

Apocalypse 1531

Chapter 1531

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The swarm of insects uttered a series of loud vocalizations as they continuously clashed against the [Human Regiment] army.

In the sky, the fight of the Abyssal monsters against the Apocalypse also quickly reached a critical point.

Renedol was calm.

Even though Gu Qing Shan had said to her face that she was even less than a dog, her expression showed no signs of anger whatsoever.

“...Even after talking so much, you’ve still made an incorrect calculation” she casually said.

“What would that be?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I feel like I need to explain, ever since the day my body was taken over, I’ve been deeply enlightened on how drastically this world would change, and how hard it would be for a single person to survive within it, and so— why should we all be restrained by normal morals and emotions? Isn’t the meaning of our existence to simply survive and live longer than anyone?”

Renedol seemed to be interested enough in this matter to scatter the starlight around her body as she continued: “Stealing or robbing, none of that matters at all. At the edge of survival, even if these actions are immoral, they can guarantee your own survival— and that is the correct path of survival within the Apocalypse. It was because I was able to achieve this that I was able to take everything for myself and gain the power that I have today”

“For survival, I’ve made more preparations than any of you ever did, I’ve even gone to the void—”

At this point, she suddenly stopped talking.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head: “Regarding the meaning of our existence, I’m afraid I won’t be able to nod to your views”

Reneedol's expression shifted slightly, causing the two Deities of Fate to kneel on one knee next to her with an expression of respect.

The dark featureless humanoid face behind her opened its mouth towards Gu Qing Shan and Boss.

The two of them were immediately unable to move.

Gu Qing Shan turned to the War God UI.

Lines of glowing text quickly appeared in the void of space:

[You've been inflicted with Fate Nightmare and temporarily paralysed]

Reneedol casually reached her hand forward——

Boundless starlight gathered at her fingertips to manifest a giant flail.

She exuded violent killing intent, but spoke with a calm voice:

“Look at you, you're unable to even make a move in front of me”

“Following your deaths, your weak and delusional thinking will all disappear from history”

Suddenly, someone called out: “[Weapon Prohibition], flail!”

A Card was thrown forward, turning into light that enveloped Reneedol's body.

The giant flail in Reneedol's body immediately disappeared.

Little Dusk held up a full hand of Cards as she stepped in front of Gu Qing Shan and Boss, telling Renedol: “Big sister, please don’t do this. In reality, if we just band together, we wouldn’t be afraid of anything”

Renedol’s expression displayed a wary look and muttered:

“I almost forgot, my Fate was to become the companion of the strongest, while your Fate was to triumph against all enemies...”

“Then I’ll kill you as well!”

After saying so, she shifted her body forward to fly.

——but she didn’t move at all.

Renedol appeared surprised and tried moving her body again.

——she remained stationary.

She discovered that she wasn’t able to move!

“Dragon Hex?” Boss silently asked.

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

[Azure Dragon Origin Hex – Binding] had already taken effect.

Gu Qing Shan crossed his arms and told Renedol: “Now that you can’t move just like us, victory won’t necessarily be on your side”

A dark shadow suddenly flew out from behind him and shot towards Renedol.

Scarlet!

Her entire body was clad in boundless black flames as she swung her Scythe of Death.

Fwoom——

Black flames swept through the world, directly enveloping the swarm of insects, the two Deities of Fate, Renedol, as well as the featureless humanoid face.

Scarlet then flew back and landed next to Little Dusk.

“Dusk, don’t hold such wishful thinking, she’s trying to kill all of us right now” Scarlet said.

Little Dusk appeared hesitant and struggled: “But she’s my blood-related sister, I can’t kill her”

Scarlet took out a bottle of alcohol and tilted her head back to drink it all and said:

“Beat her up first, then re-educate her”

This time, Little Dusk was convinced, so she wielded the [True Crimson Demon Spear] and looked seriously towards the sea of black flames.

“You two——” Gu Qing Shan suddenly called out.

The two girls both turned around towards him.

Gu Qing Shan solemnly told them: “Don’t hold back. Her power is beyond your imagination, you have to prepare to defend right away—— we first need to try and protect ourselves”

Scarlet was surprised, then approached Gu Qing Shan and helped him wipe the sweat off his forehead.

“Why are you sweating so much?”

She asked in shock, then turned to Boss.

Only to see that Boss was completely pale, his head was also soaked in sweat, even his body was trembling slightly.

“Just a hunch—— a very bad hunch, but we don’t know what it entails yet” Boss explained.

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes and took a deep breath, then said: “Little Dusk, Scarlet, something is happening right as we speak. I don’t know what it is, but the two of you can’t let your guard down at all, otherwise, you can lose your lives at any moment”

Scarlet and Little Dusk exchanged glances, then stepped back to stand guard around them.

A sword appeared.

Shannu whispered: “Gongzi, should I undo the restraining technique now?”

“Wait a moment, I need to watch what happens next” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Hoh——

The sea of black flames was suddenly pushed away, scattered in every direction.

Renedol stood in the very middle, still unable to move.

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But a dark barrier had appeared from her dress armor to protect both herself and the two Deities of Fate.

“Clotho, Atropos, you two deal with these girls” she ordered.

“Understood” the two Deities of Fate replied.

Clotho then whispered: “Be careful, there is a sword on the other side that can cancel your Apocalypse summoning technique”

Reneedol nodded, then told the thing behind her:

“You go and take care of those strange things fighting against the Apocalypse”

The dark featureless humanoid face disappeared from behind her.

A dark halo appeared in the sky.

This halo moved rapidly, none of the Abyssal monsters were able to stop its movement as it passed through them.

Corpses fell from the sky one by one.

Scarlet and Little Dusk faced the two Deities of Fate.

At this point, Reneedol looked at Boss and appeared sarcastic: “How truly unexpected, I’ve constantly remained at Shroud’s side, so I didn’t think he still had such a trump card hidden away at all—— it seems like we’re the same”

Boss didn’t answer or try to explain himself.

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

How sorrowful for a broken heart.

Reneedol believes that Boss had deceived her, and Boss doesn't want to explain anything to her, so no one would be able to change Reneedol's thoughts.

In truth, if the two of them hadn't returned from the future, how could Shroud have access to an [Order]?

Boss casually said: "Neither of us can move right now, so consider this a tie and leave with your subordinates. There's no need for us to meet again after this"

"Hand over the third Divine Artifact of Fate" Reneedol said.

"I don't have it" Boss replied.

"Do you think I'd believe that?" Reneedol said.

She reached her hand out to gather starlight.

Right as a long-handled weapon was about to form, Little Dusk's voice resounded:

"Bis sister, stop fighting, or I will continue to seal your weapon!"

Reneedol froze, then scattered the starlight in her hands.

Her expression was frighteningly frigid.

—*that's right, Little Dusk is able to seal my weapon, regardless of what I try, I wouldn't be able to stop this.*

"I've never thought that someone would be able to completely seal away someone's weapon with a single Card. But what makes you think I don't have a trump card of my own?" Renedol calmly declared.

Gu Qing Shan slowly felt a heavy sense of unease.

Renedol continued: "My Fate was to become the companion of the strongest, but outside of this world, there are other powerful hidden entities in the void, and I've spent a lot of effort in order to form a mutually beneficial relationship with them"

She then began to recite a covenant: "They who hide in the void and endure the eternal ravages of time, I know that you're observing everything here. I hereby summon your descent to share the fruits of our upcoming success"

From the void of space, five spheres of light filled with the presence of vicissitudes and age swiftly manifested.

One of the spheres of light spoke:

「 Prepare a body for us, we shall divide everything of this world with you 」

"No problem"

Renedol casually waved her hand and summoned the corpses of five Deities.

The two spheres of light quickly entered those bodies and disappeared.

The first Deity corpse opened its eyes and looked around, then spoke with a resounding voice: 「 I, the Judge of Living Beings Fate, had existed in the void for countless years. I've finally arrived in this sealed world as I wished 」

The second Deity corpse opened its eyes and looked greedily at the frost-covered ground.

『 Indeed. There is a corpse hidden here, its power frightens even me, but with our cooperation, we would definitely be able to absorb its power 』

The third Deity corpse opened its eyes, moved around a bit, then said: 「 Matriarch of Myriad Earths, I suggest that you be careful. That corpse under the ice isn't to be trifled with, we will need a lot of time to prepare 」

“Everyone, deal with the problem first” Reneedol cut in.

「 Let's discuss this first, what is it that you want? 」 one of the remaining Deity corpses asked.

“I only need the third Divine Artifact of Fate, the corpse under the ice is all yours” Reneedol replied.

『 Ah, if that's the case, we shall accept your request 』 the final Deity corpse spoke.

All five Deity corpses had returned to life.

Their presence gradually rose, then rapidly surpassed everyone else's presence.

『 Two strange ones 』 the Matriarch of Myriad Earths glanced at Gu Qing Shan and Boss, commenting.

「 Indeed, their powers had never existed in the void of space, nor are they one of us 」 the Judge of Living Beings' Fate affirmed.

...

On the other side.

“Them?” Boss asked in a low voice.

He asked very curtly, but Gu Qing Shan understood what he meant.

“No, my spirit sense is telling me that it isn’t them” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Then what else could it be?” Boss scowled.

“I don’t know” Gu Qing Shan answered.

A sword phantom appeared out of nowhere and circled around their bodies.

The technique restraining them was instantly dispelled.

“I truly didn’t think this world could become so chaotic” Boss wielded the black trident and spoke full of emotions.

“Be careful, I suspect the situation that our instincts were afraid of is going to happen very soon” Gu Qing Shan said.

He wielded the Earth sword in one hand and the Six Paths Great Mountain sword in the other.

Suddenly, lines of bloody red text appeared on the War God UI, rapidly flashing:

[Attention:]

[The Reality Gate has completely opened]

[Countless Apocalypses and fragments of the Samsara will soon descend]

[The Awaitings are approaching the Reality Gate!]

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[Warning:]

[The Reality Gate has been completely opened]

[Countless Apocalypses and fragments of the Samsara are about to descend]

[The Awaitings have begun to enter the Reality Gate!]

Gu Qing Shan's heart instantly became heavy as he sweated.

“That can't be right, following the normal course of history, both the Apocalypses and the Awaitings should have only entered the Reality Gate during Boss' peak of power, why did this happen so far ahead of time?” he hurriedly asked.

Perhaps knowing that it was an urgent situation, the War God UI immediately replied:

[Do you still remember what happened after you regressed? Every calamity that you can remember had occurred ahead of time—— as long as someone or something that didn't originally exist within a period of history, everything would be changed around that variable, which is what's currently occurring]

[The agreement between Renedol and the void monsters occurred prematurely, the Apocalypses occurred prematurely, the Reality Gate also opened prematurely, all of these key factors had interacted to create the true calamity——]

[——History is going out of control; everything is beginning to be destroyed. You must quickly ensure that everything remains how they originally were, otherwise, everything that took place within the River of Time would also change!]

Gu Qing Shan looked around.

The void of space was breaking to display visions of the future, but they all quickly went dim and turned into darkness.

These are visions of countless worlds——

I clearly recognize some of them to be worlds in the future, but they very unrealistically appeared at this point in time.

Countless thoughts rushed through Gu Qing Shan's mind, but he was still very confused on what to do.

To ensure everything remains how they originally were is easier said than done!

How would I be able to achieve this all by myself?

Suddenly, all the unnatural phenomena disappeared, returning the world to normal.

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

[Someone had acted, but he can only delay the destruction, and not resolve the root of the issue]

Who?

Could it be...

Gu Qing Shan released his inner sight to observe the entire frozen world.

In the sky, Scarlet and Little Dusk were still fighting against the two Deities of Fate.

Scarlet was struggling a bit, having to rely on the power boost from drinking liquor in order to hold her own against Clotho.

On the other hand, Little Dusk was evenly matched against Atropos, neither of them being able to truly finish the other off.

Under the aid of the featureless humanoid face, the swarm of insects and apocalyptic monsters were gradually winning against the Abyssal monsters and [Human Regiment]

Although Renedol still couldn't move, she now had five powerful entities helping her.

——void monsters from the Space Vortex!

One of the monsters who had taken over the body of a Deity spoke with a hoarse voice: 「 Leave that human girl with the flames of Death to me 」

Its figure immediately flashed and moved towards Scarlet.

Gu Qing Shan immediately called out: “Shannu, go help Scarlet!”

“Yes!”

Shannu appeared from the Six Paths Great Mountain sword and wielded it to chase the monster.

Gu Qing Shan’s call drew the attention of those monsters.

One of the Deity corpses spoke:

「 This human hides a World Technique within his eye, very suitable to my tastes—— leave him to me 」

It looked at Gu Qing Shan.

Instantly, Gu Qing Shan vanished.

The other three Deities discussed among themselves:

『 A World Technique within his eye? 』

「 How unusual, but if it had decided to act, he would not survive 」

「 Only one remains 」

They turned to Boss.

Boss took out a canned drink from behind him and crushed it.

The fluid inside flowed out in a stream straight into his mouth.

“Come, I’ve regained my powers now”

He wielded the black trident in one hand and the Book of Prophesized in the other, casually stating.

From the ground below, a frigid presence surged forward to envelop him.

『 Be careful, he is the overseer of that corpse 』 the Matriarch of Myriad Earths muttered.

