gazing straight at herself on the mural.

Then, this female Deity surely represents something.

Gu Qing Shan's figure shifted a bit as he moved towards the top of the mural to take a closer look.

—indeed, this is Lachesis.

But her figure carries a sort of indescribable aura that is different from the real Lachesis as well as Lachesis' statue within this divine palace.

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

Three Deities.

All of which were gazing at three different locations.

—-the Death God.

—-severed limbs and body parts.

—-and a specious depiction of a Deity.

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes and silently thought for a while.

The Death God represents Death, this was easy to infer.

Then, what do the severed limbs and the unfamiliar Deity represent?

Gu Qing Shan silently descended from the ceiling of the divine palace and looked around himself.

Reneedol had taken two Divine Artifacts away.

Other than the murals and statues, there isn't anything else in this place.

Gu Qing Shan recalled Lachesis' words once again.

...

"...In the past, I once predicted... someone in the far future would attack our statues... I made sure to imbue the statues with strong defensive measures to ensure that they remain intact"

"Never did I think... the one who ultimately caused the statues to break was actually one of us three sisters of Fate..."

...

In other words---

Someone would have attacked the statues, but it wouldn't have been Reneedol.

Who did Lachesis think would attack the statues?

After a moment of silence, Gu Qing Shan abruptly exuded black flames from his entire body.

The Death God.

The one who would have attacked the statues would have been the Death God!

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath, crouched down, then clenched his fist.

The boundless flames that filled the air slowly descended and converged towards his fist.

Gu Qing Shan threw a light punch towards the three statues.

Bam!

The three statues were once again broken apart and fell all over the ground.

This time, as the defensive techniques on the statues had already lost their effects, the black flames did not fade away and instead continued to burn the fragments.

Gu Qing Shan silently waited.

After a few moments, most of the fragments had already melted, leaving only a few that were burnt to the point of glowing incandescent, but still remained intact.

As Gu Qing Shan took a close look, he saw that the fragments that still remained intact were the relatively larger pieces, like Clotho's arm, Atropos' torso, Lachesis' head, and so on and so forth.

Scattered severed limbs...

Aren't they the 'corpses' of the three Deities right in front of me?

Then the only clue remaining would be the unfamiliar Deity.

That's very clear now.

Gu Qing Shan waved his hand and summoned the remaining statue fragments towards him.

—there were around a hundred pieces in total.

Gu Qing Shan maintained a hand seal while putting the fragments of the statue back together again.

Time slowly passed.

Very quickly, a completely new Deity statue appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan checked this statue, then looked back at the Deity on the mural.

“Do you think they look similar?” he asked.

“They’re exactly the same, gongzi” Shannu exclaimed with a tone full of admiration.

Oong!

Chao Yin also replied.

「 They’re indeed the same, but I have something else I want to say 」 the Earth sword said.

“What’s that?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

「 Gu Qing Shan, you’re a real monster 」 the Earth sword told him.

While they spoke, the completely new statue slowly gave off a dim glow.

As if some sort of mechanism had just been triggered.

Under the dim light, the murals on the wall began to turn.

Chapter 1517

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The statue’s dim lighting illuminated the dome of the divine palace.

Under the dome, the murals were continuously spinning with the statue of the Deity in the center.

Gusts of wind began to pick up around the divine palace.

Within the strong wind, the murals almost seemed like they were coming to life, continuously changing and shifting until they turned into a world of their own.

— — — the divine palace of Fate had disappeared.

Gu Qing Shan found himself standing within a barren land being buffeted by a snowstorm.

“Gongzi?” Shannu spoke up.

“It’s ok, don’t do anything yet. I suspect that this place is hiding some sort of secret that Lachesis was trying to tell me” Gu Qing Shan replied.

He observed his surroundings.

There was no sky here, there was nothing aside from the ground and the boundless space.

The ground was completely white.

There were no living beings, nor were there any biological life in this world.

It was a cold and chilling world.

Gu Qing Shan stood still for a while, then suddenly felt his heart beating faster for no good reason.

“How strange, this is only an illusion, yet it was able to rouse such emotions...”

He carefully sensed his surroundings, then crouched down and pushed the snow on the ground away with his hand.

Only to see that there was nothing but a glittering ice crystal beneath.

This entire region seemed to be made out of a single piece of ice crystal.

Something seemed to be hidden deep inside the ice crystal, but Gu Qing Shan couldn't see anything no matter how hard he looked.

Lachesis' voice resounded by his ears:

“In the beginning, within the boundless void, only this single frozen land existed”

“Up until a certain day where a mass of blood grew from within this seemingly bottomless ice crystal”

On the pure white ground, a small red dot suddenly appeared, which then began to proliferate and dyed the entire frosty region in the color of blood.

Countless tentacles grew from the ground, then converged in mid-air to form the shape of an old man.

As soon as the old man appeared, he rapidly began tapping the void of space, manifesting the countless Laws of Reality to create everything.

The land, the rivers, the mountains, the sky, as well as——

The Deities.

The old man gathered countless Laws into a single place, forming a feminine physique.

——Lachesis.

So the very first Deity was actually Lachesis!

After finishing her, the old man shook his head and muttered: 「 Too powerful 」

He split off two sources of Law from Lachesis' body into two more feminine figures.

「 The Law of Fate has been split into three, that will be enough for me to feel relieved 」 the old man declared.

He then began sculpting the other Deities.

The Deities came into existence one by one.

Lachesis continued to tell the story:

“The entity sealed within the ice crystal used his own blood to create the Lord of Infinite Origins, who then went on to create millions of Deities. All of this happened because it had sensed a certain truth”

“The Age of Apocalypse was approaching”

Gu Qing Shan sensed something and abruptly looked up.

Only to see the newly formed sky being destroyed by a certain force as countless monsters of various forms descended from above.

The newly created Deities swiftly engaged in battle with the monsters under the old man's control.

The battle was extraordinarily intense.

The Deities fell in battle one after another, but there seemed to be no end to these monsters.

“During our very first contact with the Apocalypse, we had fallen into a disadvantageous situation. Fortunately, the Lord of Infinite Origins realized that it was not good and unleashed his full power to strengthen the power of each Deity.

Gu Qing Shan stood on the battlefield and saw the Deities gradually becoming stronger with his own eyes, each of them ultimately gaining unbelievable strength that surpassed all of his expectations.

The more they fought, the better the Deities became, until they finally defeated all of the monsters.

“After the initial Apocalypse, we became strong and fit for combat, our wisdom had also developed and granted us self-consciousness and emotions”

Following Lachesis’ words, the vision changed.

Countless tentacles had emerged from the old man’s body, reaching into the back of each Deity’s heads and began to pour something inside.

Some of the Deities who tried to resist were directly erased by the old man.

“The Lord of Infinite Origins then began to use something called the ‘shadows of the Deities’ to take control of us, wanting to use them to erase our consciousness and facilitate easier control”

“Very inopportune, the second Apocalypse arrived at this very moment”

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The sky abruptly went dark.

A humongous metallic warship descended from the sky and unleashed overwhelming attacks towards the Lord of Infinite Origins.

Half of the Lord of Infinite Origins’ entire body of tentacles was immediately eradicated by this attack, even the mountains and rivers that covered the ground were also gradually broken apart to expose the ice beneath.

“Without their consciousness, the Deities were no match for this Apocalypse at all, so the Lord of Infinite Origins had to give up on erasing our minds and had us help it stop the Apocalypse”

“Having awoken, we understood that we must resist him somehow, so while we continued to fight the Apocalypse, we were also thinking of ways to resist the Lord of Infinite Origins”

The vision changed again.

After countless battles, the Deities gradually pushed the opposing Apocalypse back enough to almost destroy it.

Within a secret cavern, they silently gathered to discuss the methods of resisting the Lord of Infinite Origins.

“The three Deities of Fate bestowed the Foresight Deity with a blessing of Fate in order for him to foresee the future of the Deities”

“The Foresight Deity then made two extremely crucial prophecies”

“Firstly: Even if we triumph against the Lord of Infinite Origins, or even if he was struck down by the Apocalypse, he would simply rise again many years later and attempt to consume all the Deities to replenish his strength”

“Secondly: A Deity King would emerge from either the future Lord of Radiance or Death God, who would survive through all calamities and reestablish the Pantheon”

“The millions of Deities vowed that regardless if it was the Death God or the Lord of Radiance, as long as they could save everyone, they would follow that person and support them as King”

“However, no one noticed that we three sisters of Fate had used a method to deceive everyone while not following the vow”

The three female Deities who were sitting at the highest seat exchanged glances, seemingly discussing something.

“As the most powerful entities among the Deities, we sisters of Fate were not willing to hand over our authority so easily, so we set up a trap in the two prophecies as well as the vow of the Deities”

“Everything had been prepared, but we had made a crucial mistake”

“The Apocalypse had not disappeared, it only resurfaced in an even more terrifying manner, an unbeatable manner”

Boom!!!

The cavern began to collapse.

The Deities flew out and gazed at the sky.

Innumerable insects were descending into this world.

The old man flew into the sky and released millions of tentacles to fight off the insects in the sky.

While each of the old man’s attacks was able to kill off a large number of insects, more of them would simply rush forward and eat away at his tentacles.

Very quickly, all the tentacles that the old man released had been completely eaten away.

The insects that ate his flesh stopped in mid-air and began to undergo change.

They were evolving into even more powerful monsters.

While the old man retreated, he also shouted to summon the Deities to attack.

The Deities swiftly arrived.

The full might of millions of Deities managed to instantly eradicate a large number of insects as well.

But similarly, the insects had burrowed into the bodies of numerous other deities’ and began eating them from inside out.

Any insect that managed to consume any flesh would evolve into more powerful monsters. They learnt the power of Law, the Lord of Infinite Origins' means of attacks, as well as all of the Deities' combat skills.

The combat situation rapidly deteriorated.

The Deities were forced to retreat and found themselves gradually unable to push back at all, lingering on the verge of defeat.

At the most critical moment, the three Deities of Fate stood up and led the millions of Deities in focusing their powers to forge three Divine Artifacts of great power.

The countless monsters and insects were helpless against the three Divine Artifacts.

Lachesis' voice resounded again:

"We forged the three Divine Artifacts to fight off the terrifying Apocalypse, and then used them after the Apocalypse was over to kill the Lord of Infinite Origins"

"Initially, we succeeded"

"But never did we think that an even more terrifying Apocalypse would attack this world again"

Corpses of the apocalyptic insects filled the ground.

The Deities were jumping in joy, cheering and celebrating their victory.

At this moment, a terribly cruel face manifested in the sky, looking down on everything in the world below.

The three Deities of Fate once again led the millions of Deities to confront the face.

Countless moments of the war flashed across Gu Qing Shan's eyes, and in the end, thanks to the three Divine Artifacts forged by the millions of Deities, they finally managed to defeat a certain entity.

The entire vision disappeared.

Everything returned to darkness.

Lachesis' voice resounded from the distance once again, but it now carried a hint of fear:

"The Lord of Infinite Origins fell into a deep slumber"

"Almost everyone among the millions of Deities fell in battle, only 18,000 of them luckily managed to escape death, but 8000 of them were already in a critical state, unable to be saved"

"We managed to defeat the Apocalypse, but I was faintly able to sense that everything was not over"

"As the first Deity, the King of all Deities, the only true individual who could see through Fate; I, Lachesis, braved everyone else to absorb all the life force of the 8000 dying Deities"

"I was willing to end their lives at that very moment, as well as fully expending my ability to foresee the future just to observe the truth of the Apocalypse, foretelling Fate one last time to arrive at a certain conclusion:"

"The Apocalypse had not left"

"It was hiding among us Deities, silently observing everything, constantly trying to obtain the three Divine Artifacts for itself and erase the final means of retaliation that this world had against it"

"No one knew its whereabouts. Even when I had expended every last bit of my foreseeing ability, I was still unable to see its true identity"

"After the lengthy Age of Myriad Deities came to an end, and even the Age of Law Behemoths eventually reached its last moments as well, only then would it slowly reveal itself"

"At a certain moment in the future, it would kill the former Ruler of the Myriad Deities—— the Deity of Fate, Lachesis"

"If someone could achieve this..."

"Remember well, they must be the incarnation of the Apocalypse!"

Chapter 1518

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The darkness disappeared.

A second later, Gu Qing Shan found himself back in the divine palace of Fate.

The murals on the walls of the divine palace were stationary as if the vision that was created by them spinning around earlier was nothing but an illusion.

Only the unfamiliar Deity statue that was put together using fragments from the three statues remained inside the divine palace.

All the supernatural phenomena that had transpired earlier, disappeared.

Gu Qing Shan also exited from the vision of the deities fight against the Apocalypse.

He wiped the cold sweat dripping from his forehead.

——the one who killed Lachesis was Reneedol.

This was something that Gu Qing Shan saw with his very own eyes.

According to the prophecy, Reneedol would have to be the incarnation of an Apocalypse!

Gu Qing Shan sighed and muttered to himself:

“So Boss had been in a relationship with an Apocalypse... hm... a man among men indeed!”

However, something isn't quite right.

Gu Qing Shan had fought against Reneedol several times as well as silently observed her, but from his perspective, she was no different from a normal living being.

—-at most, she would be a powerful Deity.

Perhaps...

The real Apocalypse was actually the dark featureless humanoid face behind her?

It had disguised itself as some sort of spirit of Fate?

Boss doesn't know about this yet; I need to quickly find him and explain it to him.

But then, how would the two of them be together from now on?

If Reneedol turns against us, how would we be able to fight her?

Gu Qing Shan looked at the unfamiliar Deity statue in the divine palace.

Among the three Divine Artifacts of Fate, Reneedol had taken two of them, leaving only the most powerful one behind.

Could the final and strongest Divine Artifact of Fate have been this statue?

Gu Qing Shan was a bit unsure, so he approached the statue and touched it with his hand.

Lines of glowing text quickly appeared on the War God UI:

[The Premonition of Fate technique imbued within the statue had been activated]

[It will infuse itself into your hand and trigger at a certain unique moment]

Instantly, the statue disappeared from Gu Qing Shan's sight, turned into a mass of light that entered Gu Qing Shan's hand and gradually melted into it.

Lachesis' voice could be heard from the void of space:

"To ensure that absolutely nothing goes wrong, I've hidden the most powerful Divine Artifact of Fate in the future in an era where there would be an opportunity to defeat our enemies"

“Once that moment is reached, you will be able to sense the whereabouts of that Divine Artifact of Fate”

The voice slowly faded away.

And now, there were truly no longer any secrets left within the divine palace of Fate.

Gu Qing Shan’s hand remained still, but his expression displayed a hint of shock along with a tinge of admiration.

The Deity of Fate Lachesis had hidden the most powerful Divine Artifact in a future era, which would prevent anyone and everyone from taking it.

—because before the destined time, that Divine Artifact would not appear at all.

What a wonderful line of thinking.

But then, what now?

Gu Qing Shan suddenly sensed something and turned to the void of space next to him.

An immense cluster of black flames appeared from the void of space, landing next to him and transformed into Black Hound.

“Have you finished your evolution?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I have. I can now predict deaths, as well as force an enemy to enter a sleeping state, my overall strength has also been greatly improved” Black Hound explained.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly, then asked: “Can you force an entity like Renedol to fall asleep as well?”

“I’ve absorbed the miasmas of millions of Deity corpses, so I can naturally force any entity to fall asleep. However, for an entity as powerful as she is, I will most likely only be able to force her to sleep for a single second— by the way, I need to tell you that you’re truly a shameless pervert” Black Hound replied.

Gu Qing Shan glared at it and said: “Don’t talk nonsense, I have official business”

The ground abruptly began to tremble.

A wave of quakes resounded from afar, bringing with it considerable commotion.

Spiderweb-like cracks instantly appeared all over the walls of the divine palace.

Gu Qing Shan was worried.

The situation is getting increasingly dangerous, I can’t leave Little Dusk and Scarlet in the secret room anymore.

On the other hand, I need to quickly find Boss as well.

“Give me a direction, I need a path that leads to Boss.

Gu Qing Shan silently muttered.

Without a sound or warning, a black thread appeared out of nowhere, one end wrapping around his hand while the other reaching into the void of space.

Gu Qing Shan took a few steps back and was enveloped by white fog before he disappeared from the divine palace.

...

At another location.

At the depths of the dark underground river.

The Lord of Infinite Origins had released all of his tentacles to hold up the collapsing cavern.

Boss and Renedol were standing just a bit further away.

Renedol had followed Boss' instructions to release all of her Star Force for Boss to use.

Boss grabbed a large number of stars with one hand and put them into the Book of Prophesized Destinies while quickly reciting something.

"Shroud, what exactly are you doing?" Renedol couldn't help but ask.

Boss answered her with a solemn tone: "I discovered that there seemed to be some sort of great power deep underground. I'm attempting to borrow their power to investigate the situation on the ground— don't talk to me for a bit"

He closed both eyes.

Suddenly, a gust of invisible wind manifested out of nowhere, drifting endlessly around Boss' body.

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Boss lightly hovered in the air while exuding an inexplicable pressure.

Renedol took a few steps back and silently observed this.

Her gaze first displayed delight, then was quickly followed by madness.

"How unexpected... he could already..."

Renedol muttered in a low voice, then quickly went back to silently observing Shroud.

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

Time slowly passed.

At a certain point, Boss suddenly felt something.

— — — *it's here!*

He tried his best to adjust his spell and fuse it with some sort of unique force.

That force charged straight into his head and directly affected his thoughts.

Boss took advantage of it to greatly spread his mental power above the underground river to search the surface.

This mental power directly went through the stone cavern ceiling, ignored all the Samsara debris, and wasn't affected by the Apocalypses at all as it continued to reach towards the surface.

Finally, his mental power exited the Pantheon ruins and began to observe the situation above ground.

Boss naturally entered a state of total immersion.

Following this process, a faint pressure radiated from his body.

If one didn't pay attention, they wouldn't be able to notice this pressure at all, but if they did, they would notice just how unimaginable this power was.

A projection of a dark circle appeared above Shroud's head.

Bam!

As if she was struck directly in the chest, Reneedol abruptly shot backwards.

"Power... it was this kind of power..."

Her body trembled continuously as a mass of black fog appeared behind her.

This black fog slowly manifested the giant featureless humanoid face, which stared closely at Shroud.

The featureless humanoid face spoke in a voice that only Reneedol could hear:

「 Atropos, there is no mistake, it was this power 」

「 This is the origin of the Lord of Infinite Origins' power, as well as the secret of all living beings' creation 」

「 You need... to think of a way to devour it... 」

Reneedol appeared hesitant and muttered in a whisper: "If I did that, would Shroud still be able to survive?"

The featureless humanoid face spoke: 「 No, you definitely cannot allow anyone to share this power, otherwise, you would fall at the most critical moment 」

"But within the prophecy, he would not die, it would be him who would reestablish the Myriad Deities" Reneedol refuted.

「 Atropos, it seems you haven't fully grasped the situation yet— 」

「 How could the light of a firefly compare to the moon? In front of this power, the power of the Myriad Deities is insignificant! 」

Reneedol paused briefly, then asked:

“We’re currently in the middle of an unusual situation; wouldn’t it be too early for us to act?”

「 Being careful makes sense as well. We shouldn’t expose ourselves for now and just summon the demonic puppet insects of the Apocalypse 」

The featureless humanoid face suddenly opened its mouth and blew out a mass of heavy dark fog.

The dark fog continued to drift forward and approach Shroud, then abruptly manifested into dozens of insects with razor-sharp claws.

“I’m heading there as well” Reneedol shouted.

She manifested a long Blade from starlight, then flew forward to fight off the insects.

Almost all the insects surrounded and attacked her.

Only a single insect silently flew towards Shroud and gently landed on his shoulder.

Shroud was completely clueless about this.

「 Everything... will be under my control 」

The insect spoke in a tiny whisper.

It then turned back into dark fog and surrounded Shroud.

The dark fog rapidly rushed into Shroud's body—

Right at this pivotal moment, a voice resounded from the void of space:

“All things live and die in the fleeting moment, with my power of Condemnation, all wicked machinations upon you shall be eradicated”

A feminine hand touched Shroud's chest.

Fwoom!

All the dark fog was then instantly expelled and flung back into the air, manifesting as the insect once again.

A flaming black scythe slashed through the void of space.

The insect uttered a horrid screech, then disappeared into the void of space.

Little Dusk and Scarlet revealed themselves.

Followed by Gu Qing Shan.

He cautiously observed their surroundings and saw Reneedol fighting against the insects at a glance.

However, since he, Scarlet, and Little Dusk had only just arrived, they didn't see what had happened earlier.

“Reneedol, I'm coming to help!”

Gu Qing Shan put on the crimson flame gloves with a complicated expression as black flames erupted from his body.

Chapter 1519

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Gu Qing Shan's figure slightly crouched, shifted into a stance, then unleashed a barrage of strikes like a blurred image.

Countless afterimages instantly appeared around Reneedol.

The insects were swiftly repelled, their bodies were still burning with black flames as they fell into the underground river.

Having been 'rescued', Reneedol appeared glad and killed the remaining insects with the Starlight Blade in her hand.

"Why are you here?" she asked from a distance.

"The entire Pantheon ruins are about to collapse, we've been looking for the two of you everywhere, only now did we find you" Gu Qing Shan loudly replied.