The other two Deity corpses nodded.

...

Gu Qing Shan suddenly found himself inside a completely empty world.

For him, it was a very familiar feeling.

“A World Technique?” he muttered.

A voice spoke up from the void of space:

「 Good guess, this is the Casino of Life and Death technique— and you’re going to die 」

A large scale appeared out of nowhere.

Gu Qing Shan noticed that he was standing on one side of the scale, while the other side was empty.

“I’m sorry, but I don’t have time to play around with you” Gu Qing Shan coldly declared and drew the Earth sword.

「 Tsk tsk tsk, but that’s useless. I’ve already betted my life, no one will be able to prevent the gamble from starting 」 the voice replied.

Gu Qing Shan instantly noticed flashes of light appeared around to restrain him on the side of the scale.

At the same time.

A treasure chest suddenly appeared on the other side of the scale.

As soon as the treasure chest appeared, the scale slowly began to tilt.

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Gu Qing Shan’s side was slowly moving up.

While the other side was sinking down.

Gu Qing Shan’s eyes lit up, instinctively realizing some sort of danger.

The voice then began to mock him:

「 Regarding the rules of this gamble—— I’m not going to tell you! 」

「 Curse your luck for running into me, the most unreasonable in the void, because there’s nothing else you can do 」

「 Now die 」

The voice then disappeared after saying that.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the other side of the scale.

— the treasure chest contained a shining plate of armor.

Could it be weight?

But then again, I don't need to guess for something like this.

“War God UI” he silently called out.

Lines of glowing text appeared in the void of space:

[You've been inflicted by the World Technique: Casino of Life and Death]

[This technique is a Causality World Technique; all of its rules had been determined by the owner of the technique]

[The rules of this gamble are as follows:]

[Both sides will bet their lives]

[The side with more wealth will survive]

Gu Qing Shan read these words in surprise.

— he couldn't help but put the Earth sword away and casually fixed his hair.

“I have a question” he asked.

「 Go ahead, but I won't necessarily answer 」 the voice replied, full of malice.

Gu Qing Shan cleared his throat and asked: “You were supposed to be a monster from the void, but there shouldn't be anything at all in the void, so where did you get this blindingly shiny armor?”

「 Bahahaha, I'll gladly answer that one. I frequently wander near the Reality Gate, and occasionally a treasure or two would drift in through the gaps of the Gate. Other than that, I would also head to the Dusty World every once in a while to test my luck 」

The voice then declared full of delight: 「 In short, you bugs who live your entire lives on the sealed corpse would never be richer than I am 」

“Is that—— soooo~?”

Gu Qing Shan slowly moved the Bramble Bird ring on his finger.

Clakkkkkkkkk!!!

Beautiful, colorful, filled with the smell of wealth, glittering gold, shining in silver, blinding in every other kind of light—— in short, treasures filled the entire empty world.

The scale on Gu Qing Shan's side was instantly tilted back.

The entire empty world began to collapse.

Faintly, a desperate howl could be heard:

「 Why... didn't I even have time to put in more treasures... 」

「 That's not fair! 」

With unwillingness to accept the truth, the voice slowly faded away.

Gu Qing Shan hurriedly called out: “Oy, can you at least tell me if the other monsters know this technique?”

His voice echoed throughout the world without getting any answer for a while.

He had no choice but to shrug and muttered: "Alright, it's already very fortunate for me to kill one of them this way, there's no need to be greedy"

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

[—You've skipped over the second void monster: Matriarch of Myriad Earths and killed the third void monster: Formulator of Void Criterions]

[Note: the Formulator of Void Criterions was supposed to be one of the most headache-inducing targets among the five monsters, originally a nigh-impossible task to accomplish, but it was so stupid as to compete in wealth against the sugar baby of a certain Empress of Wealth, so it embarked on a path of certain death of its own accord]

[Conclusion: It died a death as light as a feather]

[As stated above, you killed it without shedding so much as a single sweat]

[You obtained 300 million Soul Points]

[The path to Void War God had been adjusted to the third stage:]

[You must find the third void monster: Matriarch of Myriad Earths]

[Attention, this is a sovereign among the monsters of the void, the nemesis of the void Earth God]

[Eliminate it]

[Note: You've killed two among the five targets for the mission. Three more targets until you earn the Title: Void War God]

Gu Qing Shan quickly skimmed through.

The empty world around him had almost completely disappeared.

Suddenly, an immense pulling force appeared out of nowhere to catch Gu Qing Shan and took him away from this vanishing world.

Gu Qing Shan's body was pulled through the void towards a certain distant direction.

His speed reached the absolute limit but still managed to nimbly avoid all the Samsara fragments that had been scattered into the void and went directly into a certain barren world.

Numerous black skeletons were moving aimlessly on the ground.

Occasionally, a new black skeleton would appear from the ground and join the others.

A towering bronze pillar sat in the middle of the entire world, on which a giant black corpse was pinned.

As soon as Gu Qing Shan entered this world, the giant corpse's voice resounded in his mind:

"I've temporarily put everything around the Reality Gate into stasis, but it won't last long"

"Gu Qing Shan, there is not enough time, if you cannot ensure that history remains the same, I won't be able to maintain the history around the Reality Gate; all the civilizations within the River of Time will be completely destroyed and everyone will die!"

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but ask: "What should I do now?"

To ensure that history remains the same, this was originally my goal, as well as the key to obtaining the sixth Sealing Token.

But Reneedol had completely turned against Boss, not to mention she had gained an unparalleled level of strength, leading to a do-or-die situation between them.

She had even summoned several powerful void monsters.

— and she held the Apocalypse in her hands.

Both sides are currently locked in an intense battle.

How would I be able to ensure that everything returns to its original course?

The giant corpse replied: "The majority of my power is being used to stall time around the Reality Gate, there is very little that I would be able to help you with—"

"Gu Qing Shan, you only have three minutes left"

"After three minutes, if everything does not return to its original course in history, it would all be over!"

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Three minutes!

—what can I do in three minutes?

Without taking the Reality Gate into consideration, the most crucial matter currently lies with the frozen world.

Following the normal course of history, Reneedol would remain with Boss to re-establish the Pantheon, ushering in a new era.

But now that the two of them have completely turned against each other, this was impossible.

Furthermore, the strongest monsters of the void, who all coveted the corpse in the frozen world for so long, have descended within the frozen world.

—how should I turn everything back to its original course?

With thoughts flashing through his mind, Gu Qing Shan suddenly recalled someone.

The ruler of the Pantheon.

The Deity of Fate, Lachesis.

...

“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 sense the whereabouts of that Divine Artifact of Fate”

...

These were the words that she secretly left in the divine palace of Fate.

As someone who claimed to be the first Deity and the ruler of all Deities, the only one truly capable of witnessing Fate, the prophecy in which she used the life force of 8000 near-death Deities to foretell had always remained in Gu Qing Shan’s mind.

—that Divine Artifact of Fate has still not appeared.

In other words, the present isn’t the moment where Fate foretold that we would be able to defeat Reneedol.

“Gu Qing Shan, are you ready yet? There isn’t much time” the giant corpse called out.

Gu Qing Shan regained his senses and finally spoke: “How much help can you provide me?”

“Gu Qing Shan, I can only help you with very minor matters—— the majority of my powers are in use to stall the vicinity of the Reality Gate—— the Awaitings, the Samsara fragments, and the countless Apocalypses, it is not yet time for them to enter!”

The giant corpse sighed and said.

Gu Qing Shan grabbed a slender sword from the void of space.

“Two things, firstly, can I borrow your presence?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Presence?” the giant corpse asked with a strange tone.

“That’s right, what I’m about to do next can’t be disturbed by anyone, so I need to borrow your thunder¹, just enough to scare them for a short moment” Gu Qing Shan explained.

“That’s a small circus trick so it’s a very easy thing to do, I can make sure that no one would be able to discern the truth—— but keep in mind, your strength won’t actually grow stronger with this” the giant corpse sighed.

“There’s no need for any actual power, I just need that kind of presence” Gu Qing Shan replied.

A black piece of scale flew out from the giant corpse’s body, circled around Gu Qing Shan, then returned.

His presence abruptly rose.

An unimaginably ferocious presence exuded from his body, drifting into the surroundings like an intense gust of wind.

Even the black skeleton on the ground had to stop when they sensed his.

Gu Qing Shan observed his presence briefly and felt pleased

“That’s great, can you help me with one last small matter?” he asked.

“What is it?” the giant corpse asked.

“Help me wake this sword up”

Gu Qing Shan displayed the Heaven sword to the giant corpse.

The giant corpse reminded him: “I can give the last of my remaining power to wake her up immediately, but you should know it as well, this sword of yours cannot turn everything back in time— at this crucial moment, not even I would be able to achieve such a thing”

“I know, please wake her, then leave the rest to me” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“I hope you’ve thought it through on how to deal with all of this” the giant corpse told him.

A piece of black scale peeled off from his body, flew in front of Gu Qing Shan, then entered the Heaven sword.

A second later.

Luo Bing Li’s voice could suddenly be heard: “Huh? Where am I? What’s going on?”

The Earth sword replied right away: 「 The current situation is quite tense, let me explain everything to you... 」

The two swords swiftly went silent.

“I’ve expended the last of my excess power, everything else will all depend on you now” the giant corpse tiredly said.

“Alright, send me back” Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath and said.

“—I’ll tell you once again. From the very moment you return, you’ll only have a total of three minutes. If you still cannot return history to its original course, everything will truly be destroyed” the giant corpse replied.

Poof!

A blood-colored clock appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan.

“Pay attention, it’ll tell you how much time you have left. If time runs out—” the giant corpse said again.

“Then everything will be all over” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Indeed, leave stalling the Reality Gate to me, and I’ll leave the frozen world to you”

“Alright, send me back!”

An abrupt pulling force manifested behind him.

Gu Qing Shan was suddenly flung out of this barren world, rapidly flying through the boundless void as he was returned to the frozen world.

Almost instantly, Gu Qing Shan found himself returned to the ground.

— he had returned to the frozen world, standing next to Boss.

Boss was clearly surprised to see him.

The Deity corpses facing Boss were also surprised.

“Huh? You’ve already won against that monster?” Boss asked in shock.

“How much time has passed?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“About ten seconds” Boss replied.

Gu Qing Shan went silent for a brief moment.

— in other words, that something or other monster just now, its World Technique included even a function to slow time down.

In that case, if I was killed by that something or other monster earlier, it would have been able to pick the next target to enter its casino world right away.

— in a short period of time, it would have been able to continuously kill its enemies one after another without stopping.

What a terrifying Causality World Technique...

I can completely imagine how it could almost always be unbeatable with this technique!

Its only mistake was choosing a sure-fail rule.

Tch.

What an unlucky child.

The Deity corpses facing them couldn’t help but roar:

「 That's impossible, you killed the Formulator of Void Criterions? 」

『 The Formulator of Void Criterions isn't such a weakling, what did you do to it? 』

「 Who exactly are you? 」

The presence on Gu Qing Shan's body erupted.

Instantly, a mass of unimaginable ferocity radiated in every direction from his body.

Everyone went quiet.

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— *—what a terrifying presence, enough to cause anyone facing it to lose their breath.*

Everyone suddenly felt a delusion as if they were ignorant and clueless insects, while the one facing them was an apex predator.

All the void monsters couldn't help but take a step back.

Gu Qing Shan's expression was cold as he gazed towards the void of space in front of him.

Everyone couldn't see it, but he clearly saw a blood-colored clock.

Tick, tock, tick, tock—

The second hand was moving without pausing:

[2:37]

[2:36]

[2:35]

Gu Qing Shan gazed at the opposing apex void monsters and slowly soothed his expression over.

With a profound look on his face, he clasped his hands behind his back: “That one truly had an advanced and powerful World Technique, but he unfortunately ran into me—”

He purposely gazed forward and coldly laughed: “When it comes to World Techniques, I was simply far superior”

Silence.

The Deities corpses retreated a few more steps and stood together in a defensive formation.

One of the Formulator of Void Criteria's strongest suits was its World Techniques.

And yet this young man managed to defeat the Formulator of Void Criteria.

How strong is he?

—that can easily be discerned from his presence!

The monsters were all purposely avoiding Gu Qing Shan's gaze.

Recalling what the Formulator of Void Criteria said earlier, they knew that this young man's World Technique was hidden in his eyes.

Taking advantage of when the other party was still wary and afraid, Gu Qing Shan quickly sent his voice to Boss:

“Boss, since the corpse had once released a mass of blood to create millions of Deities to fight against the Apocalypse, it must be sentient right?”

“That's right, it can predict danger as well as react defensively” Boss replied.

Releasing blood to create millions of Deities was clearly a defensive reaction.

The void monsters might have measures to do one thing or another to the frozen corpse while it was in slumber, but who would dare to disturb it while it was alive?

“You’re the overseer of the seal, having stayed with it for countless years. You surely know the moments when it can threaten everyone here” Gu Qing Shan asked again.

“I do, there would be periods during history when it’s in a half-awoken state. If not for the seal, this corpse would have been able to exert all of its unparalleled power” Boss replied.

“That’s good”

Gu Qing Shan turned to the blood-color clock again.

Tick, tock, tick, tock.

The clock hands continued to turn.