Boss then opened his eyes.

"Not good, more and more Samsara debris is piling on top of us. From what I can see, not even the Lord of Infinite Origins would be able to endure it for much longer" he said.

Everyone's expressions changed.

Gu Qing Shan silently sent his voice: "Never mind anything else, Boss, I need to ask you something. Do you have a way for us to immediately leave this era?"

Boss replied: "I don't. Unless you collect all six Sealing Tokens and completely set history in stone, we wouldn't be able to return to the future at all"

"The 5th Sealing Token's condition was to triumph against all enemies, I assume that you didn't establish Renedol as an enemy at the time?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Boss nodded.

"Then, what's the condition for the 6th Sealing Token?" Gu Qing Shan asked again.

"To ensure that history would not be affected and continue to follow its original course" Boss replied, then wryly smiled.

— with the status quo as it is, this is too difficult of a task to achieve.

Gu Qing Shan's heart turned heavy.

A moment of life and death is already here, there's no time to make careful considerations at all, so I need to ask as clearly as I can about everything.

He sent his voice again: "If we collected all six Sealing Tokens, you and I will return to the future, but what about the current Shroud?"

Boss replied: "Myself during this era would suddenly wake up, completely clueless about everything that had happened— as if he had just woken up from a dream. That 'me' would once again obtain control over this body"

Boss continued: "As for you and I— I can't return to the Temporal Oasis any longer, so I'll probably have to form some sort of covenant with you, attaching myself to one of the objects you carry and leave with you, similar to your swords"

"— But first, we need to resolve our current situation"

He flipped through the Book of Prophesized Destinies and quickly explained: "Rhode, I've investigated all forms of power and discovered that none of the powers I recognize would be able to resolve the current situation. Only the unique power contained within the attack you unleashed against the giant jade hand

would be capable of sending all the Samsara fragments on the surface flying, thus scattering them into the Space Vortex”

Gu Qing Shan was startled.

Boss is talking about the power of [Null Tribulation].

Indeed, this power was able to break the Samsara apart, so it is naturally capable of doing such a thing.

But my grasp of this power is still too crude, and my personal strength isn't enough to mobilize this power.

Gu Qing Shan explained: “But then—— my power is limited; I probably wouldn't be able to deal with too many fragments”

Boss tapped the Book of Prophesized Destinies.

The Book of Prophesized Destinies quickly flipped through until it reached a certain page.

This page depicted a pale skeleton that caused one to feel frightened just by looking at it, almost to the point of falling to one's knee.

Boss looked at the skeleton with a hesitant expression.

Gu Qing Shan lightly patted his shoulder and sent his voice: “Not right now, we can't go all-out just yet”

“Why not?” Boss asked.

Gu Qing Shan told him everything that he had learnt.

Boss fell into thought.

—there is an Apocalypse on Reneedol's body?

Not only that, even if we resolve the issue with the Samsara debris, we will need to be careful of the Lord of Infinite Origins' monitoring.

"We're going to divide up the tasks" Boss resolutely said.

"How so?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"I need to make some preparations to obtain a certain kind of power that would allow me to get rid of the Samsara debris" Boss replied.

"Then what about me?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"You'll be responsible for everything else" Boss said.

Gu Qing Shan stared straight at him: "Are you sure that's a fair delegation?"

'Everything else' includes the six Sealing Tokens, the Lord of Infinite Origins and the Myriad Deities he controlled, as well as the Apocalypse on Reneedol's body.

—even for the Samsara debris, Boss was only going to summon some sort of power for him, but in the end, it would still be Gu Qing Shan who would be using [Null Tribulation] to get rid of them.

Boss' expression was calm and replied: "Don't worry, this is 100% fair since I'll be acting in between as well"

"Got it" Gu Qing Shan replied.

As the two of them quickly discussed this, a Deity arrived in front of them.

A black tentacle was attached to the back of this Deity's neck, who stared blankly at them and spoke: 「
... Leave... the Lord of Radiance... 」

Reneedol scoffed, then manifested boundless starlight around her body.

She stood out: “Everyone retreat first, I’ll be right behind you”

As soon as she said that, dozens of Deities appeared from the underground river below.

—it turns out the Lord of Infinite Origins had already prepared an ambush for them!

These Deities recited the same incantation and shouted: “Sealing World, teleport!”

Instantly, a flash of light enveloped everyone and took them away.

...

An unending snowstorm.

The teleportation runes spun around in mid-air before it finally landed on top of the snow-covered ground.

Everyone appeared.

This was an absolutely silent world of ice, other than the howling snowstorm, they couldn't see anything else at all.

“Where are we?” Scarlet questioned.

She released her flames to envelop and protect everyone around.

“Perhaps a place that would be beneficial for the other party to fight against us” Little Dusk commented.

Gu Qing Shan's expression froze, then crouched down and pushed the snow at his feet away with his hand.

Only to see an impossibly large ice crystal.

Something seemed to exist at the very depths of the ice crystal, but he couldn't see it clearly from where he was.

That's right.

This was the location that Lachesis once showed me, the place of the Lord of Infinite Origins' birth.

The Lord of Infinite Origins... probably is the only one that had the authority to enter and exit this place.

He has completely trapped us here.

"Over there!" Scarlet pointed out.

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Gu Qing Shan looked up.

In the snowstorm, black figures could be seen raining down from the sky.

"Deities! Deities who have fallen and are under his complete control!" Reneedol grunted.

Everyone looked up, only to see numerous Deities standing all over the sky.

Each of them radiated the light of a Law, looking down at the group of five below with a blank expression.

「 「 「 ... Hand over... the Lord of Radiance... 」 」 」

All of the Deities spoke up in unison.

“It seems we are left with no choice but to fight” Scarlet clenched her fist tightly.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at her: “Why do you appear so confident?”

“As a supportive Professionalist, I’m actually more confident in you guys than in myself” Scarlet replied.

After saying that, she hid behind Gu Qing Shan without any hesitation.

Boss spoke up: “Rhode, deal with this situation, I need to summon that power now”

After saying that, he retreated behind Gu Qing Shan as well. Putting his hand on the Book of Prophesized Destinies, he slowly closed his eyes and silently recited an incantation.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head tiredly.

—two unreliable allies.

He glanced at the others.

Reneedol...

Ok, this one is even more unreliable compared to the other two for a completely different reason.

Little Dusk’s expression was firm, she quickly drew a Card from the void of space and threw it forward.

A spear clad in blinding crimson light appeared in her hand.

The [True Crimson Divine Spear]!

Gu Qing Shan's eyebrows twitched.

—this is a spear that cannot be defended against, never did I think that Little Dusk would have created it already at this point in time.

...

At this point, Renedol also glanced at Shroud.

Shroud has closed his eyes, seemingly attempting to awaken some sort of power.

Even if I want to do something, this isn't the right opportunity for it...

She then glanced at the Deities in the sky.

Each of those Deities have a thin tentacle attached to the backs of their necks.

There are almost 100 Deities here.

How should we fight this?

In the sky, one Deity had already raised their hand to unleash a curving green slash.

Renedol's expression didn't change at all.

Boundless darkness appeared from her armor to form a gloomy dome that enveloped the other four.

The green slash descended from above, crashing into the gloomy dome before it disappeared without a trace.

Very quickly, even more Deities raised their hands and began to recite incantations as well.

"Leave the fighting to me, you guys focus on protecting Shroud" Renedol casually said.

—-regardless of what's going to happen, handing Shroud over is definitely not an option.

She raised her hand to converge the starlight into a pair of long Blades before she leapt into the sky to face the other Deities.

...

Gu Qing Shan swiftly made an estimation.

Reneedol current has two Divine Artifacts of Fate, [Tear of Deities] and [Plate of Destiny's End]

Both of them were forged using the full strength of millions of Deities, so it wouldn't be difficult for her to deal with the current circumstances.

The real issue would be if the Lord of Infinite Origins decided to suddenly ambush her.

And also, this is going to be my last chance.

—-one last chance to become stronger without any consequences!

If I can't grasp this chance, I will probably not have the qualifications to discuss anything from this point on.

"Little Dusk" Gu Qing Shan called her.

"Yes?" Little Dusk turned to him.

Gu Qing Shan told her: "I'm going to leave Black Hound here to protect Shroud. If any Deity tried to attack, Black Hound will act; no need to hesitate, I want you to kill those Deities right away"

A mass of black flames manifested and turned into Black Hound, then silently sat down next to Boss.

"I'm going to watch over Shroud? Then what about you?" Little Dusk was a bit surprised.

Gu Qing Shan took a step forward as boundless black fog manifested around his body.

Scarlet also swiftly acted.

She was rapidly reciting something.

The light of Star Force appeared from the void of space and illuminated Gu Qing Shan's body.

Gu Qing Shan sensed it and smiled at Scarlet.

"These are the two protective techniques I have, they're very powerful! Do your best!" Scarlet raised her fists in front of herself to encourage him.

"Hm"

Fwoom—

Gu Qing Shan as well as the black fog around his body abruptly leapt into the sky.

In an instant, his figure disappeared into the fog.

The fog then abruptly manifested into a black dragon several hundred meters in length!

Roar—

The black dragon uttered a resounding roar before charging towards the Deities in the sky.

Little Dusk was shocked and couldn't help but exclaim: "Scarlet, your supportive capabilities were able to turn him into such a powerful creature?"

"N-no, no, that wasn't me" Scarlet stuttered while denying it.

At this point, a shadow abruptly became solid behind Shroud, turning into a fully-armored Deity wielding a hook in his hand.

He had directly bypassed the barrier that Reneedol had put up, so it was clear that he was a Deity well-versed in ambushes and infiltration!

But before he could act, Black Hound had already uttered:

“Sleep!”

With a loud thud, the Deity collapsed and fell into slumber.

Black Hound wiped the cold sweat from its forehead and quickly waved its paws towards Little Dusk, shouting: “Sheesh, that almost scared me to death. Hurry, hurry and use your spear to stab him to death!”

Chapter 1520

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The blinding crimson spear was thrust forward.

A crimson shadow appeared from the spear, struck the Deity’s body, and sent him flying onto the protective dome that Reneedol had set up.

The Deity was reduced to a fog of blood.

A large hole was also opened up on the dome, which then slowly closed by itself.

Little Dusk continued wielding her spear and stood guard by Boss’ side.

...

In the sky.

Reneedol was able to sense it and turned back to look.

“She was able to break through my barrier...”

Glancing at the spear in Little Dusk’s hand, she was a bit warier.

Clang clang clang clang clang!

A long series of clanging noises cut off Reneedol’s thoughts.

As she looked up, Reneedol saw numerous spells descending from above to strike the dark glow around her armor.

Reneedol’s gaze turned sharp.

Let’s discuss Little Dusk’s matter later, the real priority right now is———

Reneedol’s figure flashed forward and swung her Blade, manifesting dozens of shining stars.

“From the Dusty River of Death, I command you all to awaken and fight!”

She recited an incantation.

The stars became blurry as they transformed into masses of dark blue starlight, eventually converging into a humanoid form.

These individuals also radiated the power of Laws, completely the same as the Deities in the sky.

They were also Deities.

One after another, these Deities appeared in front of Reneedol.

—-a total of fifty Deities had appeared on her side!

They were all Deities who had lost their lives in the past war against the Apocalypse, now reawakened by the power of the Divine Artifact of Fate to fight for Reneedol's sake.

—-Fate Summoning, fifty Deities.

These Deities leapt into the sky along with Reneedol and clashed against the Deities under the Lord of Infinite Origins' control.

From their numbers alone, the number of Deities under the Lord of Infinite Origins' control was still superior.

Quite a few Deities had managed to circle around Reneedol before heading towards the dome below.

At this point, Gu Qing Shan, who had turned into the Demon Dragon, arrived.

His gigantic form grandly stood in the sky and declared with a cold voice: 「 Did you think just a few of you can reach the dome below? 」

—-Roarrrr—-!

Fwoom!

The black Demon Dragon's breath erupted from inside his mouth and swiftly washed over the sky.

The dragon's breath was weaved with flames of Death, which perfectly stopped all the descending Deities.

Suddenly, a Deity whose entire body was clad in flames went through the dragon's breath and arrived in front of the Demon Dragon.

「Flames of destruction, destroy all that stands in this Deity's way!」 the Deity grunted.

He waved his hand that was clad in magma and threw a punch towards the dragon's head.

Bam---

With a resounding noise, the black Demon Dragon's dragon head was shifted a bit by the punch, but nothing else happened.

Gu Qing Shan briefly checked himself.

That hurts a bit.

But my body wasn't injured at all.

—his current body was the greatest masterpiece of the Bygone Era humanity's civilization, a large-scale Soul Artifact created for the sake of war. His body was virtually impenetrable, and since he had absorbed the power of other dragons as well, he had already far surpassed the imagination of the Bygone Era humans.

The black Demon Dragon smirked.

「Try taking one of my punches as well!」

The large dragon body shifted as his claws clenched to form a fist, swinging at the opposing Deity in full force— — —

Divine Skill, Dragon version – [Skyfall]!

The dragon claw struck and resulted in a resounding explosion that echoed into the surroundings.

The Deity was simply struck into a mass of embers that scattered without a trace.

Right at this point, the black Demon Dragon suddenly felt a tiny bit of pain from his back.

「 WHO! 」

The black Demon Dragon shouted.

No one answered.

He tried using his inner sight, but couldn't find anything either.

He felt another stronger wave of pain.

The faint smell of blood was picked up by the Demon Dragon's nose.

Oh no, there seems to be a scratch on my back!

—it seems like this is a Deity that understands how to conceal themselves and is capable of strengthening their attacks.

The black Demon Dragon glanced at the War God UI.

A few lines of glowing text had already appeared in the void of space:

[Combat synopsis:]

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[You've withstood a Crack Blood Thorn from the Nihility Deity]

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[Attention, Nihility Deity is currently accumulating his power to unleash one extremely powerful strike!]

Thinking briefly, the black Demon Dragon abruptly roared:

「 Nihility Deity, you damned scoundrel who can't even hide yourself properly, get out here! 」

[Azure Dragon Origin Hex – Binding]!

After the Dragon Hex was used, no one answered at all.

Since the Nihility Deity was preparing to unleash his strongest attack, he would naturally not respond or reveal himself.

The black Demon Dragon silently took note of where the pain came from on his back, then abruptly disappeared.

He reappeared at a distance, flying while looking at his previous location.

There was nothing in the void of space.

But the black Demon Dragon whispered:

「 Silence is also a type of answer—-- and now, you can't move anymore 」

He cruelly chuckled, then opened his massive jaw.

“Oooo—raaaa—”

A mass of dragon’s breath weaved with the flames of Death was expelled from his mouth in a cone shape that swept across the sky.

Suddenly, a pained moan was heard:

「 Arg... 」

While he tried to suppress his voice, it was still noticed by the black Demon Dragon.

There clearly was something within the range of the dragon’s breath that was being burnt.

The black Demon Dragon gradually accelerated as he flew in that direction.

He silently used the Demon Dragon Bloodkin power.

The moan from before abruptly turned into a shriek—

「 AAAEEEEIII! 」

Having been abruptly converted into a Demon Dragon’s Bloodkin, the pain of the corrosion coupled with having his soul and body being forcefully mutated had led to an unprecedented level of suffering.

Right at this moment, the Demon Dragon’s speed reached his limit as his gigantic body flew straight towards the target like a blurred shadow.

—-being struck with full power by the supreme war Soul Artifact, unable to move away, while also suffering from being corroded by the Demon Dragon Bloodkin power, the results were obvious.

Bam!

A light sound of a crash.

A mass of blood was seen at the dragon's head but was quickly burnt away by the flames that drifted around the dragon's body.

A mass of power of Law poured into the Demon Dragon's body.

The black Demon Dragon was delighted as the flames around his body now contained a faint aura of nihility.

This was the power of Law that the Nihility Deity possessed!

The power of one Deity, absorbed!

—-Reneedol told him not to participate in the fight, but he still did so anyway, the reason was to use his Demon Dragon's transformation to absorb the power of the Deities!

「 You monster! 」

An angry roar resounded from the sky.

The dragon's breath that filled the sky earlier had scattered.

Reneedol was still commanding the 50 Deities on her side to fight against the Deities under the Lord of Infinite Origins' control.

One Deity swiftly went through the scattering dragon's breath to attack the black Demon Dragon.

「 Did you just... call me? 」

The Demon Dragon narrowed his eyes as he asked, then slowly moved towards the Deity with his gigantic body.

[Red Dragon Origin Hex – Twist] had silently activated.

[When another person calls your name (any representative titles will count as well), if you respond, the other party's next attack will hit themselves]

[—Guess who I am!]

The Deity didn't know this at all and wielded a pure-white sharp blade to attack him at an extremely high speed and shouted:

「 Die, monster! 」

He raised his hand, swung the pure-white blade with all his power, then stabbed himself in the chest.

At the same time, the black Demon Dragon had already used Demon Dragon Bloodkin again.

「 AAAEEIIII—」

The Deity trembled in pain, not only was he heavily wounded, but numerous strange scales also had begun growing all over his body.

The black Demon Dragon rushed forward, chomped down on him with his razor-sharp teeth and began to chew.

Being chewed by him, the Deity's body was ripped apart like it was cut by numerous blades and quickly lost all signs of life.

「 Peh! 」

The black Demon Dragon spat out the other party's corpse.

The power of another Deity was slowly absorbed into his body.

The Demon Dragon had obtained the power of two Deities now.

「 The dragon race... is truly shameless and powerful... 」

The black Demon Dragon whispered to himself, seemingly a bit emotional about it.

He then turned towards the third attacking Deity.

Chapter 1521

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“How strange... these Deities seem to be a bit dull, and slow to react as well, but why?”

Scarlet asked confusedly.

While stroking Black Hound's head, Little Dusk replied: “Perhaps there's some sort of issue with the Lord of Infinite Origins”

“That's true, he's currently holding up the Pantheon ruins, but he still has excess strength to fight against us, that's already quite unimaginable” Scarlet commented.

The two of them exchanged worried glances.

It was naturally a good thing for Rhode and Renedol to defeat the other party, but if they happen to injure the Lord of Infinite Origins, there was a very real issue of whether or not he would still be able to hold the Pantheon ruins up.

If he couldn't, everyone would die.

— they were stuck between a rock and a hard place.

While Scarlet and Little Dusk were full of worry, they didn't notice that Boss' legs had slowly sunken into the snow and ice, almost as if he was rooting himself.

He closed his eyes tightly with a blank expression, and only very occasionally would he appear extremely cautious.

No one knew what he was doing.

In the sky—

The black Demon Dragon was rampaging as he pleased.

Scarlet stood watching him from afar with clear glittering eyes as if she wanted to commit this scene to her memory.

She took out a bottle of liquor, opened the cap, then chugged it down all at once.

Hoh—

Boiling flames of Death exuded from her body.

“I really like this sensation...”

She muttered while quickly brandishing the black flames scythe in her hand.

The light of Star Force converged around her, manifested into the shape of a shield, then disappeared into the void of space.

In the sky, flames began to manifest as four large shields around the black Demon Dragon’s body that continuously circled around him.

Protection—— Star Shields of Death!

Gaining these shields, the black Demon Dragon felt even better, charging straight into a group of Deities and fought against them all at the same time.

Two deities silently disappeared, having bypassed the four shields, and reappeared above the dragon’s head.

One Deity swiftly chanted to summon a giant guillotine.

The other Deity wielded the guillotine and swung it towards the black Demon Dragon’s neck.

At the same time, one of the other Deities silently circled around the black dragon’s back and unleashed a ray of grey light from his eyes towards the dragon’s butt.

The entire black dragon was instantly petrified.

Their strict coordination had caused the black dragon to lose his chance to retaliate.

— instantly, the giant guillotine descended.

Seeing that, Scarlet's heart tightened and swiftly swung her scythe, shouting: "Death Distortion!"

The guillotine fell down!

The dozen-meter guillotine blade abruptly vanished and swung down a few hundred meters away.

Scarlet sighed in relief, then was startled to notice that she was soaked in cold sweat.

At the same time, the petrified black Demon Dragon trembled and unleashed immense flames to melt the layer of stone around himself into magma.

The two Deities standing on his back tried to remain but were also blown away by the black flames.

The black Demon Dragon was very angry.

—-if Scarlet hadn't acted just now, I would have had to expose my swords.

「 You garbage Deities! 」

The black Demon Dragon began to roar, while taking distance from the Deities, he angrily shouted: 「 You dare to set a dragon up? I swear that you'll pay for that dearly! 」

—-for some reason, he would subconsciously act like a dragon after transforming into one.

Various attacks were unleashed by the Deities towards the shields around the black Demon Dragon.

The shields around him slowly disappeared.

But now, the black Demon Dragon had already prepared himself for this.

[Azure Dragon Origin Hex – Binding]!

He recited the names on the combat synopsis one by one: 「 Roll call, Petrifying Deity, Lord of War, Space Deity, Goddess of Gloom, Assassination Lord God, answer me if you can hear! 」

No one answered him.

「 Very well, you all dared to ignore my existence—— 」

The black dragon grinned, then abruptly disappeared from the sky.

He appeared immediately behind the Petrifying Deity and opened his jaw filled with black flames.