Two minutes and twenty seconds left until total destruction.

“Boss, listen to me very seriously, I currently have a single solution that would allow us to leave this era and still keep this era as it originally was” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Tell me” Boss answered with a focused gaze.

“Now that we’ve learnt that the corpse would occasionally be in a half-awoken state—— I need you to tell me the most recent period of that” Gu Qing Shan said.

“About 54,700 years ago, counting from today. At the time, its thoughts were very active, and so was its hostility” Boss pondered a bit and answered.

Gu Qing Shan drew the Heaven sword from the void of space and tightly held it.

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

[Your Soul Points combined with my own stockpile of Soul Points totals to about 9.7 billion]

[To turn this frozen world back 54,700 years ago, a total of 10 billion Soul Points is necessary, we’re 300 million Soul Points short]

Gu Qing Shan paused.

I’ve already thought about the War God UI having stockpile Soul Points, but I didn’t think that it was still insufficient.

What now?

If I can’t do this, history won’t be able to return to its original course!

300 million Soul Points...

His gaze skipped through the Deity corpses in front of him and turned to Renedol.

Renedol was being protected behind the Deity corpses as well as the swarm of insects.

—while she still can’t move, she has the Fate armor, so it’s unknown whether or not she would be able to defend against the World Technique earlier.

Regardless, following the original course of history, she still can’t die just yet.

Gu Qing Shan’s gaze turned back to the void monsters.

There were a total of five void monsters.

I killed one of them just now.

— I've also killed the Judge of Living Beings' Fate in the future.

The Matriarch of Myriad Earths also can't die right now, since she still plays a part in history by researching the Pantheon tunnels.

Only two monsters remain.

Tick, tock, tick, tock.

Time continued to move closer towards the collapse of reality.

Gu Qing Shan stopped hesitating and chose one of the Deity corpses, shouting: "Adorable!"

Xiu---

A noise replied from the void of space.

Instantly, one of the Deity corpses disappeared together with Gu Qing Shan.

In the empty world.

A giant scales appeared out of nowhere.

Gu Qing Shan and the Deity corpse stood on two sides of the scale.

「 What are you--- 」

"Sorry, I'm in a hurry"

Gu Qing Shan moved the Bramble Bird ring on his finger.

Clak!!!!

Countless wealth poured out and instantly pushed the scale down.

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[...Omitted]

[You've obtained 300 million Soul Points]

[Only two targets remain until you obtain the 'Void War God' Title]

Gu Qing Shan's eyebrows twitched a bit and asked: "It's supposed to be a combat synopsis, why did you only write 'omitted'?"

The War God UI replied: [Time is limited, the System does not want to make more unnecessary comments on your shamelessness]

Gu Qing Shan's expression didn't change at all and replied: "I see. Let's return now"

Chapter 1534

Translator: La0o9

The empty world completely disappeared.

As soon as Gu Qing Shan returned to the frozen world, he didn't even waste a single second before plunging the Heaven sword into the icy ground beneath.

"Return to 54,700 years ago!" he shouted.

An immensely powerful invisible force gathered around his body before turning into a gigantic column of fog that broke through the sky above, exposing even the Space Vortex outside.

Origin power of the soul was originally invisible, but the phenomenon manifested by just the appearance of 10 billion Soul Points was more than enough to cause anyone's expression to twist!

The Heaven sword penetrated deeply into the icy floor.

Tick, tock, tick, tock—

One minute and thirty two seconds remained.

A faint, almost undetectable 'something' appeared below the ice.

A frightening sensation struck all of their bodies.

This sensation had far surpassed even Gu Qing Shan's presence, manifesting as an almost solid fear of death.

The void monsters retreated even further.

「 Oh no, it seems to be moving 」

『 What do we do now? 』

「 One of us was killed by that youngster again just now 」

『 Damn it, this place is getting increasingly more dangerous! 』

They quickly communicated with a clear expression of worry on their faces.

Suddenly, the entire frozen world began to tremble as a crack appeared on the surface of the ice.

『 Its consciousness is spreading— 』

The Matriarch of Myriad Earths cried out as half her body was instantly reduced to ash.

It spat up blood, then shot up and away through the sky, vanishing in an instant.

「 Oh no, we need to leave right away 」 another Deity corpse hurriedly called out before it wiped the sweat off its forehead.

“Don’t go yet, our covenant has yet to be fulfilled” Renedol hurriedly tried to stop them.

「 It’s impossible! Renedol, you need to understand; it’s directing a small bit of hostility towards us because of our strength—— and that alone is more than enough to kill us! 」 the Judge of Living Beings Fate furiously shouted.

Renedol appeared confused but still waved her hands to summon the two Deities of Fate back to protect her.

「 What else is there to talk about, let’s go—— 」 the other monster called out.

Sha sha!

The two of them immediately shot away as streaks of light through the dark sky and disappeared without a trace.

At the same time, the tremor from the ground suddenly went silent.

“That’s right, it was this sensation, if anyone tries to offend it again, it would immediately erupt” Boss silently sensed it and sent his voice.

Gu Qing Shan solemnly told him: “Then it’s time—— Boss, come out now”

As a being at Boss' caliber, as long as it didn't concern Reneedol, he was always very quick on the uptake.

"Give me a carrier for my soul, I'll come out right away" he replied.

Gu Qing Shan said: "I have a scepter"

"That won't do" Boss resolutely replied, "I can't imbue my soul into a weapon, it must be a living creature"

"A living being from me? I only have Black Hound" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"Is it very urgent?" Boss noticed this and asked.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at the blood-colored clock in front of his eyes and sent his voice: "We only have a minute left. If we go past this period, everything will be destroyed"

Boss also felt the pressure and said: "Then it can't be helped, we'll leave first—-- summon Black Hound, I can divide its body into two and temporarily place my soul into one of them"

Gu Qing Shan released a mass of black flames that manifested into Black Hound.

Boss quickly flipped through the Book of Prophesized Destinies, ripped out four pages from it, then tossed it towards Black Hound.

The four pages circled around Black Hound, absorbing a lot of black flames from it, then manifested as a second black dog.

A second later, Boss swiftly recited the incantation.

An image of Boss' exited from Shroud's body and entered the new black dog's body.

Shroud stood still, blinked a few times, then looked around with a shocked expression: “Huh? Rhode, what’s going on here? Why are there so many monsters?”

Gu Qing Shan looked at him, then at the black dog.

“I don’t know either, something seemed to have occurred”

He looked at Shroud and replied.

This young man was Boss when he was still young.

He will live through Boss’ past, experience everything that he would have to experience, until a day when——

He will be killed by Renedol before falling into the Eternal Abyss, then drift towards the 900 million World Layers where I would save him with an Occultism treasure.

——that is something that will happen in the distant future.

For now, he will have to be accompanied by someone with a cold heart, going through countless things together.

This isn’t fair to him.

But it is history.

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath and shouted: “Renedol!”

Renedol had been paying attention, so she clearly saw everything that had just occurred.

Tick, tock, tick, tock.

Only fifty three seconds remained.

“Rhode, what kind of tricks are you playing now?” she questioned cautiously.

—-he somehow managed to kill two extremely powerful void monsters, then made an unfamiliar figure fly out of Shroud's body.

This person, Rhode, is truly someone clouded in mystery, I can't see through his trump cards at all.

Gu Qing Shan patted Shroud's shoulder and said: "I have something that I'm going to give to Shroud"

Shroud shook his head and sincerely said: "Rhode, I have the Book of Prophesized Destinies and plenty of treasures from the Overlord of Radiance, but you don't have anything good at all— you're the Death God, you should at least keep something for yourself to use"

Gu Qing Shan's lips twitched, then squeezed out a smile.

He took out a key that gave off faint dark light.

—-the [Key of Myriad Deities' Consent]

This was the treasure that Lachesis used to hide the truth.

Inside the divine palace of Fate, Gu Qing Shan had once tested its characteristics in front of Reneedol.

Sure enough.

As soon as he took out this key, Reneedol's gaze was locked on it.

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She stared closely at the key, unable to move her eyes away.

Gu Qing Shan coldly laughed in his mind, then shoved the key into Shroud's hands.

“This is the [Key of Myriad Deities’ Consent]” he shouted out loud, “Only an unrestrained Deity not under the Lord of Infinite Origins’ control would be able to use this key and enter the Dusty World to retrieve the Divine Artifact of the Deity of Fate, Lachesis”

“Deity of Fate? Lachesis?” Shroud appeared surprised.

“Indeed, if anyone other than an unrestrained Deity took hold of it, it will automatically return to the hands of the one who previously possessed it” Gu Qing Shan explained.

“No, no no, you should keep such a precious thing to yourself” Shroud hurriedly refused.

Gu Qing Shan pushed his hand back and muttered: “I have to leave now. From today onwards, you will be the one and only unrestrained Deity in the entire world”

“Where are you going?” Shroud worriedly asked.

Tick, tock, tick, tock.

Twenty seconds left!

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Someday, we will meet once again”

Next to him, the black dog lowered its head.

Bam!

Gu Qing Shan abruptly struck the back of Shroud’s neck with his hand.

Shroud instantly fell unconscious.

Gu Qing Shan turned to Scarlet and Little Dusk, quickly sending his voice to them: “Remember this, as long as you remain by Shroud’s side, nothing will happen to you”

Little Dusk appeared confused, still unable to react.

Scarlet was shocked.

“Where are you going?” she asked.

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed, then replied: “A certain moment in the future, an era when [Order] and [Chaos] struggle for power, when the Eternal Abyss clash in a war against the Wraith realm”

Fifteen seconds!

A voice suddenly called out from the void of space:

“Unbelievable! How unbelievable! You actually managed to achieve this, you need to hurry and leave right now, otherwise, it would be too late!”

— it was the giant corpse’s voice.

At the same time, a jade plate fell from the sky, which Gu Qing Shan caught in his hand.

A line of glowing text appeared:

[You’ve obtained the sixth Sealing Token]

[The period of history that was shrouded in fog had been completely set in stone]

[You’re about to return to the future!]

Twelve seconds!

All six Sealing Tokens manifested all at once.

They crashed through the void of space, breaking open a large hole.

The black dog instantly turned into flames and returned to Gu Qing Shan's body.

—Gu Qing Shan's body shook as he was sucked up into the hole.

Right as he was about to enter the hole in the void, Reneedol managed to realize what had happened.

The five powerful void monsters were no longer here.

The frozen corpse is in a highly dangerous state of half-awakening.

The [Key of Myriad Deities' Consent] is now in Shroud's hand, and he is the only one who could use it.

—-he's also the overseer of the frozen corpse's seal, so if something happens to him, everyone would die as well.

Reneedol furiously shouted: "I did so much in order to resist Fate, but you're trying to restrain me with Fate once again!"

At this point, she seemed to have broken through some sort of shackles as an unprecedented dark shadow manifested around her.

Reneedol hurriedly recited:

"Apocalypse of legend, the irreversible source of destruction, the [Great Flood] calamity..."

Tick, tock, tick, tock.

Seven seconds!

The entire frozen world had become empty.

Something seemed to have descended.

— the legendary Apocalypse!

Gu Qing Shan was only a few meters away from the hole in the void, but his body was stopped in mid-air, unable to move at all.

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword continuously swung around his body, but it felt as if it was attacking an endless torrent of water, only allowing Gu Qing Shan to move a little bit at a time.

Tick, tock, tick, tock.

Six seconds—

“Die!” Renedol angrily screamed.

Another voice abruptly rang out to drown out her scream:

“Countless stars fall, life substitution!”

— it was Scarlet.

At some unknown point, her entire body had turned into countless stars as she stood at her original location.

In the sky, Gu Qing Shan instantly regained his freedom and hurriedly flew towards the hole in the void once again.

Tick, tock, tick, tock.

“Scarlet!” Gu Qing Shan shouted.

“Rhode, you have to live!”

Scarlet also shouted back at him with a gaze of infinite longing that closely followed Gu Qing Shan’s figure.

“I’m sorry that I didn’t listen to you, the third ability of Scorpio was also a kind of protection—because I wanted to protect you”

She smiled at him.

Tick, tock,

Tick, tock.

The countdown had reached zero.

Scarlet’s entire body was turned into stars as she disappeared completely from the world.

Chapter 1535

Translator: La0o9

The entire River of Time has regained its original glow.

Countless visions of history reappeared along the timeline.

The six Sealing Tokens remained around Gu Qing Shan to form a sphere of light around a hundred meters in radius with him as the center, which isolated him from the River of Time.

The sphere of light travelled along the river as it continued to move towards a predetermined point in the future.

Gu Qing Shan sat in complete silence within the sphere of light.

A black dog manifested from black flames sat down next to him, watching him.

A while later.

Gu Qing Shan said: "In the end, there were still some things that I couldn't predict or consider"

"You've done well enough, you managed to save the entire course of history as well as everyone else" Boss' voice came from the black dog's mouth.

"But I didn't account for Renedol losing her mind and causing Scarlet to lose her life— in order to save me" Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

Boss asked: "That [Key of Myriad Deities' Consent], are you fine by giving that to Shroud?"

"That's the key to a certain treasure chest in the Dusty World, but that chest doesn't contain the third Divine Artifact of Fate" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Boss stayed silent as he heard that answer, then finally sighed: "It was a fake? Now I finally understand why she stabbed me after I had travelled to the Dusty World to retrieve it for her"

After recalling everything that had happened up till now, they didn't say anything else.

A long while went by.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly stood up.

He moved his body, properly warming himself up.

“Hm? What are you thinking?” Boss asked.

Gu Qing Shan turned around and asked in return: “How long do we have to stay here?”

“It’ll probably take a few years to move through the long stretches of time and reach the future” Boss replied.

“Since we have some time” Gu Qing Shan moved his joints and hip before answering: “My Sacrificial Dance has reached a stage called the Offering Dance of Three Lives, so I want to see what became of Scarlet after that”

“Does she belong to the Samsara now?” Boss asked.

“She does, I changed her world system”

“And then what?” Boss asked.

“I want to find her” Gu Qing Shan appeared resolute.

Boss looked at him, then carefully said: “But Scarlet died during the Age of Immemorial, while we will be passing through both the Age of Immemorial and the Age of Old to return to the moment of the Eternal Abyss and Wraith realm’s war—— many years would have passed, Scarlet had most likely gone through countless reincarnations, so you’re probably wouldn’t be able to find her”

Gu Qing Shan fell silent, his gaze slowly going dim.

Boss silently shook his head, then consoled: “I heard that—— there is a power in the Samsara called ‘Predestination’¹ that’s responsible for guiding living beings towards each other”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “There is, but if too many lives had gone by, even predestination would not be enough, unless...”

He didn’t continue.

——unless Scarlet did not reincarnate at all ever since her death.

Boss briefly thought, then asked: “Did you tell her about your true identity?”

“During the very last moment, I told her” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“What if she truly hadn’t reincarnated at all and continued to wait for you?” Boss said.

Gu Qing Shan held his breath, then finally shook his head after a long while: “It would be an incredibly long wait. She would need to sit still by the side of the Forgetting River within the Huang Quan realm, continuing to wait through the Age of Immemorial, Age of Old, all the way until the future—— but none of that would matter at all, as she would completely forget everything that had happened in the past as soon as she enters the Forgetting River”

Boss pondered a bit and said: “I heard that while the Forgetting River would separate one’s pre-reincarnation memory, certain things would still remain deeply engraved upon one’s soul”

Gu Qing Shan muses: “I also understand a bit about predestination, I think—— that Scarlet would definitely become a being in the domain of Death”

He waved his hand through the void of space.

A mass of flames appeared and manifested into a black dog.

——this one was the real Black Hound.

“Black Hound”

“I’m here” Black Hound replied.

“I’m giving you a mission” Gu Qing Shan told him.

“Please do, my Deity” Black Hound said.

“Scarlet belongs to the Samsara, so she would definitely come into existence once again. I want you to enter the lengthy passage of history and train those who inherit the power of the Death God—— perhaps you might run into her one day, please remember and make sure to protect her well” Gu Qing Shan gave his order.

Black Hound said: “If too much time had passed, I would most likely grow weaker, even my memories will gradually fade away, until one day when I have no choice but to continue waiting through a lengthy slumber...”

Gu Qing Shan stroked his head and said: “Don’t worry, you will definitely be able to wait for her”

“Very well, then sir Death God, I will be on my way” Black Hound responded.

He leapt out of the range of the sphere, then silently landed into a certain vision of history.

Gu Qing Shan silently observed for a while.

He hung his head for a bit and suddenly murmured something.

“Hm? What did you say?” Boss asked.

“——the reason Black Hound was able to head into history was because it was originally a part of history that I temporarily took with me” Gu Qing Shan commented.

“Indeed” Boss replied.

“Then what about us? The reason we left was to ensure that history would continue through its determined path. What would happen now if we jumped down from here and entered history?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I will replace Shroud once again” Boss answered.

Gu Qing Shan hesitantly: “Then——”

“No need, there are things that one doesn’t need to experience more than once” Boss calmly said.

Gu Qing Shan silently nodded.

After a while of staying still, he suddenly stood up and began to dance.

The sound of music resounded.

The faint sound of music profoundly rang out along the River of Time.

The black dog looked at him, hesitated for a bit, before joining the Dance as well.

One man and one dog persistently danced.

A few moments later.

A line of glowing text suddenly appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan:

[You've begun to practice the Offering Dance of Three Lives]

Gu Qing Shan asked right away: "How should I examine the three lives of a certain dance partner?"

Another line of text appeared on the War God UI: [Your Dance is still very immature, unable to exert its full power]

[Attention: This is already a Sacrificial Dance of medium difficulty, you must go through a long period of training, perhaps requiring a bit of both talent and luck in order to fully grasp this Dance]

[Once you've fully grasped the Sacrificial Dance of Three Lives, you will also need a great number of Prayers in other to trigger the true power of the Sacrificial Dance]

"How many Prayers do I need?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

[About 3 million]

"How many Prayers do I have?"

[Zero]

"How do I increase my Prayers?"

[You will accumulate one Prayer every time you finish a Dance]

Gu Qing Shan returned to silence.

But he immediately counted the beat and began to dance, performing the various dance steps continuously to the best of his ability.

The black dog didn't stop at all and continued to accompany him through his dance. Whenever they were tired they'd rest, and then begin dancing again as soon as they regained their stamina.

They continued to dance on and on as if preparing to dance until the end of time.

Half a year later.

The sphere of light peacefully drifted above the River of Time.

Suddenly, lines of glowing text appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan's vision:

[You've fully grasped the Offering Dance of Three Lives]

As if Gu Qing Shan didn't see that, he continued to dance.

He danced on and on.

Another year went by.

On a certain day.

Different lines of glowing text finally appeared on the War God UI:

[You've accumulated 3 million Prayers]

[Your Prayers are now enough to perform the Offering of Three Lives]

[The unique power of the Offering Dance of Three Lives has been activated!]

[From this moment, you may examine the three lives of your dance partners]

Gu Qing Shan's still eyes finally moved.

A second later— --

The River of Time, the sealed sphere of light, the countless visions of history all disappeared.

Gu Qing Shan found himself standing on top of a barren mountaintop.

“Where is this place?”

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The black dog— -- or rather, Boss asked.

Gu Qing Shan looked around with a still gaze.

Suddenly, he blinked a few times.

This place— --

Seems familiar.

I had already been here in my past life.

What did I come here for?

Ah.

I think it was to ask someone about the method to mix a certain kind of cocktail.

Gu Qing Shan’s careless thoughts suddenly exploded in his mind.

He trembled slightly as he formed a hand seal.

Numerous rocks gathered towards him, forming a series of bricks that gradually created a simple house.

Gu Qing Shan stood in the house, put the Silent Dusk Cloak over himself, then pulled his hood over as well to obscure his face.

“Hide” he told Boss.

Boss immediately hid into the void of space and cautiously asked: “What’s the situation?”

Gu Qing Shan shook his head, waved his hand to make a table, then silently waited.

A few moments later.

A familiar female voice resounded:

“Huh? Why is there a house here?”

The door was pushed open.

A head of bright crimson hair, a pair of pure clear eyes, and an innocent expression.

She had arrived.

Anna.

Gu Qing Shan brushed his cheeks with his finger.

It turns out, she had truly been waiting since the Age of Immemorial, waiting until the recent future before she reincarnated.

It turns out you were her all along.

“Hey, do you have something to drink here? I’m a bit thirsty from a long journey” Anna said.

She also took out a few spirit stones and placed them on the table as she said that.

Gu Qing Shan didn’t say anything and just silently looked at her.

...

“Give me another shot, Rhode, I beg you, give me your best drink, my Star Force technique is only a final step away!”

“Alright, you don’t have to beg me like that, let me think about what other kinds of alcohol there are”

...

At that instant, he recalled her past, clearly seeing everything in front of his eyes.

Gu Qing Shan’s expression didn’t change at all, he simply touched his Inventory Bag and took out 7-8 different bottles of liquor.

He was skillful and swift, mixing that glass of cocktail without much trouble.

— that cocktail that he could make with his eyes closed.

A few moments later.

It was done.

“Drink” he spoke with a hoarse voice.

Anna picked up the glass, sniffed it, then drank it all at once.

She sat there blankly as if her soul had flown away to somewhere unknown.

“What is... this drink called?” she asked.

“Scorpio” Gu Qing Shan replied.

She put the glass down, unable to help herself touching her face and muttering: “What’s wrong with me today, how strange”

Gu Qing Shan was silent.

His figure flashed and suddenly disappeared without a trace.

He hid in the sky, silently observing the girl who didn’t know what to do below.

Even after searching for a while, she was unable to find anything and eventually left, but he continued to remain hidden.

Twilight.

Night.

One full day had passed.

Then another day.

A young man arrived from afar.

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

[Attention, once you meet yourself, Prayers will be expended in an especially rapid manner. You will very quickly be unable to remain in this life of hers any longer]

Gu Qing Shan descended and returned to the house.

The young man pushed the door open, then hesitantly looked at him and clasped his fist: "This humble one is Gu Qing Shan, might your grace be the one who made 'Scorpio'?"

Gu Qing Shan's lips twitched a bit before answering with a hoarse voice: "It was me"

The young man bowed again, then hesitantly said: "I want to ask you——"

"Listen, I don't have time to waste with you, so I'm only going to teach you once" Gu Qing Shan cut the young man's words off.

He quickly took out 7-8 different bottles of liquor again, quickly mixing the drink in front of him.

A few moments later.

The drink was done.

A line of glowing text appeared on the War God UI: [You must leave immediately!]

Gu Qing Shan took the final seconds he had left to quickly say:

"Remember, this drink is called the Scorpio, representing the lonely star in the sky"

"Only the one you want to protect may have this drink"

"It is imperfect, it needs you——"

Instantly, Gu Qing Shan was violently pushed out from this world.

He floated in the boundless darkness, about to finish his words.

But once he noticed where he was, he went silent.

Lines of glowing text flickered in front of his eyes:

[Offering Dance of Three Lives, the Final Offering]

[You will see yourself once again, to protect you, the duration of this Final Offering will be reduced again]

Hoh——

Darkness rapidly receded away from him.

Gu Qing Shan noticed that he was inside a bar.

The bar was already closed, but several people were still here talking.

Gu Qing Shan shivered shortly before he used a presence concealment hand seal and entered the bar.

——with his current Star River Saint realm cultivation, the people in the modern world wouldn't be able to detect him at all.

As soon as he entered, the situation at the time appeared clearly to them.

The young man from earlier had gone behind the counter to check the liquor on the shelf.

Feng Huo De looked a bit at the young man and whispered: "This is going a bit off-script, do we follow the plan and persuade him, or just kidnap him?"

Gu Qing Shan and Boss both held their breaths, silently observing this.

Anna stared at the young man before her, then again at the liquor bottles as she silently answered, "Let's wait for a bit, see what he wants to do"

The young man had already picked out quite a few bottles, placing 6-7 of them on the counter.

"Not yet, not enough"

He mumbled, then walked back and forth to pick out a few more bottles, then finally stopped.

"Good brother, what exactly are you doing?" Feng Huo De couldn't help but ask.

The young man looked at him for a bit, then took out three glasses from under the bar and answered: "This is this life's first meeting, we must have a toast to celebrate"

"Not a bad idea" Anna was interested.

A few moments later.

A blood color cocktail was placed in front of Anna.

The cocktail swirled like a burning flame, but as you looked carefully into the core of the flame, all you could see was the darkness of the abyss.

Anna looked down at the cocktail, then up at the young man.

"Drink" the corner of the young man's mouth lifted, trying to display his best smile.

"What is this one called?" Anna picked up the glass

“The Scorpio Palace”

“Why is it called that?”

“The Scorpio has a palace with numerous stars gathered around as its guards, an undying star in the sky”

“What a... dumb explanation”

Lifting the glass, she drank it all in one gulp.

Chapter 1536

Translator: La0o9

Within the boundless darkness, the entire River of Time suddenly lit up again.

Countless visions of history appeared within the River of Time, displaying countless people and things, as they were all experiencing their own stories.

Above the River of Time, within the boundless darkness, Laura kept her eyes closed, tightly hanging on to the glowing purple length of rope.

She silently continued to pray.

Suddenly——

She opened her eyes and cried tears of joy: “Ooooo, Gu Qing Shan, you finally managed to do it!”

Countless structures abruptly appeared around her one by one.

Almost in an instant, the entire Temporal Oasis had returned.

Followed by numerous other people.

The first one to return was Barry.

“Hm? What happened just now?” he cautiously looked around.

Earlier, he had forcefully entered a state of combat, but was still completely eliminated in a single instant.

That terrifying sensation was still causing his heart to beat a little bit faster than normal.

Another voice replied: “It was most likely the situation that Boss had described, but I can now sense that Space-Time had become solid once again”

—Kitty had also reappeared.

Zhang Ying Hao appeared following that and pondered: “In other words, a result had come out from the matters during the Age of Immemorial”

Ye Fei Li, the chairman of the Spire Keeper Association, Ye Ru Xi, as well as numerous other scholars and wizards of the Spire, everyone appeared one by one as if none of them had left in the first place.

Ye Fei Li commented: “Don’t joke, with Boss cooperating with Gu Qing Shan, I can’t think of anyone who would be able to deal with them”

The sound of crying was heard.

As everyone followed the sound, they saw that Laura was crying.