“Oooooo——raaaa——”

An intense burst of flames shot towards the Petrifying Deity.

The Petrifying Deity couldn't move, so he quickly used a spell to turn himself into a cold glowing boulder.

Boom!!!

The dragon's breath combined with the flames of Death enveloped the boulder, which gave off an intense crackling noise.

But the boulder didn't budge at all.

The black Demon Dragon silently used his Demon Dragon Bloodkin power again.

Suddenly, the boulder began to tremble.

The black Demon Dragon charged forward, grabbed the boulder with his dragon claws and crushed it!

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Crack!

The boulder broke into fine dust and scattered into the wind.

A full mass of power silently entered the black Demon Dragon's body and greatly improved his aura.

Good...

The black Demon Dragon silently estimated his current strength, then snuck a glance at Renedol.

Only to see that Renedol was surrounded by starlight, continuously weaving between the Deities without any of them being able to do anything to her.

—there's still quite a difference.

After all, she's carrying two Divine Artifacts that were forged by the full power of millions of Deities.

The black Demon Dragon turned his vertical irises towards the other Deities who were also unable to move in the sky.

「 Come, let's hope you are a bit stronger... 」

He rushed towards one of the Deities.

...

The battle entered a desperate state.

Quite a few Deities around Renedol had been killed, but so were the Deities around her.

The black Demon Dragon circled around the edge of the battle zone, occasionally rushing forward to restrain one or two Deities and fighting them off.

—-regardless of how tough or close the battles seemed, he would consistently emerge on top.

He was gradually growing more powerful as well.

“Gu Qing Shan!”

A voice suddenly called out in the black Demon Dragon’s mind.

“Huh? Boss, what’s the matter?” the black Demon Dragon asked in his mind.

He released his inner sight to scan the ground and saw that Boss still had his eyes closed while standing absolutely still.

—-*you’ve slacked off for long enough, finally deciding to act?*

Boss called out:

“Capture a Deity for me, I need one. Remember, make sure that they can’t retaliate at all”

“What do you want to do, Boss? Not only do I have to capture them alive, I have to ensure they can’t retaliate either, that’s very hard” the black Demon Dragon complained.

“Do it quickly, this is related to whether or not we can defeat the Lord of Infinite Origins!” Boss told him with a hurried voice.

The black Demon Dragon stopped complaining.

He focused the full power of his dragon’s breath, which he then unleashed towards the ground several times in a row:

「 Ooooo— raaa— raa— raa! 」

The dragon’s breaths were condensed into a gigantic sphere of black flames that exuded terrifying power as it flew towards the ground.

At the same time, the black Demon Dragon vanished from the sky.

—Divine Skill, [Ground Shrink]!

He reappeared where the sphere of black flames was about to strike, then looked up at the sky.

He chose a Deity that appeared to be quite powerful, then—

Divine Skill, [Shadow Shift]!

Instantly, the black Demon Dragon switched places with that Deity.

Before the pitiful Deity even realized what had happened, he abruptly found himself on the ground.

He was surprised, then looked up with a blank expression at the sky.

A sphere of black flames was rapidly magnifying in front of his eyes.

Boom—

The world trembled!

A giant crater appeared on the ground.

The black Demon Dragon flew down into the crater as it proceeded to carry the dying Deity out.

The black Demon Dragon flew in front of Boss and tossed the Deity down.

“Don’t leave yet, I need you to protect me for now!” Boss sent his voice.

The Demon Dragon could only return to human form before it landed.

“What is it that caused you to be so cautious?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Boss grabbed the Deity and pushed him to the ground.

At this point, everyone suddenly noticed that the ground around Boss had sunken down to reveal the ice crystal below.

Boss stepped on the Deity’s head, then yanked the black tentacle behind his neck out with considerable force.

In front of everyone, he thrust the black tentacle into his hand.

“What are you doing!?” Gu Qing Shan exclaimed with a warped expression.

Boss breathed heavily and knelt down on one knee; placing his hand on top of the ice crystal.

“It’s fine, I’ve finally remembered the path I walked to obtain ultimate power in the past”

He lightly explained.

From the depths of the ice crystal, a mass of crimson blood silently seeped out and entered his hand.

“I’m simply starting the process ahead of time”

Boss was sweating bullets while forcing out a terrible smile and continued:

“It’s time for me to become the Lord of Infinite Origins”

Chapter 1522

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Boss was sweating bullets from all over his body.

One of his hands was pierced by the Lord of Infinite Origins’ tentacle, while the other was pressing on the ice crystal on the ground.

A thick layer of crimson blood had surrounded him, continuously flowing like it was sentient.

Gu Qing Shan saw this, so he asked in a low voice: “What is it doing?”

Boss replied: “It’s evaluating my latent potential”

Gu Qing Shan was speechless.

Deep inside the ice crystal, there was a mysterious entity that was able to create the Lord of Infinite Origins with a single pool of blood, as well as the entire world later on.

It did that in order to fight against the Apocalypse.

Gu Qing Shan understood this.

Boss must have come across an opportunity that no one knew about that allowed him to communicate with such an entity.

The blood briefly entered Boss' body, then came out again before it continued to circle around him, and then finally, after a long while of evaluation, the blood entered the black tentacle and disappeared without a trace.

"Successful?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Boss was still shaking nonstop, but nodded to him and said: "Now is finally the beginning"

Crimson threads of blood emerged from deep underground and attached themselves to his body.

Without waiting for Gu Qing Shan to ask, he quickly explained: "I will now begin to invade the Lord of Infinite Origins' core and gradually replace him. This will be an extremely dangerous process, do not let anyone disturb me"

Gu Qing Shan, Scarlet, and Little Dusk all nodded.

Boss glanced at Gu Qing Shan a bit and sent his voice: "Both the Lord of Infinite Origins and I will now enter a state of vulnerability. Any entity with a divine attribute would now have a chance to devour me and the Lord of Infinite Origins——"

"Gu Qing Shan, you need to guard me well and ensure that no one notices my current state, otherwise, it'll all be over"

Gu Qing Shan's heart felt heavy, then sent his voice: "I understand"

Boss nodded and closed his eyes.

—only the Lord of Infinite Origins would be able to hold up the entire Pantheon ruins.

With this prerequisite in place, even if Gu Qing Shan and Renedol's combined powers were able to kill the Lord of Infinite Origins, they would still not dare try.

Because killing him meant pushing themselves to certain death as well.

Whether or not Boss would be able to replace the other party was the key to their continued survival.

Thinking this through, Gu Qing Shan instantly began thinking.

—how should I guard Boss?

The Deities fighting in the sky, even Renedol herself, are all entities with the Divine attribute!

It would be best to prevent them from noticing Boss' current state.

If that's the case...

Gu Qing Shan reached his hand into his chest and took out a candle.

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[Causality Law Artifact: The Wishing Candle]

[Single-use tool]

[A Divine Artifact with the Radiance attribute, it contains a wishing Causality power]

[When you make a wish towards the candle, your wish would definitely fail]

[Usage: Light it on fire, pray, then blow it out]

[Attention: This candle has very limited power, if you want your wish to fail, you must act in accordance with the candle's requirements]

As there wasn't much time, Gu Qing Shan skimmed through the usage description, then lit the candle right away.

It began to give off a small bit of light.

A line of glowing text quickly appeared on the War God UI:

[Please begin to pray!]

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes and prayed: "Boss' current state would be discovered by people other than myself, Scarlet, and Little Dusk"

Hoh---

The entire candle was burnt away almost instantly.

Radiant flames arranged themselves in the void of space to form a line of text:

[You must draw the attention of all the Deities towards you for the candle to silently activate its Causality Law and cause your wish to fail]

The text swiftly disappeared after it manifested.

Gu Qing Shan continued staring at the air with a surprised expression.

---in truth, this made sense.

If every Deity had their attention drawn by something else, then the Wishing Candle would be able to silently affect them through its Causality much more easily.

This would naturally ensure that they couldn't discover Boss' current state.

How should I go about that?

"Argh—"

Boss abruptly uttered a pained grunt as a bloody glow radiated from his body.

Gu Qing Shan's expression changed and abruptly looked up at the sky.

Renedol continued to command her subordinates to fight against the numerous Deities that surrounded her.

The battle was currently in an intense state, so no one paid any attention to Boss just yet.

Suddenly, another flash of bloody light appeared from Boss' body.

This flash of light was over three meters in height, while it quickly disappeared, it could still easily draw attention.

Boss is too eye-catching like this; he will be noticed sooner or later.

Scarlet couldn't help but suggest: "How about I use the flames of Death to completely obscure the situation here?"

"No, that would only draw even more attention" Gu Qing Shan immediately said.

Little Dusk drew a total of twelve Cards before displaying one of them to Gu Qing Shan.

The Card depicted the portrait of a woman who hid her face behind a mask.

“[The Friendly Mask], it can display a scene in the past to everyone” Little Dusk explained.

“That’s usable!” Gu Qing Shan said.

Little Dusk threw the Card forward.

Instantly, the four of them were enveloped by a vision.

If someone observed them from outside, they would find that the four of them were standing around, apparently discussing something.

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———this was the scene of when Reneedol had just charged into the sky and the four of them were still talking.

“This is great, how long can this Card last?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“One minute” Little Dusk stuck out her tongue apologetically.

“...” Gu Qing Shan.

One minute is definitely not enough!

It seems I'll have to do as the candle said and personally step out to draw the attention of the Deities.

...how should I approach this?

Gu Qing Shan leapt into the sky, transformed into the Demon Dragon clad in black flames, then flew up high.

The black Demon Dragon flashed a few times and arrived at a height even higher than where the Deities were fighting.

He shouted to everyone below:

「 Silence! Silence! Listen to me— 」

The Deities on the two sides continued to fight without paying any attention to him.

Only a Deity with a blank expression mocked him: 「 I am the legendary Might Deity, why should I listen to you? 」

After that, he stopped minding the black dragon and attacked one of Reneedol's subordinates.

Hearing that, the black dragon was a bit surprised.

Tsk—

The black Demon Dragon took a deep breath, opened its jaws and blew a grand mass of dragon's breath below.

The Deities on the two sides avoided the dragon's breath, then continued to fight without caring about him.

“Stop making a mess!” Reneedol took some time to glare at him and coldly said: “You're too weak, just go around and fight a few Deities at a time, the middle of the battlefield isn't the place for you to be”

After saying so, she rushed towards a group of five Deities.

「 ... 」 the black Demon Dragon.

This time, he was truly shocked.

He opened the War God UI, accessed [War God Titles], chose the Title [Reality's Most Amorous Man], then instantly activated the Title Skill—— [That makes sense]!

[That makes sense: Because of your unparalleled amorous charm, when you talk with other people, can you use this Mystic-type ability to make everyone you talk to feel like you make sense]

[Attention: This Title Skill can only be used once a day]

The black Demon Dragon took a deep breath, then shouted to all the Deities below:

「 You damned maggots, the entire Pantheon ruins is about to collapse and you're still fighting. Why not deal with those things crushing the Pantheon ruins first and then fight!? Are you afraid you've already reconciled or something? 」

All the Deities slowly stopped.

「 That makes sense 」 one of the Deities looked at the black dragon and said.

「 Hm, even if we fight now, what good would there be even if we win? 」 another Deity commented.

「 Even if we continued to fight, the results are already clear, it would only ensure mutual destruction, then why continue? 」 another Deity also said.

Reneedol muttered to herself: “That's true, even if I can defeat the Lord of Infinite Origins, I wouldn't dare to kill him, why not wait until the outside situation is resolved before I fight him?”

The battle ended abruptly just like that.

——after a few minutes, the Deities with black tentacles attached to their heads all froze.

They looked up in unison towards the black Demon Dragon in the sky.

「 What surprising power, almost stripping away my control over the Deities, how did you do that? 」 all the Deities spoke up at once.

——the one speaking right now was the Lord of Infinite Origins!

The black Demon Dragon realized right away, but since his current duty was to attract everyone's attention, he would naturally not lose a beat.

「 Erm... it's a very long story, in truth, this is a unique Title Ability 」 the black Demon Dragon replied.

「 Oh? What is a Title Ability? 」 the Lord of Infinite Origins borrowed the mouths of the Deities and asked.

The black Demon Dragon's heart jumped a bit.

What?

So then, the concept of Title Skills doesn't exist yet?

He turned to Renedol and saw that she too also appeared interested and was seriously listening.

Regardless of who it was, as long as they were a Combatant who pursued strength, they wouldn't be able to help themselves from seeking out the origin of a power that they had never seen before.

And at this moment, both the Lord of Infinite Origins and Renedol were attracted by this new power.

The black Demon Dragon's mind quickly turned.

Although [That makes sense] was ruined by the Lord of Infinite Origins who wasn't within the range of the ability, I've managed to draw everyone's attention, so I can't slip up like a car out of fuel right now.

——Boss is still silently removing the Lord of Infinite Origins' insurance on the ground.

I need to buy him time!

The black Demon Dragon took another deep breath and explained:

「 It's a very long story to explain what a Title Skill is—— 」

「 The reason I found this ability was because of my personal experience 」

「 A long time ago, I climbed out from a pile of dead corpses, when I happened to see a patrolman carrying a lantern... 」

「 ...That captain then grinned at me and told me to die, after which he swung his blade to cut me down... 」

「 Wait a minute, we seemed to not be talking about the Title Skill 」 the Lord of Infinite Origins commented.

「 We're getting there soon 」 the black dragon immediately glossed it over.

He continued:

「 After that, I met two people, one of them was called Gong Sun Zhi, the other was Ning Yue Chan... 」

「 I went to the Bai Hua sect to ask for help and saw a goose standing on top of a rock, telling people to make a poem... 」

「 After that, I began to cultivate. I have a senior brother who couldn't be bothered with cultivating, but made really good meals... 」

「 In our place, the Apocalypses weren't particularly powerful, so we all enjoyed cultivating, but he liked to go to brothels... 」

“Stop!” Renedol couldn't help but cut in, “Can you just get to the point, what exactly is a Title Skill?”

The black Demon Dragon glared at her and said: 「 I said I'm getting there, what are you in a hurry for? 」

Reneedol could only calm herself a bit.

Another long while of talking later.

「 And then... 」

「 During the semester examination, someone bullied my junior sister... don't you think that's detestable? 」

「 So I naturally couldn't endure it, can you guess what I did next? 」

“ 「 ENOUGH!!! 」 ”

Both the Lord of Infinite Origins and Reneedol had lost all of their patience and furiously shouted.

Chapter 1523

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Lines of glowing text appeared in front of the black Demon Dragon:

[Your wishing Causality Law has expended all of its power]

[Everything had returned to normal]

As the Demon Dragon read these words, the controlled Deities also questioned him in unison:

「 Creature whose mouth is still of lies. I created this world and oversaw its growth day by day. I remember every single individual and event that had ever occurred, but everything that you've spoken of had never happened 」

Reneedol coldly chuckled then said: “So it was all a lie, no wonder I've never heard of any true names at all”

She relaxed the technique in her hand.

—--Divine Skill: [True Name Search], it was completely useless.

The black Demon Dragon looked at the Deities, then looked at Reneedol.

「 Alright, I was deceiving you earlier, sorry about that 」

The Demon Dragon lowered his head to display his sincere apology.

And then immediately flapped his wings to fly away.

—-he fled.

There were truly no other solutions, other than flapping his mouth for a little bit, he couldn't have possibly fought against so many Deities as well as Reneedol all by himself.

If he could, there was no reason for Boss to risk his life in the first place.

「 That's right, it was my fault earlier. I won't interfere with you again from now on, continue with what you were doing before, do your best! 」

The black Demon Dragon's voice could be heard from the distance.

He flew gradually further away until he was a tiny black dot in the snowstorm.

Continue?

Reneedol was surprised.

What was I doing just now?

She felt a bit shocked.

That's right, I was killing these Deities under the Lord of Infinite Origins' control.

Their existence itself represents a disturbance to me!

Reneedol grunted: "Manifest!"

Boundless starlight appeared from her neck, manifesting as a large hammer several times her size that she easily wielded in her slender hands.

The opposing Deities instantly spoke:

「 Deity of Fate, you dare to still oppose me, it seems you no longer want to live 」

Reneedol pondered, then casually replied: "You're now busy with holding up the entire Pantheon, I doubt that you have the chance to come here and personally influence my thoughts"

—*—what was the black dragon earlier doing?*

It was Rhode's transformation.

What was the reason that he came here to disturb us like this—- just a practical joke?

Similar to Shroud, Rhode is an unrestrained Deity.

If Fate had determined that the future lies in their hands, they must be extraordinary in one way or another.

Shroud had already shown his expected potential.

What about Rhode?

Everything he talked about earlier obviously did not occur in the past, and my [True Name Search] did not result in anything either.

Then for what reason did he talk for so long about things that he made up?

If his talents were similar to Shroud, what exactly is his strength?

Reneedol suddenly realized that she didn't know Rhode at all.

The more she thought about the past, the more confused she appeared to be, but Reneedol faintly realized something.

Rhode might be a mystery, but there is one thing about him that has never changed.

He cared about Shroud.

While Reneedol was thinking, the black Demon Dragon had already disappeared into the distance, quickly took off his [Reality's Most Amorous Man] Title and changed into another.

He only hesitated for a tenth of a second before solemnly choosing a Title and activating it.

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI, describing it:

[Equipped Title: Starflame War God]

[You've obtained the corresponding Unique Skill: Conquer]

[Conquer: When you use this ability, all targets you've chosen will be forced to attack you for a justified reason]

[Description: This ability belongs to the Mystic domain, a Causality Skill, cannot be immune against]

[To conquer or be conquered, that is the question]

He narrowed his vertical dragon eyes and shouted at the Deities in the distance: 「 Oi! You damned unchanging relics of the past! 」

He activated [Conquer].

The Deities were silent.

Including Reneedol, all of them turned to the Demon Dragon.

“Did you notice?” Reneedol asked.

「Indeed, a very unique Causality Law power is compelling me to attack it」 the Lord of Infinite Origins borrowed the mouths of the Deities and spoke.

Reneedol glanced at the layers of dark light around her dress armor.

They didn't react at all.

“—And it's an unblockable Causality Law as well” Reneedol felt a little interested.

The faint realization from earlier was swiftly discarded.

A completely foreign and unblockable type of Causality power was right in front of her.

“This is definitely a power that's worth exploring” she muttered.

It would be best for me to personally wield it as well!

At this point, the black Demon Dragon was also a bit unsure.

Would my Title Skill be useful against so many Deities, and even Reneedol who's wielding two Divine Artifacts of Fate?

“War God UI?”

[I'm here]

A number was deducted from his UI.

“Would [Starflame War God]’s ability be able to force them to attack me?”

[There are no guarantees in this world, except the fact that you can be absolutely confident in Titles that carry the ‘War God’ suffix]

“I remember there was another Title called [Void War God]?”

[You have yet to obtain that title, but the people in front of you are definitely not immune against Starflame War God, do not doubt it]

After that, the War God UI fell silent.

The black Demon Dragon felt assured.

From far away, he shouted again: 「 Come here, this dragon can beat ten of you all at once! You’re all going down after this! Come and fight me! 」

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While saying that, he fled even faster.

While I have devoured the power of a few Deities, I would still not be a match for the Lord of Infinite Origins or Reneedol.

The only thing I can do right now is to use a power that they’ve never seen before to distract them and stall time for Boss.

Under the current circumstances, this would be my one and only advantage!

Even if I have to expose some of my trump cards, it couldn’t be helped.

Both Renedol and the Lord of Infinite Origins looked at the black dragon's back and gradually fell silent.

The Lord of Infinite Origins said: 「 What a strange power, causing me to have this thought that cannot be dispelled, perhaps... 」

“Let's beat him, tie him up, then question him about where this power came from” Renedol added.

A short moment of silence.

At the very next moment, all of them set out towards the black Demon Dragon at the same time.

Seeing that, the black Demon Dragon silently laughed.

Now that I've taken enough distance away, combined with [Ground Shrink] and [Shadow Shift], did you think you'd really be able to catch me?

The black Demon Dragon flapped his wings and flew into the snowstorm.

After a while, noticing that they were getting closer, he instantly used his Divine Skill——

[Ground Shrink]!

His figure vanished, then reappeared at a distance——

Bam!!!

A resounding sound of collision.

The black Demon Dragon had crashed into the void of space. Enduring the pain, he tried to force his way through, but no matter how much he tried, he couldn't go through this invisible barrier.

「 Fool! This world was originally a sealing ground, it can only be so big, where else are you trying to run to? 」 the Deities all laughed.

They approached even closer.

The black Demon Dragon shook his head and temporarily fell into a tough situation.

He currently had the following choices available to himself:

One, to undo [Starflame War God]'s skill, but from what he could infer, they wouldn't let him go even if he did that.

Two, to activate the warp formation he hid under the snow, thus returning to Boss, Scarlet, and Little Dusk's side, but that would definitely expose Boss' current state.

The black Demon Dragon released his inner sight.

Only to see that Boss' figure had been completely obscured within a mass of crimson light.

——as if he had proceeded to a pivotal point.

Then, to buy time for Boss, I only have one choice left.

The black Demon Dragon returned to human form and took a dark green bow from the void of space.

——this was a Dreamscape Soul Artifact that Lady Fusi had given him!