She sat crouched on the ground while hanging her head, both hands constantly wiping her tears away; it looked as if she was very sad about something.

Everyone exchanged glances.

“Your majesty, what’s the matter?” the Bramble Bird General Ilya hurriedly asked.

Laura waved her hand dismissively: “Don’t mind me—— no one minds me, I just want to cry for a while”

Ilya couldn’t really say anything else.

Right as everyone was a bit unsure of what to do, someone suddenly appeared next to Laura.

Anna.

Before the collapse of everything, she was hugging Laura.

Anna looked around and saw that everyone was safe, so she happily smiled:

“It seems Qing Shan won”

She crouched down and lightly stroked Laura’s head, softly speaking to her: “Hey Empress, we’ve won, why are you crying?”

Laura looked up at her with bloodshot eyes and asked: “Big sis Anna, I have a question”

“Go ahead” Anna replied.

“Why do you like to drink?”

“Because drinking will increase my power, and I’ve always liked to drink”

Laura broke out crying louder.

Anna hurriedly embraced and tried to console her.

After a while, Laura finally stopped crying.

“Big sis Anna, I have something else to ask you” she sat on Anna’s shoulder and softly asked.

“Go ahead”

“Why do you like Gu Qing Shan?”

“Hm?” Anna raised her voice.

—this little girl, why is she asking something like that in front of everyone? What’s going on here?

Anna looked around, only to see everyone else was either looking up at the ceiling or the patterns on the ground or the patterns on the windows.

In short, everyone suddenly felt an immense sense of interest towards the various decorative items in the Spire.

However...

My matter with Gu Qing Shan is completely pure and innocent, what is there to hide?

Anna pinched Laura’s cheeks a bit and answered without minding anything: “The first time I met him was at a bar, at the time, he made me a glass of—”

Before she even finished, Laura had already laid her head down on her shoulder and loudly cried out again.

“Uuuoooo... I’m... so emotional... uuooooo...”

She wiped away her snot and tears while mumbling discontinuously.

...

The Age of Immemorial.

The battle in the sky had concluded.

In the instant that [Great Flood] descended, all the monsters had disappeared.

Shroud was lying unconscious on the ground, motionless.

Little Dusk landed from the sky to shield him and looked at Reneedol.

“Big sister”

Little Dusk’s voice was clearly cold: “You clearly could have had the perfect ending, but you discarded it all”

Reneedol looked at her and leisurely replied: “My Fate will be decided by none other than myself”

“You killed Scarlet” Little Dusk said.

“She did it to herself—-- how detestable, I’ve let Rhode run away” Reneedol gritted her teeth.

She waved her hand.

The glowing key in Shroud's hand flew up and into her hand.

The key swiftly vanished and returned to Shroud's hand.

—-it was exactly the same as what had happened at the divine palace of Fate.

"Sure enough, this is the [Key of Myriad Deities' Consent] in Rhode's hand" Renedol muttered in a low voice with a terrifyingly grim expression.

This key can only be used by an unrestrained Deity.

In other words—

The only one who could use it in this world was Shroud.

While she was thinking, a sharp streak of light shot towards her.

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The two Deities of Fate acted at the same time to destroy that streak of light.

Renedol regained her senses and looked at Little Dusk.

"You dare attack me?" she asked without changing her expression.

Little Dusk quickly drew Cards from the void of space and firmly replied: "Scarlet is dead, Rhode is also no longer here, and Shroud is the last one alive— I won't let you do anything to Shroud"

Renedol stared closely at her with a thoughtful gaze.

"Pitiful little sister, what do you think you can actually do?" she asked.

Little Dusk didn't answer and simply reached her hand forward to wield a glowing crimson spear.

Reneedol couldn't help but take a step back.

This spear... is very dangerous.

Even if the [Plate of Destiny's End] was capable of reflecting double the damage to the opponent, this spear is fatal, I might simply die from being struck by it.

Double reflected damage didn't mean anything to this spear.

As for the weapons manifested from [Tear of Deities]—

Little Dusk has a terrifying Card that can seal all weapons.

Detestable!

—-the third Divine Artifact of Fate isn't in my hands, otherwise, I wouldn't be in such a difficult situation against her!

Reneedol's eyes went cold and shouted: "All out!"

The two Deities of Fate were already prepared, so they both recited an incantation.

"With my power of Fate, you shall fall into boundless darkness..."

"With my power of Fate, you shall forget all grudges..."

The two of them swiftly finished their entire chant.

Clang!

The spear fell from Little Dusk's hand as her expression suddenly became blank.

—-the two Deities of Fate and Reneedol had instantly restrained Little Dusk.

“She will forget everything— what now? Should we kill her?” Clotho asked.

“Of course, she’s too dangerous, she can’t be left alive” Reneedol replied.

“Should I do it?” Atropos asked.

“No, I’ll do it myself”

Killing intent exuded from Reneedol’s body as she loudly chanted: “[Great Flood], you shall heed my order, hereby—”

She suddenly shut her mouth.

The terrifying presence only appeared for a brief moment before it vanished.

—-Shroud had woken up.

Shroud stood up and shielded Little Dusk, asking with a frown: “Reneedol, what are you doing?”

Reneedol opened her mouth but was unable to utter a single word.

A terrifying presence radiated from deep under the icy ground.

Indeed.

Shroud is the only one who could ensure that the corpse entity is sealed. If I killed Shroud now, or simply forced his hands too much, it would result in unpredictable consequences.

The mere faint consciousness of that corpse had eliminated half of the Matriarch of Myriad Earths’ body and forced this void monster to flee.

Currently, this corpse has entered a dangerous active period.

How can I stay alive if I angered it?

Reneedol lowered her gaze towards the dark glowing key in Shroud's hand.

—-I can't touch him at all.

He is the key to obtaining the third Divine Artifact of Fate.

"Reneedol! Regardless of why you attacked Dusk earlier, I hope that you'll recognize the fact that she is our comrade from now on"

Shroud crouched down and flipped through the Book of Prophesized Destinies to heal Little Dusk's injuries.

"Dusk is going to wake up soon, come here and make sure to apologize to her" Shroud earnestly told her.

Reneedol froze.

Me?

Apologize?

She faced his eyes straight on.

His gaze contained a hint of confusion and questioning.

"You cannot completely cut him off, the Death God is no longer here, so he is the only remaining person prophesized to be capable of re-establishing the Pantheon, as well as heading to the Dusty World in the future in order to retrieve the most powerful Divine Artifact for you" Clotho whispered into her ear.

"You cannot fight him, as the entity under the ice is currently in an active state, once something happens with the seal, you will die as well" Atropos whispered into her other ear.

Reneedol clenched her fists tightly and trembled without stopping.

Rhode.

Damn you, Rhode.

I've clearly won already!

Renedol took a deep breath and slowly approached Shroud.

“Shroud, you’re right, I was in the wrong”

She spoke with a gentle voice, but she clenched her teeth so tightly that her gums were bleeding.

After hearing this, Shroud finally happily smiled.

“That’s right. I don’t know what kind of opportunity Rhode got, but I can’t sense his existence at all. Since we’re the only ones left, we must band together”

He appeared thoughtful, then opened the Book of Prophesized Destinies again.

The book continuously flipped through itself, then suddenly stopped.

Shroud ripped that page down, then threw it to the air and whispered: “Dark and light are mutually born”

Hoh———

The page that was radiating light suddenly became jet-black.

An aura of death exuded from the page.

“Shroud, what are you doing now?” Reneedol asked.

“Radiance has the characteristic to stimulate the growth of all Laws, as well as an extreme means to create Death” Shroud appeared full of emotions as he explained: “The Death God is no longer here, but this world still needs the Law of Death to exist”

He tapped the page with his finger.

Poof!

The page turned into a mass of black flames, then manifested a proper form.

Following Shroud’s voice, the flames gradually manifested as a bird.

“Crow of Death, from now on, you will replace Rhode, you will walk the earth and spread his Law, up until one day in the future——”

Shroud’s voice slowly became lower:

“The Death God shall definitely return”

“At that time, we shall meet once again”

Chapter 1537

Translator: La0o9

A gust of cold wind swept through.

Within the River of Time, the monsters that watched over time and history had reappeared.

There were numerous of them, all with strange appearances and extremely powerful presence.

Above the River.

A conversation could be heard from inside a hovering sphere of light.

“This sphere of light seems to be getting a bit unstable”

“Hm, your feelings aren’t wrong, the teleportation power of the six Sealing Tokens is about to be used up”

“Then are we going to jump?”

“That’s right, we need to jump”

Mentioning this, both of their voices became a bit more cautious—

“Boss, I remember you saying that these monsters who watch over the River of Time were very powerful, some even more powerful than you?”

“That’s right, they’re unique entities manifested by the three Great Laws of Reality, it’s best to not arbitrarily bother them, or else you won’t die in one piece”

“Ah... I know what you mean...”

A sense of danger appeared in both of their minds.

“Hey, Boss, we only made sure that history would follow its original course, so these monsters shouldn’t try to eat us”

“About that... that should be the case”

“Should be?”

“Ah, if you’re not assured, we just need to make a bit of preparation”

“...Then we definitely need to make a bit of preparation, since this matter is related to our survival”

“True”

“Then...”

“That’s right, prepare your measures”

“You too”

The sphere of light flickered like it was about to break.

It was only a little bit away from being broken!

A cat appeared near the outer edge of the sphere.

The cat used [Ghostly Shadow of Night] and stuck close to the outer edge, preparing to jump down.

A dog sat down next to the cat with a serious expression while a book hovered above his head, also prepared to use its ability at any moment.

The cat was orange, very impressive.

The dog was black, very ferocious.

One cat and one dog both readied themselves.

— they were prepared!

Suddenly, the orange cat commented: "Speaking of which, before you transported me to the Age of Immemorial, some of my comrades and I also used a teleportation technique to avoid Reneedol's detection"

"Hm? What was the situation like?" the black dog asked.

The orange cat then explained what happened to Fei Yue, Xiao Die, and Crow.

"They're currently riding a heavenly ark, escaping Reneedol's pursuit through mystic teleportation" the orange cat explained.

"Then there's no issue. Although, since we returned from the Age of Immemorial, a little bit of time should have passed since that point" the black dog replied.

The orange cat froze.

That's right.

The 'present' would only continue to move forward along the flow, and anyone who returned to the future from the past would not be able to arrive at the exact moment they left.

They could only arrive at a future slightly further than when they left on the timeline.

"What point in the timeline would we return to?" the orange cat asked.

"I'm not sure either, since we stayed for quite a bit of time during the Age of Immemorial" the black dog shook his head.

"I guess so, let us go find my comrades first" the orange cat suggested.

The black dog's eyes suddenly lit up, then went silent.

“What’s the matter?” the orange cat looked at him and asked.

“The heavenly ark was a Samsara artifact, right?” the black dog suddenly asked.

“That’s right” the orange cat admitted.

“And you’ve changed my world jurisdiction, so now I’m also a Samsara being” the black dog commented again.

“That’s right, what are you trying to say?” the orange cat asked.

“Now that I look like this, if we meet up with your comrades, you can’t tell them that I’m the Lord of Infinite Origins—-- such a grand entity being reduced to look like a dog, that would really lower my dignity” the black dog worriedly said.

The orange cat sighed in relief.

—--and here I thought he was worried about something actually important, so it was just his reputation.

“Sure, just tell them whatever you like” the orange cat replied.

The black dog appeared delighted: “I’ll need a new name, a different one from before”

“Have you thought of one?” the orange cat hesitantly asked.

“I have” the black dog replied.

“What’s that?” the orange cat casually asked.

The black dog puffed his chest out: “If I’m now a Samsara being, and I look like a flaming black dog, I’ve decided to take a reference from the Samsara’s legend and call myself—— Tengū”

“Tian Gou?” the orange cat asked.

“Tengū” the black dog corrected him.

“Sheesh—— I thought you’ve already let go of the past, why are you still calling yourself Tian Gou¹?” the orange cat asked with a strange expression.

“No, I said Tengū” the black dog corrected him again.

“Ah, so you meant Tengū, got it”

Pop!

The sound of a balloon popping was heard.

The sphere that hovered above the River of Time vanished.

“——Go!” the black dog shouted.

The six Sealing Tokens circled once around the orange cat before they entered his body.

A second later——

The cat and dog both moved in a special pattern of their own as they descended into the River of Time.

However, this descent had proven one thing.

The two of them had worried needlessly—

The monsters within the River of Time didn't even want to even look at them and just ignored their presence as they entered a certain point in the timeline.

...

The sun was shining gloomily, radiating a dim glow.

The world itself was silent.

There wasn't a single person in any of the buildings, other than the sound of the wind, not a single sound could be heard within the entire city.

The orange cat and black dog both sat on top of a tall building.

"Where are we now?" the black dog asked.

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"Most likely the world that my comrades transported to in the past— but I don't see them anywhere around here" the orange cat replied.

Dispelling [Ghostly Shadow of Night], the orange cat silently observed the city.

Very strangely, all the buildings in this city appeared a bit grey and looked like they would crumble away with the slightest touch. The crumbled portions appeared as fine sand but looked more like matter that had been turned to dust after being completely destroyed.

This situation seems very familiar...

If this is what I think it is, it's very dangerous.