Taking a deep breath, Gu Qing Shan drew the bowstring.

An arrow manifested at his fingertips, nocked on the bowstring following his gesture.

A moment of silence.

The sound of thunder resounded throughout the sky.

The arrow disappeared in a flash.

In the far distance, a Deity caught the arrow with his hand.

But it was meaningless, as his entire body began to melt starting from his hand into a mass of corrosive liquid that dripped down to the earth.

The Deities were shocked.

He clearly stopped it, but it still managed to kill a Deity, what kind of power is this?

「 Strange... I've never seen this power either... 」 the Lord of Infinite Origins muttered with a strange tone.

Gu Qing Shan held the bow tightly as his presence gradually rose.

Ever since he arrived in this era, after absorbing the power of the Law of Death, then the power of several Deities, his strength had progressed far beyond that of a normal Deity of the current era.

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[As you've become stronger, you can now utilize a higher level of power of the Dreamscape Soul Artifact: Bow of Fallen Souls]

[This bow's 'Withering' and 'Corroding Essence' powers have fused together, becoming a greater supernatural power, Sandstorm]

[Sandstorm: All things and all living beings you strike with this bow will completely dissolve into sand, scattering in the winds of this world]

[Attention: Only after your personal strength has grown stronger once more would you be able to exert the more powerful abilities of this Dreamscape Soul Artifact]

Gu Qing Shan focused his thoughts.

Five arrows of sand manifested in the void of space, which he nocked on the bowstring with one hand.

Psh— bang!

Another thunderstrike.

Five arrows shot in five different arcs through the void of space towards the Deities.

All the Deities scattered to avoid the arrows.

The shoulder of one Deity was grazed by an arrow, causing his entire body to scatter into sand and disappear without a trace.

“What a powerful bow!”

Renedol's gaze was sharp.

She turned to Rhode.

Shroud was able to utilize 'that power'.

Then what about Rhode?

Where does his power come from?

Reneedol casually unleashed an attack towards Gu Qing Shan.

"I see, so I only need to attack him just once for this Causality Law to disappear" Reneedol muttered.

What a miraculous power.

—what goal could Rhode have, revealing so many strange things?

The faint realization from before suddenly became clear in Reneedol's mind.

Reneedol abruptly turned around towards Shroud.

A mass of crimson light had completely enveloped that place.

Reneedol almost shouted out loud.

"He— he's in the middle of replacing the Lord of Infinite Origins!"

A twisted expression of madness gradually crawled onto Reneedol's beautiful face.

Chapter 1524

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In the sky, a dark streak of light flashed and started flying in another direction.

Suddenly, this streak of light abruptly stopped in the sky before it turned back.

As if something was pulling it back.

Within the light, Reneedol was furious.

— it was the same Causality Law as before that forced her to return and attack Rhode.

“Rhode! Stop your tricks!” she shouted as she flew.

Gu Qing Shan hurriedly said: “Reneedol, I’m attracting these Deities, help me eliminate them”

“Fine” Reneedol replied.

Gu Qing Shan resolutely took the [Conquer] affecting Reneedol away.

Right as Reneedol was about to attack, she stopped.

— the Causality Law had disappeared.

Reneedol glanced at Gu Qing Shan for a bit, then suddenly laughed.

“How excellent, using several mysterious powers to draw our attention. I suspect that the reason our attention was completely drawn by you earlier was because of another hidden Causality Law. You truly did it so perfectly that I’ve only just noticed it”

Her figure flashed and tried to fly towards Boss.

Gu Qing Shan sighed, then used [Conquer] again.

The flash of light that Reneedol had turned into couldn’t help but stop, then turned around once again.

“Rhode!” Reneedol angrily shouted.

She swung her hands.

The large hammer of starlight disappeared and turned into a graceful longsword.

“Cut all restraints!”

Reneedol shouted, then swung her sword around her body.

But that Causality Law persisted.

——a [War God] Title like [Starflame War God] wasn’t something that she could so easily dispel.

Reneedol’s gaze went cold.

Starlight poured out from her neck, manifesting in her hand as a glittering bow of stars.

She wielded the Bow and pointed it at Gu Qing Shan.

“Dispel the Causality Law, or else my arrow isn’t going to miss, Rhode” Reneedol declared.

“Oh? So are you going to attack the Deities if I dispel it?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

He noticed that all the Deities were still standing motionless in the air.

The black tentacles attached to the backs of their necks had all been pulled away and disappeared somewhere.

This was a good sign.

—--*Boss's plan of replacing the Lord of Infinite Origins has reached a pivotal point!*

Reneedol looked at the Deities in the sky with clear killing intent exuding from her body and said: "Of course, now hurry up and dispel your Causality!"

Gu Qing Shan smiled: "Alright, I already did!"

Reneedol was able to sense it as well and immediately turned around to fly towards Shroud, Little Dusk, and Scarlet.

Halfway there, she hurriedly returned once again.

"You tricked me!" she furiously said.

—--just now, Gu Qing Shan had used [Conquer] once again.

Gu Qing Shan shrugged: "You said you'd kill the Deities, why did you suddenly run back?"

Reneedol raised her Starlight Bow, gathered the power into it, and spoke with a grudgeful voice: "Since you've used the Causality law to force me to attack you, then let us see how you will take it"

She let the arrow loose.

The wind around her was torn apart as a jet of starlight shot straight towards Gu Qing Shan!

In that instant, Gu Qing Shan also drew the bowstring of his dark green bow and released, causing another thunderstrike.

There was too little time for him to react, so as soon as the arrow left his bow, it struck the jet of starlight.

As the two arrows clashed, the starlight instantly shattered into a mass of sand.

The sand continued to fly toward and struck Gu Qing Shan's body before he could react.

The black flames armor of Death he wore was instantly shattered, Gu Qing Shan was sent flying into the invisible barrier and coughed up some blood.

"An arrow that literally won't miss, huh?"

He wiped the blood from his mouth and muttered.

Despite shattering into sand, it still contained so much power, the power of Renedol's Divine Artifact of Fate was terrifying!

Being struck by this arrow, Gu Qing Shan almost couldn't move any longer.

Renedol coldly sneered, then turned around to hurriedly fly towards Shroud, Little Dusk, and Scarlet again.

On the ground, Little Dusk had already noticed that something wasn't right and quickly drew Cards from the void of space.

Scarlet brandished her black flames scythe and used Star Force to manifest another armor for Gu Qing Shan.

"Nicely done"

Seeing another suit of armor on his body, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but smile.

If not for this armor helping me stop that blow, I would have been even more injured.

Then...

Should I use swordsmanship now?

Yes, Reneedol had inherited Clotho's memories and even attempted to discern whether or not Red Wraith was actually Rhode.

However!

When the Samsara descended, her memories had already been sealed by Shifu!

At that time, she had forgotten her memories during her time as a Deity, as well as everything about Red Wraith.

She only remembered that she knew Shroud since she was young, that the World Valley had been destroyed, and how they fled from the World Valley from that point.

Even if Lachesis had awakened her memories, she had merely recalled her time in the Pantheon.

I was transformed into the orange cat and clearly heard them as the two sisters discussing this fact!

In other words— — —

Even if I use some of my original abilities, she wouldn't think of Red Wraith.

And so what if she does?

It's already the final moments...

Gu Qing Shan formed a sword seal in his mind with killing intent.

Reneedol is certainly strong.

But the stronger individual wouldn't necessarily be the one who couldn't be killed.

The most troublesome thing is that [Plate of Destiny's End] that she is wearing.

According to Lachesis, anyone who caused damage to Reneedol would be dealt twice as much damage in return.

Gu Qing Shan swiftly considered his tactics, then used his Title Skill once again—

[Starflame War God], [Conquer]!

A second later.

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Just as Renedol was about to arrive above the other three, she abruptly stopped once again and hurriedly flew back towards the world barrier.

“Rhode, do you want to die!?” Renedol roared.

She had truly gotten angry, while flying, she dispelled the Starlight Bow in her hand and gathered even more starlight to manifest into a Starlight Blade.

Observing this Blade, Gu Qing Shan could clearly feel the unstoppable pressure from it.

“I’m going to take your life!”

Renedol’s voice resounded in his mind.

Gu Qing Shan sighed and replied: “You said you were going to kill these Deities, but you’ve ran away time and time again, I’m really troubled you know”

—how should I defeat her now?

Gu Qing Shan silently thought.

That won’t do either, the two Divine Artifacts of Fate she’s carrying are too powerful...

“Oi” Gu Qing Shan sent his voice.

No answer.

...

Renedol was exuding killing intent without replying to him.

There would probably be some issues if Rhode died.

Because he was one of the only two unrestrained Deities, he has a place within Fate, so he's still useful later on.

But I don't care about that right now, he must die!

...

Gu Qing Shan was now able to sense her killing intent.

Resolved to kill me?

Focusing his thoughts, right as he was about to draw the twin swords Heaven and Earth, something else happened.

Four black shields abruptly appeared and circled around his body.

The black flames armor he was wearing also erupted in more flames.

Vitality slowly poured into Gu Qing Shan's body.

This is... Scarlet's protection.

Gu Qing Shan abruptly looked up and far away.

Only to see Scarlet holding a bottle of liquor in her hand while continuously swinging the black flames scythe, unleashing her Star Force.

Protection – [Star Shields of Death]!

“What’s going on with the two of you? Why did you suddenly fight one another?” Scarlet was practically sobbing as she called out.

Little Dusk also drew a Card from her hand and whispered towards Renedol:

“[Weapon Prohibition] – Blade!”

This was the Card she obtained while performing the Living Being Sacrificial Dance together with Gu Qing Shan, which contained a Causality Law from Occultism; it now displayed its overwhelming power above all other Cards.

The large Starlight Blade in Renedol’s hand instantly flew away from her hand and disappeared into stardust mid-air.

Renedol’s expression changed and turned to Little Dusk.

Little Dusk called out: “Sister, we can talk things out, don’t fight with Rhode!”

Renedol didn’t say anything and reached her hand forward to mobilize the starlight.

—however, the starlight wouldn’t manifest into a Blade no matter how much she tried, forcing her to manifest a spear instead.

Gazing deeply at Little Dusk, Renedol appeared cautious.

Earlier, she had a spear that could pierce everything, now a Causality Law that prohibits any weapons.

This younger sister among the Twins of Fate had truly surpassed my expectations.

With numerous thoughts flowing through her mind, Renedol glanced at the mass of light around Shroud, then stared right back at Gu Qing Shan.

Only to see that Gu Qing Shan was slowly drinking from a thin metallic container.

Glub glub glub—

After finishing the canned drink, Gu Qing Shan's wounds were already halfway healed.

Hah.