The orange cat put his paw forward and recited: “Fei Yue, Xiao Die, Crow”

A thin strand of black thread appeared out of thin air and wrapped around his paw, but didn't fly away.

“They don't seem to be in the current world—-- and from what I can see, something seems to have happened here” the black dog commented.

The dog and cat both went silent.

—this is quite problematic.

The orange cat pondered: “It seems we first need to determine how long it has been since we first travelled back in time”

“That's true, we need to take a look and see if there are any remaining survivors here”

The black dog flipped through the Book of Prophesized Destinies and placed his paw on one of the pages.

The empty page then displayed a large one-horned serpent.

The serpent appeared quite extraordinary at a glance, with a look of cautiousness and wariness in its eyes.

“It's to the East, let's go”

“Alright”

The dog and cat leapt into the air and flew towards the distance.

Half an hour later.

The desert.

Above the vast desert, the orange cat and black dog both appeared.

“Can’t see it” the orange cat commented.

“It’s hidden deep underground, seems like it’s sleeping” the black dog replied with the Book of Prophesized Destinies in his paws.

A sword with an ancient design appeared next to the orange cat.

The sword turned into a streak of light and violently struck the ground.

Bam— — —

The earth trembled, kicking up a massive amount of sand and dirt that obscured the light of the sun.

「 Who? Who is outside? 」

A fearful voice was heard underground.

The black dog and orange cat exchanged glances.

“No need to worry, we’re just here to ask you a few things” the orange cat spoke to it using his boundless inner sight.

The voice hesitantly asked: 「 Who are you? 」

The black dog lightly cleared his throat and replied: “I am the great Lord of Infinite Ori— not, I’m the Samsara Tengu”

「 The Samsara Tian Gou? 」 the voice doubtfully asked.

“Samsara Tengu!” the black dog bared his fangs.

「 Ah, that sounds impressive. It’s been a really long time since there have been any people in this world, can you save me? 」 the voice hurriedly asked.

“That’s no problem at all, as long as you tell us what happened to this world, we can take you with us” the black dog lifted his head and spoke.

“That’s right, tell us what time period it is currently and we’ll take you away from this world” the orange cat also loudly sent his voice.

「 Is that really it? Thank you two very much... 」

The desert began to rumble as the immeasurable sand dunes parted ways like two tidal waves.

A gigantic monster about a thousand meters tall appeared.

It was a one-horned serpent!

It shook the sand off its body and looked around: 「 The two... great entities, where are you? 」

“Up here, look up” the black dog replied.

The one-horned serpent looked up and focused its gaze.

In the gloomy grey sky, a dog and a cat silently hovered.

「 Pfft—- 」

The one-horned snake suddenly coughed up some fluid and painfully smashed its head on the ground.

“Hey, what happened to you?” the orange cat hurriedly put his hands together, about to form a hand seal.

“Were you inflicted by some sort of curse?” the black dog also took out the Book of Prophesized Destinies and began flipping through it.

The one-horned serpent howled sorrowfully:

「 I, the sovereign of 1700 years, the legendary Guardian Serpent of the world, had fallen so low that I’m being deceived by a dog and cat, how deplorable! 」

The orange cat and black dog both stopped.

The cat stopped forming his hand seal, the dog also stopped flipping through his book.

They both narrowed their eyes.

“This guy’s head isn’t quite right; do we look like a normal dog and cat?” the orange cat complained.

“That’s right, it only judges a book by its cover” the black dog also commented.

“Earth sword, knock it out” the orange cat shouted.

The same sword from before abruptly appeared above the one-horned serpent and lightly swung down.

Bam!!!

The one-horned serpent crashed directly to the ground, forming a crater that was several hundred meters in radius.

It had fallen unconscious.

The drifting sand began pouring down, about to bury it.

The orange cat lightly wagged his tail.

The entire one-horned serpent flew up with its head in front of the orange cat's paw.

The orange cat put his paw over it.

[Soul Reading], activate!

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

"How was it?" the black dog asked.

The orange cat pulled his paw back and answered with a complicated expression: "We've wasted too much time, the circumstances have completely changed now"

“What’s the situation like?” the black dog asked.

The orange cat looked at him and carefully explained: “According to what this guy had sensed and known; I’ve largely understood the circumstances—”

“The Eternal Abyss had just been defeated, and everything we see right now was the result of the first layer of the Eternal Abyss’ seal being undone”

“Ah... if that’s the case... the situation had turned incredibly dangerous because of my absence” the black dog pondered.

The orange cat sincerely replied: “That’s right, the giant eyeball had only just escaped its seal. The fluctuations caused by its appearance radiated throughout the entire Space Vortex”

“The civilization of the world we’re currently in was completely destroyed by an insignificant bit of radiation from that event”

“This Guardian Snake was the only lucky survivor”

Chapter 1538

Translator: La0o9

The ocean.

The wind and rain howled sorrowfully.

In the darkness, countless amounts of data flowed like a waterfall.

After a long while, the chaotic mass of data finally stopped overflowing.

All the data slowed down, becoming orderly and neat.

Lines of text appeared in mid-air:

[Destination reached]

[Location: The ocean]

[World altitude and longitude: 121.43333 , 34.50000]

[Southeastern wind flow, wind current: level 5-6]

[Wave height: 2.5m]

[Visibility: 3km]

[Heavy rain]

[Descending]

[Attention, as your evolution had only just completed, we do not have enough time to replenish energy]

[This trans-Space-Time warp had been performed by borrowing the power of Apocalypse, danger level Red]

[You can only remain for 20 seconds]

[Prepare—-]

Numerous runes of light appeared from the void of space like shattering glass.

All the runes gathered at once and manifested as a humanoid figure—-—

A young girl wearing modern military combat clothing.

She stood in the void of space with her eyes closed, silently listening to the sound of rain.

Suddenly, a melodious female voice suddenly resounded by her ears:

[Time is approaching]

[In 15 seconds, the Apocalypse Assassin will arrive]

[You may begin preparations now]

The girl opened her eyes and drew a Card from her snow-white hair.

“Release”

She muttered.

Poof!

The Card manifested as a black pistol.

Wielding the pistol, the girl’s eyes appeared full of nostalgia.

“It’s been a really long time since I fought by your side... I really miss you”

She softly whispered and looked at the void of space.

Lines of notifications appeared there:

[The specific coordinates have been determined]

[Counting down:]

[5]

[4]

[3]

[2]

[1]

[The Apocalypse Assassin has appeared!]

Bang— —

The girl pulled the trigger, but the bullet she fired disappeared in an instant.

Right away, lines of text appeared in front of her eyes:

[The other party's assassination has been disturbed!]

[Mission completed!]

[The Apocalypse had noticed that we're borrowing its power to travel through Space-Time—]

[If you stop for more than 10 seconds, it will definitely detect you]

[Please return immediately!]

The girl skimmed through the text rapidly, then drew another Card and left it floating in the void of space.

“Qing Shan... you must stay alive...”

As soon as she said that, countless intricate runes of light appeared around her body, radiating a blinding glow.

The glow vanished right away.

The girl had disappeared from above the ocean.

——it was as if she was never there in the first place.

Above the ocean, the sky was still dark.

The wind howled while rain poured like a shower, the waves below roaring continuously.

But the Card continued to hover motionlessly.

It was waiting for someone.

...

Going past the mountains and ocean, on the other side of the world.

The orange cat that had dispelled [Ghostly Shadow of Night] was discussing something with a black dog.

“This point in time should be not too long after the giant eyeball had just awoken” the orange cat said.

“What were we doing at the time?” the black dog asked.

“We had already gone back to the past towards the point of the Spire’s destruction, currently attempting the Apotheosis battle against the Soul Shrieker. After we defeated it, the world of the Spire turned into a Temporal Oasis and followed the flow of the River of Time towards the future” the orange cat replied.

“So there’s still quite a bit of time before they arrive, huh?” the black dog commented full of emotions.

“That’s right”

The two of them both looked at the one-horned serpent below.

“What now? Are we still going to save it?” the black dog asked.

“This entire world had already been destroyed with only this poor fellow remained. It’s surely going to feel lonely, so it’s best to take it along with us” the orange cat replied.

“Alright, then I’ll take it as my pet” the black dog decided.

He moved his paw to flip through the Book of Prophesized Destinies and found a covenant.

“There, you’re fortunate to be able to form a covenant with me” the black dog commented.

The covenant flew down onto the one-horned serpent’s head.

Poof!

The entire serpent vanished.

The black dog waved his paw, summoning the covenant back into the Book of Prophesized Destinies.

Suddenly—

The orange cat’s fur all stood up.

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The black dog also subconsciously barked and placed the Book of Prophesized Destinies in front of him.

But it was too late.

A humanoid monster whose entire body was filled with eyes had appeared in front of them and unleashed numerous rays of cold light, restraining the orange cat and black dog.

The cat and dog were both restrained.

An autumn water-like blue steel sword appeared and hurriedly tried to cut these rays of light—

But it was already too late!

The humanoid monster ferociously laughed, then quickly recited: “Apocalypse burn—”

Bang!

Something flew from afar and broke a hole through its forehead.

Blood spilled into the wind.

The humanoid monster's assassination was cut off.

The orange cat suddenly vanished.

A giant sword phantom that was several dozen meters in length manifested with an explosion and struck the humanoid monster, sending it flying away.

Clang clang clang clang clang!

The sound of numerous sword strikes resounded from the giant sword phantom.

The humanoid monster didn't fly for too long before its head was the only thing that remained.

Thud!

The head landed on the ground with a dull noise.

In an instant, everything had finished.

Gu Qing Shan held the Earth sword while standing in mid-air, breathing heavily.

"It wasn't particularly powerful, but it was very unique" he said.

“Right” the black dog’s eyes appeared profound and added: “Its strongest characteristic was its ability to hide and abrupt appearance. Even now, I can’t tell how it managed to avoid both of our perceptions”

Gu Qing Shan looked at the void of space.

Lines of glowing text had already appeared:

[Apocalypse Assassin: Myriad Eyes, had arrived through Space-Time]

[Its body was imbued with 7681 different types of obscurement techniques for Space-Time travel]

[Myriad Eyes is unleashing the unique Apocalypse: Burning Poison]

[Myriad Eyes’ actions had been interrupted]

[You’ve killed it]

[You obtained 10,000 Soul Points]

[Attention: This is an assassination across Space-Time, you must keep up your guard]

Gu Qing Shan was speechless.

He had never truly been afraid of anyone in direct combat.

But never in anyone’s wildest dreams did he think that there was an Apocalypse monster who had specifically travelled across Space-Time with plenty of preparations just to assassinate him.

Furthermore, it chose the time when they had just returned.

He and Boss had both examined this entire world to ensure that there were no living beings here.

And with the giant eyeball temporarily taking up their attention, they both couldn’t expect something like this to occur.

The black dog flew down and carefully examined the head.

“Did you specifically leave its head behind?” the black dog asked.

“I did. Its attack was interrupted by some sort of attack right before I killed it, so I wanted to see what exactly happened”

Gu Qing Shan crouched down and carefully examined the head full of eyes.

Hm?

He appeared a bit intrigued.

“This is... a bullet wound?”

Gu Qing Shan focused his mind and produced several sword phantoms, which he then converged into thin strings that cut open the monster’s head.

Numerous pieces of metal shrapnel had filled the monster’s brain and skull, which appeared terrifying.

— and yet, not even that managed to kill the monster.

“A technological attack... could there be others aside from us in this world?” Boss asked.

He opened the Book of Prophesized Destinies at the same time Gu Qing Shan released his inner sight.

They searched through the entire world once again.

“The ocean”

“Yes, the ocean”

The two of them exchanged glances and vanished from the desert at once.

At the next moment.

They both appeared above the ocean.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the hovering Card and felt a sense of familiarity.

“How is it, do you recognize it?” Boss asked.

“I do, this is a Card from the Blood Sea deck, which comes from...”

Gu Qing Shan reached his hand forward to take the Card.

As soon as the Card touched his hand, it was activated and played a female voice:

“Qing Shan, Impartial Goddess and I secretly borrowed the power of the Apocalypse to temporarily return to this era”

“I can’t tell you anything else, or the Apocalypse might notice”

“But you need to keep this in mind, the Apocalypse monsters are trying everything they can think of to return to your era”

“They want to assassinate you and take the six Sealing Tokens from you”

As soon as the message was done, the Card shattered with a ‘crack’ and scattered into the wind as tiny fragments.

Gu Qing Shan stood still.

“Who was that?” Boss asked with interest.

“Su Xue Er, she should currently be with Impartial Goddess, undergoing a unique type of evolution”

Gu Qing Shan answered while pondering.

Impartial Goddess...

From what I learnt during the Age of Immemorial, she was a creation of the Samsara Human realm.

With her protecting Su Xue Er, there shouldn't be any issues—— they were even able to discreetly utilize the power of the Apocalypse.

Then...

Gu Qing Shan turned his hand over, displaying the six Sealing Tokens silently sitting on his hand.

Chapter 1539

Translator: La0o9

“What weapon was that just now? It was able to directly strike the target from the other side of the world” Boss asked.

Gu Qing Shan appeared reminiscent and replied: “In the past, my homeworld faced a lot of Apocalypses, our technology couldn't even pierce through the defenses of those monsters, so we believed that it was due to the suppression of world levels”

Boss was a bit surprised: “Ah—— I understand. When a world is too powerful, the power of its Laws would protect its living beings so that when they descend on weaker worlds, they would suffer considerably less damage”

Gu Qing Shan continued: “That's right. At the time, our world decided to begin a research topic related to the issue of greater world suppression. Eventually, this research was completed and resulted in a warp-type firearm that could ignore the suppression of world levels, which was wielded by Su Xue Er”

——this was something that occurred during his time at the secret passage to the Dusty World.

Su Xue Er had watched over his body and stood firm in combat, ultimately using this gun to kill two fake Deities who were attached to two of the Divine Artifacts of Huang Quan.

“No wonder it was so powerful, tsk tsk” Boss praised.

Gu Qing Shan looked down at the six Sealing Tokens on his hand.

Lines of glowing text appeared in front of his eyes:

[The Sealing Tokens (full set: one, two, three, four, five, six)]

[Rare item, Divine Artifact]

[You must hear its creator’s explanation in order to understand its usage]

Gu Qing Shan looked up and turned to the black dog in front of him.

“Boss, now that I’ve collected all six Sealing Tokens, what can they do?” he asked.

The black dog cleared his throat and explained: “Their first function is to set all historical occurrences in stone and ensure that no changes could occur any longer”

“Their second function—— they’re the only secret key capable of resolving the secret of the frozen corpse’s power”

Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but ask: “The giant eyeball was also a part of the corpse’s body?”

The black dog lifted his head up and solemnly answered: “That’s correct. It had gained its own sentience, but I’ve thought further about this matter compared to anyone else, so I left only a single eyeball and some hair within the Eternal Abyss”

“They’re all parts of the corpse?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“That’s right, I used the power within those hairs to create the Abyssal forms, but the power of the eyeball was too much, so I had no choice but to leave it in slumber” the black dog explained.

“Where are the other parts of the corpse?” Gu Qing Shan pursued the question.

“They’ve all been sealed by these six Sealing Tokens, hidden in a place that no one would be able to reach. Even if someone managed to find it, without the Sealing Tokens, they would never be able to access it either”

After hearing that, Gu Qing Shan turned his attention to the War God UI.

Sure enough, the War God UI already displayed the corresponding explanation.

—so that was why.

Reneedol discovered that the Eternal Abyss only hides a single eyeball, so she tried to force Fei Yue to use her Fate Ability, [Longing], to search for the other parts of the corpse.

What exactly is Reneedol trying to do?

Right, she had the ability to summon Apocalypses, and that frozen corpse was originally a type of Apocalypse.

Outside the Reality Gate, there were also countless Apocalypses attempting to search for it.

—Reneedol wanted to be able to summon the frozen corpse!

If she could achieve this, who else would be able to oppose her?

Everyone and everything would be forced to kneel at her feet!

Gu Qing Shan fully understood the situation and asked: “Boss, now that these things are in our hands, how should we deal with them?”

Suddenly—

The void of space was distorted and a monster popped out in front of them.

Right as it raised its long blade of bones into the air, its entire body had already been sliced into numerous pieces.

Several sword phantoms manifested around Gu Qing Shan and the black dog, which then slowly faded away.

——it was as if these sword phantoms had always been there, they'd just been out of sight.

Two lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[You've killed the Apocalypse Assassin: Broken Bone Shadow]

[You obtained 30,000 Soul Points]

Gu Qing Shan looked at the scattered corpse parts on the ground and calmly said: "Fools. Now that I know you're trying to assassinate me, of course I won't be letting my guard down again"

The black dog fell into thought and spoke after a long while: "But continuing like this isn't a good idea either. If they take the opportunity while we're eating or pooping to assassinate us, it's going to be irritating regardless of the outcome"

"Then do you have any other good ideas?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"From how we're so clueless about the current situation—— I think you can consider 'that'" the black dog mysteriously said.

"Consider what?"

"Something you're an expert at"

The black dog ran forward a few steps and kicked the tattered monster's head towards Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan looked down at the head full of eyes.

——Apocalypse monster, Myriad Eyes.

Boss is right, this can also be an idea.

Now that [Mystery of All Beings Equal] has evolved to such a high degree, I can completely transform into any target.

If that's the case, it wouldn't be quite as easy for the assassins to find me anymore.

I would also be able to infiltrate the Apocalypse monsters and learn more about them.

Gu Qing Shan lightly placed his hand over the head.

——[Mystery of All beings Equal], activate!

He slowly turned into the monster whose body was full of eyes.

「 There 」

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The monster uttered a confused cry, then took a few steps.

「 ——No good, this guy is literally full of eyes, I feel dizzy just by taking two steps forward 」 Gu Qing Shan said.

“Then try the other?” Boss suggested.

Gu Qing Shan turned back, then placed his hand over the other tattered corpse.

A second later, he turned into a faint shadow—— a monster made of nothing but shadows.

“How do you feel now?” Boss asked.

「 A bit... jumpy, but it's much better than the other one, I'll be able to disguise as it after a bit of adjustment 」 Gu Qing Shan replied.

From the number of Soul Points he obtained, the monster called 'Broken Bones Shadow' was a bit more advanced creature compared to 'Myriad Eyes'.

Gu Qing Shan collected all the corpse parts on the ground, then picked up the monster's bone machete and brandished it a few times.

“You know how to use a Blade?” the black dog asked.

「 Just a little bit. Now that I've turned into an Apocalypse monster, what are you going to do? 」 Gu Qing Shan answered while brandishing the Blade.

“I've attached myself to something that's dependent on you, so I naturally have a way to hide myself”

After saying that, the black dog turned into a mass of flames that slowly entered Gu Qing Shan's Thought Sea.

———there were no issues this time.

Gu Qing Shan sighed and replied: 「 Alright, it's finally peaceful, we won't be discovered so quickly again 」

As soon as he said that.

A black dot appeared in the sky, then gradually enlarged itself in front of Gu Qing Shan's eyes.

A large triangular metallic structure descended in front of Gu Qing Shan.

Numerous inexplicable voices sounded from the metallic structure.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

“Boss, do you understand?” he silently asked in his mind.

“It seems to be some sort of language from an Apocalypse civilization; I’ve not researched these enough though” Boss replied.

“Not good, I don’t understand what they’re saying either” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Then—- what now?” Boss asked.

At this point, the metallic structure began to speak more rapidly, as if it was repeating something over and over.

“I think this is an Apocalypse civilization from this era, they detected you and thought that you were one of them” Boss judged the situation.

Gu Qing Shan nodded and continued sending his voice: “I agree—- but I really don’t understand a single thing it’s saying”

“Hurry up and think of something, otherwise, we’ll have no choice but to give up on this identity” Boss told him.

Gu Qing Shan remained silent for a brief moment.

What now?

Do I really have to expose myself right away?

Pff—

Suddenly, he coughed up some blood and staggered down to the ground.

The voices from the triangular metallic structure immediately stopped.

It went silent for a long time, seemingly understanding the current situation.

A ray of light appeared from the metallic structure and scanned Gu Qing Shan's body.

—-he was truly wounded, it was not fake at all.

The unfamiliar language was heard once again, but this time, it didn't seem like it was talking with him but rather reporting to someone else.

A few moments later.

The triangular metallic structure opened up.

Two monsters emerged and crouched in front of Gu Qing Shan to take a more careful look.

They muttered something, then gradually began to argue.

After arguing for a while, one of the monsters tried to examine Gu Qing Shan, only for Gu Qing Shan to immediately collapse and begin coughing up more blood.

The two monsters were shocked.

At the very next moment, Gu Qing Shan struggled to open his eyes and pointed at the monster like he wanted to say something.

But as soon as he opened his mouth, before he said a single thing, he fell unconscious again.

The two monsters went silent and slowly exchanged glances.

Alright, there was nothing else to argue about.

They took out a metal stretcher, carried Gu Qing Shan onto it, then hurriedly returned to the metallic structure.

The door closed.

Oong oong oong—

The triangular metallic structure flew through the sky and quickly left this world.

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The inside of the triangular ship was unexpectedly spacious, divided into many layers with numerous rooms.

Gu Qing Shan was thrown directly into a wide area at the bottommost floor, after that, no one paid any further attention to him.

He laid on the stretcher and acted like he was sleeping while releasing his inner sight to examine the surrounding environment.

From the outside, one wouldn't be able to infer that a certain unique Law of Space had been applied to make the area inside much larger.

Hundreds of stretchers were laid all around this place.

Each of the stretchers contained a monster that already couldn't move, most of them were even close to death.

Thin lines of light moved along the walls of this place, seemingly following some sort of pattern.

"No one had come to take a look at us at all, is there not even a single healer within an Apocalypse civilization?" Boss appeared full of doubt.

"I don't know, but I don't have a good feeling about this" Gu Qing Shan replied.

As they talked, the lines of light on the walls began to move at a more rapid pace.

"The ship has entered a spatial warp state" Boss pondered.

"I'm quite interested in the foundation of these Apocalypse civilizations, for the first time, we've been able to explore it this deeply" Gu Qing Shan said, full of interest.

"To be able to fool even Apocalypse monsters, your [Mystery of All Beings Equal] had clearly evolved to such an extremely profound level, how extraordinary" Boss sincerely evaluated.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and asked: "You seem to know a bit about these Mysteries?"

"A little—-- Mysteries are a level higher than Laws" Boss replied.

"Tell me about them, I don't know a lot about these things" Gu Qing Shan said.

Boss explained: “From the knowledge of the Myriad Deities, a Law by itself is very pure and also very simple, while Mysteries are a kind of unique power created from the interception of many Laws. Normally, it’s hard for a Mystery to be discovered, and even if someone grasped it, they would not share it with others. This was because Mysteries are truly too precious”

Gu Qing Shan recalled how [Mystery of All Beings Equal] had shown its effectiveness time and time again throughout his journey so far, then nodded in full agreement.

Suddenly, the pulsing light on the walls gradually slowed down.

“The ship is slowing down”

“Right, seems like we’ve arrived at a destination”

Oong—

The sound of wind outside had completely stopped.

The ship seemed to have arrived somewhere.

Gu Qing Shan gave it a try and found that his inner sight couldn’t penetrate the walls of the ship, thus unable to discern what was outside.

Around him, the stretchers slowly moved and quickly arranged themselves into formation.

Gu Qing Shan’s stretcher also joined them.

“So all the injured soldiers must be transported back before they receive treatment all at once” he pondered.

“How systematic, no wonder the Apocalypse monsters could always maintain a ferocious level of battle prowess” Boss praised.

While the two of them talked, a hole opened up on the underside of the ship, which let some light in.

The stretchers neatly and orderly approached the hole, as they then pushed the heavily injured monsters down.

It doesn't look like they're being treated at all...

A voice rang out from inside the ship, but it sounded like it was announcing something to the outside world.

Gu Qing Shan and Boss were both unable to understand it, so they couldn't help but feel a bit impatient.

“It seems we need to cross the language barrier first” Boss commented.

“I'm about to be tossed out as well— —— alright, let us deal with the language barrier, then investigate” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Do you have a method of learning their language?” Boss asked.

“Just a small trick”

Gu Qing Shan replied, then released his inner sight into the surroundings.

Very quickly, he picked out one of the monsters.

The monster's body was riddled with wounds and had a huge hole in the middle of its chest. It was clearly on the verge of death, barely hanging on thanks to what was left of its ferocious vitality, occasionally uttering a discontinuous moan.

Gu Qing Shan was just a short distance away from this monster, so he reached his hand out to touch the other party's mouth.

A notification lit up on the War God UI.

Lines of glowing text popped up from the [War God Skills] icon:

[You've touched the Apocalypse Flesh Devourer's mouth]

[Analyzing]

[Its mouth contains the following skills:]

[Firstly: Eating]

[Secondly: Apocalypse common language]

[Thirdly: War Cry (spell)]

[Fourthly: Flirtatious kiss]

[Your mouth already has the eating skill, and your kissing techniques far surpasses the monster's so these two options have been automatically removed]

[Please select the skill you want between War Cry and Apocalypse common language]

Gu Qing Shan replied: "I want to learn Apocalypse common language"

[Please expend 1000 Soul Points]

"Got it"

Gu Qing Shan felt his mouth becoming warm.

———this was the sign of him learning a new Skill.

Very quickly, he snuck back on his stretcher and laid back down.

“How was it?” Boss asked.

“I’m done learning. Wait a bit, I’ll condense a seed of knowledge and use Bestowal ¹to share it with you” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“You also know how to use an unusual teaching technique like Bestowal as well?” Boss was surprised.

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“A little”

—when he climbed the Pillar To Heaven during his Tribulation, the worlds of the past once transferred to him a lot of cultivation knowledge, which naturally included Bestowal.

By the time Gu Qing Shan had transferred the knowledge to Boss through Bestowal and with both of them having grasped the Apocalypse common language, quite a bit of time had gone by.

Gu Qing Shan’s stretcher had been moved near the hole close to the outside.

“There, now we can be treated while slowly collecting information” Boss was glad.

“Hm, when in Rome, do as the Romans. I wonder if we’d be able to infiltrate their center of power, this way we’d be able to collect even more information” Gu Qing Shan also said.

The two of them had prepared themselves.