That guy, Ye Fei Li, is clearly a World Destroyer, but he was able to mass-produce such powerful healing drinks, it truly is unexpected.

Gu Qing Shan silently thought, then took out another canned drink.

—this was to replenish his stamina.

He had been fighting for a while, so he was getting a bit thirsty, that can from earlier was not enough at all.

He drank the entire can at once.

—-*strawberry flavor, delicious.*

His stamina was instantly replenished to full.

Gu Qing Shan was glad and wielded the Bow of Fallen Souls once again, preparing to attack.

“Rhode!”

Renedol suddenly called out: “You telling me to kill these Deities is a wrong tactic”

“Huh?” Gu Qing Shan asked, a bit surprised.

“They’re no longer under the Lord of Infinite Origins’ control, they’re only puppets filled with the power of Law right now, it’s useless to kill them” Reneedol said.

“Let’s kill them anyway, to prevent any unexpected occurrences” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Fine, undo your Causality Law, I’ll do it!” Reneedol answered.

Gu Qing Shan once again undid [Conquer].

—he wasn’t stupid, if he could save himself from an attack from Reneedol’s Divine Artifact of Fate, it was best that he didn’t take it.

Not to mention, doing that would stall for even more time.

Very quickly, Reneedol felt the Causality Law disappearing again.

Her body shook a bit, causing the [Plate of Destiny’s End] that radiated dark light to detach from her body, turning into dozens of components that flew towards Shroud.

These components began to dance around while they were still far away from Shroud, releasing an even more profound dome of dark light.

“What are you——” Gu Qing Shan shouted, about to use [Fog Realm Descent].

“Leave Shroud’s safety to me!” Reneedol called out.

She then leapt towards the Deities hovering in mid-air and slaughtered them without mercy.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

What could have caused Reneedol to change so quickly?

Unless—

Gu Qing Shan glanced at the distance.

Only to see the bloody glow around Boss' body completely disappearing.

He opened his eyes.

Chapter 1525

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When Boss opened his eyes, his irises had turned vertical.

A boundless river of stars manifested behind his back.

Inside the ice crystal under his feet, enough blood to constitute an ocean had manifested, continuously flowing and roaring under the ice.

He appeared like the Lord of everything, the natural master of all things and all living beings.

Boss raised his hand and lightly ripped open the void of space with his finger.

A black mass of blood appeared from the void of space and dropped at his feet.

Boss opened his pair of vertical irises wide open and stared straight at the mass of blood:

“Your duty has been handed over to me, from now on, you are free”

The mass of blood flew back up as it manifested into the shape of an old man, and closely approached Boss.

「 What exactly are you? 」 the old man dryly asked.

Boss looked at him and casually replied: “Do you really want to know?”

「 I manifested from a drop of the master’s blood, for what reason could you replace me and become the one responsible for the entire world!? 」 the old man angrily questioned.

Boss stood still.

The old man suddenly grinned and slowly said: 「 Do you really think you can inherit my body and this world? I’ll tell you the truth, I’ve already made plenty of changes to this world, only I would be able to control— 」

From the void of space, numerous tubes suddenly appeared and stuck themselves all over the old man’s body.

「 Argh! 」

The old man uttered a curt scream, then turned back into a mass of blood which was swiftly sucked away by the tubes.

From the void of space, a frigid voice resounded:

[Right to live has been rescinded, discovered behaviors going beyond jurisdiction, target elimination complete]

The tubes swiftly vanished without a trace.

In merely a breath's worth of time, the Lord of Infinite Origins had ceased to exist.

This scene was both terrifying and horrifying, which was exactly the same as when Boss changed his world jurisdiction.

Everyone was shocked.

Little Dusk and Scarlet couldn't help but take a few steps back.

Gu Qing Shan's expression was solemn.

Renedol was also trembling nonstop, doing her best to control herself.

Boss then sent his voice to Gu Qing Shan: "Hurry up, I can now grant you enough power to unleash that strike"

"Huh? Sure" Gu Qing Shan replied.

A mass of white fog appeared around his body bringing him directly in front of Boss.

Boss' physique seemed to have gotten a bit taller and slenderer, but his presence had completely changed.

"Your eyes are a bit freaky, what's going on?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"It's a temporary sign of awakening, no need to pay any attention, I'll explain it to you later" Boss replied.

"What do I do now?" Gu Qing Shan asked again.

“Wait a moment” Boss said.

Fresh blood surged and boiled beneath his feet.

Layers of starlight gradually entered his body until he began glowing like a bright star in the sky, radiating blinding light.

“This should be enough... now tell me, does your attack have any sort of restrictions?” Boss asked.

Gu Qing Shan knew that he was talking about [Null Tribulation], so he answered: “The previous strikes must hit the target before I can unleash the final one”

“Then I’ll send you away towards the Pantheon at a relatively safe place, you’d be able to unleash your final strike towards all those things” Boss said.

Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but ask: “It’ll take an extremely large amount of force to completely send those things away, are you sure you would be able to do it?”

Boss smiled and replied: “The one who can do it is you, only that power you carry would be able to scatter those things that are crushing the Pantheon. Only you would be able to knock them into the Space Vortex, but I’ll be the one supplying all the power you need”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Alright, do it”

Boss closed his eyes for a bit and said: “Prepare—”

“Three”

“Two”

“One!”

He raised his hand and waved towards Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan instantly disappeared.

He appeared inside the Pantheon next to a part of the underground river.

The ceiling of this place had almost broken all the way down with quite a few Samsara debris stuck in place, only a hair's breadth away from collapsing.

Countless black tentacles appeared from the void of space and wrapped around Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan remained calm.

In the void of space in front of him, lines of glowing text appear one after another:

[The power of all Laws are currently gathering around your body]

[Attention, your personal strength is being temporarily increased]

[After one minute, your power will reach a peak that surpasses all enemies you've ever seen in the past]

[The countdown is beginning:]

[59]

[58]

[57]

[...]

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath.

Boss' circumstances are too strange, I really wonder what his background truly is.

From what I saw earlier, Renedol practically went insane when she noticed that Boss was communicating with the entity beneath the ice.

What does Renedol know?

Wait a minute—

Gu Qing Shan suddenly realized something.

Reneedol is an incarnation of the Apocalypse.

After the war during the Age of Myriad Deities, the Apocalypse had remained hidden this entire time and only entered the Realm of Life through the Twin Tree of Fate.

Its goal was Shroud, who is also Boss.

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But why?

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

The fact that Boss would become the Lord of Infinite Origins seemed to have been predestined.

Although he's full of mysteries, it's also true that he's on my side.

Cra-ra-ra-ra-ra———

Above him, the Samsara debris were piling more and more on top of one another, giving off an increasingly duller noise.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

——the situation here is getting worse and worse.

Regardless, let's resolve the issue of the Samsara first and worry about everything else later.

Gu Qing Shan took out his crimson flaming gloves and put them on, silently preparing to unleash [Ethereal].

...

The frozen world.

Reneedol was hovering in mid-air, she was no longer killing the inert Deities.

She silently observed Boss.

A warm smile appeared on the corner of Boss' mouth as he called out:

“—Reneedol!”

“Shroud, what's the matter? I used the armor of Fate to protect you because I was afraid you'd suffer injuries” Reneedol told him with a sincere tone.

Boss reached his hand to her and said: “Come, come next to me, Reneedol. All of 'that' had officially begun”

Reneedol appeared surprised, her expression changing a few times.

The armor components slowly returned to her body.

She slowly descended from above and landed in front of Boss.

“Do you know what you're saying?” Reneedol muttered.

“Of course” Boss replied.

“That is—” Reneedol hesitantly said.

“Speak no more, I know that you've arrived, you came to awaken me” Boss looked straight at her.

“Very well, wait a moment for me” after saying that, Reneedol took a step back.

Numerous thin strands of thread appeared all around her body.

These threads weaved into a solid mass and eventually formed a giant dark featureless humanoid face.

The face opened its mouth and devoured Renedol.

After a few moments of shaking, the dark featureless humanoid face turned back into Renedol.

However, she now exuded a dark glow around her body with a cold expression, she was clearly no longer the previous Renedol.

“What are you doing?” Boss frowned.

The girl smiled, then answered: “This is the Fate Shell of Parasitism, the two insects were able to borrow and reside within it, so I can naturally use it as well”

“Living embodiments of the Law of Fate are quite rare, are they our subordinates?” Boss questioned.

The girl replied: “Clotho was our natural enemy, while Atropos was the embodiment of the Law of Ending Fate, so she can be considered our subordinate, but she had too many unnecessary thoughts and was not loyal enough”

“How did you notice?” Boss asked.

“Because of the Law, she would naturally become close to you and gain your favor, but she was hiding ambition unfit for her identity”

While they talked, she circled once around Boss with a delighted expression.

“Your body is still in slumber, so it’s best that you keep up your guard” the girl commented.

“For what?” Boss asked.

“They were so heavily injured to the point of being separated, you should watch out in case they gain sentience” the girl replied.

“That doesn’t require your attention, how’s the situation outside?” Boss asked.

The girl appeared full of vicissitudes and confessed everything:

“I searched everywhere to finally find your presence inside of this Reality Gate, but after I entered, I was defeated by the drop of blood on your body— it created embodiments of Law, then forged the three Divine Artifacts of Fate. I was no match for it at the time, so I had to go into hiding”

“After countless years, I manipulated two Deities of Fate, entered the Realm of Life once again, and finally found you who had manifested into human form”

She knelt in front of Boss.

“Eradicator of all things and all living beings, the Unspeakable Hushed Secret Apocalypse, we have been waiting for your return for too long” the girl softly spoke.

“Really?”

Boss commented as he gently put his hand over the girl’s head and stroked it.

“Indeed, I was able to sense your will and witness your awakening. I helped you regain your power, and then—”

She abruptly stopped.

Countless sharp tentacles appeared in the palm of Boss’ hand and pierced through her body.

In an instant, countless tubes once again appeared from the void of space and connected to the tentacles as they pierced through the girl's body.

“AAEEIIIII! NO, YOU AREN'T HIM, WHO EXACTLY ARE YOU!” the girl screamed in horror.

The frigid voice resounded once again from the void of space:

[Apocalypse Seeker detected, following authorized individual's orders to dissolve this entity's structure]

[Structure dissolution complete, absorbing all of its power]

[Initiating erasure of all traces]

In that instant, Reneedol's dark glowing body completely disappeared.

Boss suddenly spoke up: “Leave the original body that is the embodiment of the Law of Fate”

The frigid voice emotionlessly replied: [Order accepted]

[Apocalypse Seeker has been completely crushed, returning the body it took over to its previous state]

The tubes that were gradually fading away began to appear once again.

They moved slightly.

Boundless dark lights were spat out by them to reform into the shape of an individual.

A girl wearing dress armor.

Reneedol.