And then, the stretcher lightly tossed him out of the ship.

At the same time, the announcement from before rang out again:

[... Attention, all departments make sure not to open any teleportation passages]

[This ship is currently throwing feed]

[Repeat, we are current throwing feed, for the sake of safety, please do not open any teleportation passages]

While Gu Qing Shan was falling down, he heard the announcement.

Throwing feed...

Wait, throwing feed?

Gu Qing Shan suddenly realized what was happening.

“Not good!” Boss also called out.

Gu Qing Shan quickly released his inner sight to examine below.

Only to see that there weren't any first aid areas or any sort of treatment center below, there were only a massive number of wide-open mouths filled with razor-sharp teeth.

—-a bunch of monsters with crimson wings with a similar appearance to dragons or snakes were greedily grabbing any injured Apocalypse monster they could with their mouths while exuding a faint yellow fog.

Some of them who hadn't managed to grab any food was staring at Gu Qing Shan.

—-they were clearly hungry.

Right at this moment, Gu Qing Shan's mind quickly moved.

Should I run?

Or teleport away?

Or perhaps—

He turned around in the air and drew a white bone machete from his hip.

As an Apocalypse Assassin, not to mention a [Broken Bone Shadow] was an even more advanced being compared to [Myriad Eyes], and both of which were sent to assassinate him from the future, Gu Qing Shan believed that this Apocalypse monster's identity wouldn't be quite that simple.

Then his choice was clear.

He brandished the white bone machete as his presence abruptly rose.

「 All of you— whoever becomes my steed will obtain the right to stay alive 」 he spoke using the Apocalypse language.

Kriiii—koooooo!

The winged monsters seemed to be angered as they all uttered a ferocious roar and spat some green liquid towards Gu Qing Shan.

Recognizing danger, Gu Qing Shan avoided all of the flying liquid and vanished from the sky.

He then appeared in the middle of the winged monsters.

「 Then die... 」

He grinned, then left afterimages as he swung the white bone machete in his hand.

Although he was using a machete, his swordsmanship had already reached a state of becoming universally applicable, even a normal slash performed by him wasn't something a normal monster would be able to defend against.

Not to mention, this machete itself carried supernatural abilities that made it exceptionally suitable for assassinations, not at all weak.

Blood rained from the sky.

The bodies of countless monsters fell down.

The remaining monsters hurriedly retreated and fled out of fright.

Only Gu Qing Shan remained in mid-air.

He brandished the bloody white bone machete, looked up at the triangular metal ship, took a deep breath, then angrily shouted:

「 Which dumbass was it that dared to consider me food to be thrown out? 」

The triangular ship hovered in mid-air without reacting for a while.

“What are they doing?” Boss asked out of confusion.

Gu Qing Shan silently replied: “You're right, usually they would try to apologize, only then would I be able to take the opportunity to step down, then make peace with everyone——”

He suddenly went quiet.

Because a large cannon had poked out from the triangular metal ship, which was pointed straight at Gu Qing Shan.

At the same time, all the glowing text on the War God UI had pulled back.

A series of burning text appeared in the middle of the UI:

[Received the other party's information]

[The other party had requested for Apocalypse mediation in order to resolve the current conflict]

[Mediation method has been initiated]

[Apocalypse above, from this point on, the side that survives will prove themselves to be correct]

[Mediation begins!]

Gu Qing Shan's pupils abruptly became dilated.

He could faintly hear an order from the ship:

"—— Blast 'em to bits!"

Boom!!!

A resounding explosion echoed across the sky.

Chapter 1541

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A pillar of light shot out from the cannon, which rapidly grew larger than the ship itself.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

What cannon shot? This is clearly a technique that is potent enough to destroy entire worlds.

However, he always had an easy solution for projectiles and non-melee type attacks.

—Divine Skill, [Shadow Shift]!

Instantly, Gu Qing Shan vanished from the sky and reappeared far above.

What switched places with him was the triangular metal ship.

The pillar of light had just arrived.

Boom!

The triangular ship was struck by its own most powerful attack and was instantly turned into fireworks in the sky.

The shockwaves exploded in every direction.

The world also shook from it.

“Not leaving anyone alive?” Boss asked.

“I seemed to have entered some sort of mediation... if I survive, then they have to die” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Boss thought briefly and delightedly commented: “I’ve seen Apocalypse civilizations killing one another in the past, I’ve always thought this was their nature, so it turns out to be some sort of mediation instead?”

Suddenly, a voice resounded, speaking Apocalypse common language:

[Single entity: Broken Bone Shadow]

[Attribute class: Assassin. Identity confirmed]

[You've survived this mediation]

[Please select between combat mode or return mode]

Before Gu Qing Shan could say anything, Boss cautiously told him: "Gu Qing Shan, quickly choose combat mode!"

Lines of notification also appeared on the War God UI:

[Attention, we've expended more or less all of our Soul Points in the Age of Immemorial, we're currently in an extreme shortage of Soul Points, there's not enough to actually descend upon a true Apocalypse]

[You must immediately choose combat mode!]

Gu Qing Shan was surprised and wanted to ask the War God UI, only to see many black tubes appearing from the void of space around him.

An uncontrollable sense of fright and panic surfaced in Gu Qing Shan's mind and instincts.

He regained his senses and quickly told the void of space: 「 I choose combat mode 」

Following this statement, the tubes in the void of space swiftly disappeared.

The voice continued: [All materials have been retrieved and exchanged into a weapon factor accumulation point, your weapon will be upgraded and improved once]

[In three minutes, you will receive a new mission pass]

[This mediation has been completed, farewell]

The voice disappeared.

Gu Qing Shan looked down.

The white bone machete in his hand began to give off a 'zi zi' noise, then abruptly straightened itself into a pale long blade of bones.

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[Your weapon has received reinforcement by Apocalypse factor (weapon type)]

[Your weapon has evolved into a new form]

[Weapon name: Grey Bone Blade]

[This weapon is imbued with the Apocalyptic Curse: Marrow Sucking]

[Function: Absorb 15% of the enemy's vitality all at once in order to heal your own wounds]

[Can only be used once per day]

[Ignores all defenses]

After reading this description, Gu Qing Shan appeared surprised.

Regardless of the other functions, the fact that it can ignore any defense has significantly improved this bone blade's capabilities.

—unfortunately, it's still a blade, and an Apocalypse weapon no less.

Gu Qing Shan suppressed his regret and asked: "Boss, why did you tell me to choose combat mode just now?"

Boss replied: "I know some information regarding this, combat mode suggests that you're currently in the middle of combat, so it's inconvenient for you to return. If there were any rewards, it'll directly be sent to you to improve your combat prowess"

"Then what about return mode?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"If you had chosen to return, we would have been transported to an inexplicable location, unable to return here even if you wanted to, which would have been extremely dangerous"

At this point, Boss' tone became even more cautious: "I don't actually know much, but it was still best for us to remain here"

Gu Qing Shan commented: "But just now, there were numerous tubes that appeared around my body, which are the exact same as what was attached to you during the Age of Immemorial"

Boss sighed and replied: "Those were the tubes that came with the frozen corpse. I can borrow them for use, but I don't know what they were exactly, nor where they were connected to; but I've always had a feeling— as soon as I used those tubes to travel to the other end, some issue would immediately occur with the frozen corpse, which is why I've always been cautious about this"

Gu Qing Shan silently nodded.

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Boss' intuition was correct.

How could a place that even the War God UI doesn't want to arbitrarily travel to, be simple?

In that case, actually—

"Boss, could the giant eyeball have lost control because you left?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Boss stayed silent briefly before answering: "At the time, when we headed to the past to fight the decisive battle against Soul Shrieker, Reneedol had taken advantage of that opportunity to thoroughly defeat the Eternal Abyss"

"As the seal, I went missing at the time, so the frozen corpse's eyeball obtained the chance to give birth to its own consciousness"

"I remember you saying that you fought against your Fate of being the overseer of the seal, then what exactly was your relationship with the frozen corpse?"

Boss sighed again and finally answered him after a long time: "I had become one with the frozen corpse as the corpse's new soul. The corpse was also my body, and I used it to rule the entire void up until the Reality Gate completely opened and the Apocalypses defeated me"

So that was it!

Gu Qing Shan carefully thought about it and felt heavy.

—-Reneedol had already taken all of this into account.

She took advantage of the moment when Boss wasn't present and when the seal had lost its power to release one eyeball from the frozen corpse.

—no wonder the Wraith realm wanted to ally themselves with the Era of [Chaos]!

The pitiful God of Life was erased by the giant eyeball on the spot, while Reneedol herself didn't pay any considerable price at all.

Indeed, during the battle of [Chaos] and [Order], the final winners were all living beings in the void, but on another battlefield, Reneedol had obtained what she wanted.

This was the other outcome of that battle.

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed.

In that case, Reneedol had actually taken advantage of when Boss was missing to dig away his eye!

It wasn't until Boss came with me to the Age of Immemorial and witnessed everything occur that he finally understood what had happened between himself and Reneedol.

"Now I've finally understood. In the past while I gazed at her with nothing but love and affection, she had always wanted to kill me to steal the frozen corpse and the Divine Artifact of Fate" Boss said with a numbed tone.

"...You've really suffered a lot these past years" Gu Qing Shan sighed and said.

Suddenly, a Card appeared from the void of space, which Gu Qing Shan caught.

Bang!

The Card shattered.

An emotionless voice resounded:

[The mission to capture unique individuals is ongoing]

[The closest unique individual to your location is currently in the middle of combat, Southeast of you, 67 World Layers away]

[Immediately accept the mission to aid the capture of this individual]

[If capture is impossible, elimination is permitted]

The Card fragments turned into masses of light that enveloped Gu Qing Shan.

Instantly, he disappeared from that world.

...

An oceanic blue world.

The continuous sound of explosions resounded throughout the sky.

A flash of light.

Gu Qing Shan appeared and looked up.

Hundreds of Apocalypse monsters had surrounded a humanoid man, continuously attacking him.

The man's body was soaked in blood, but he kept his rapier raised up to persistently fight against the monsters.

Quite a few monsters had been pushed back or killed by him.

A large monster declared:

「Surrender. If you continue to resist, true Apocalypse Assassins will arrive, they will directly take your life」

The man spat up some blood and coldly grinned: “I’m not going to surrender even if I’m going to die. Your master won’t obtain any information from me”

An intense presence radiated from his body.

“Come, at worst, I’ll just give up my life and take you down with me!”

Right as he was about to ensure mutual destruction——

Suddenly, a voice resounded in his mind:

“Crow, surrender to me”

The man was surprised.

He then saw a black shadow rapidly approaching him with a bone blade in his hand.

“You——”

“It’s me”

The shadow went past the encirclement of monsters and raised its large bone blade, shouting: 「Die, or surrender?」

The man coldly scoffed, then tilted his head up: “Of course, I’ll surrender”

Chapter 1542

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Crow's arms and legs were shackled.

These shackles were inscribed with strange patterns that gave off a heavy dark light.

"Hey, when can you take these things off?" Crow sent his voice.

When Gu Qing Shan turned to him, he was showing an expression of pain and being near his limit.

"A little bit longer, if we want to fool them, we can't be careless. Just endure it for now" Gu Qing Shan wasn't at all concerned.

He then grabbed Crow's neck and declared in front of all the Apocalypse monsters: 「 I've completed the capture 」

A moment later.

A voice resounded from the void of space:

[Completion confirmed. You may choose to receive your rewards right away, or escort this target to the Wraith realm in exchange for more rewards]

The Wraith realm?

Gu Qing Shan answered without hesitation: "I choose to escort"

The voice spoke: [Please remain in place, the flying transport will arrive shortly]

The other Apocalypse monsters had all been assigned other missions and quickly flew away in groups.

Gu Qing Shan stood still and silently waited.

A few moments later.

The void began to part away, revealing a giant greyish brown monster in front of Gu Qing Shan.

——it was a dragon.

Gu Qing Shan instantly became cautious.

Dragons are troublesome!

Before, there was an Azure Dragon who sided with the Wraith realm, and now there's a Grey-brown Dragon who sided with the Apocalypse.

「 Are you the Apocalypse Assassin, Broken Bones Shadow? 」 the Grey-brown Dragon observed him.

Gu Qing Shan wasn't in a hurry to reply.

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI in front of his eyes:

[As you are a dragon and your personal strength is higher compared to the dragon who cast the Hex, you've learnt that it is casting the secret hex: Grey-Brown Dragon Shadow Hex]

[A Dragon Hex had affected you, as soon as you open your mouth to talk, the Dragon Hex will begin to take effect]

[Grey-brown Dragon Shadow Hex – Rob: When you talk to your target, the hex will manifest as the Grey-brown Dragon Thought Stealing technique and will enter the other party's mind and share their thoughts with you in real time]

Gu Qing Shan skimmed through and completely kept quiet without saying a word.

Seeing how he didn't answer, the Grey-brown Dragon continued: 「 Do you need some time to rest? 」

Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

「 Are you the one who's going to escort this human to the Wraith realm? 」

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

The Grey-brown Dragon still hadn't given up and tried flattering him: 「 So many people weren't able to take down this guy earlier, only you managed to complete this mission, so you must be quite impressive 」

Gu Qing Shan shrugged with a prideful expression on his face.

The atmosphere became still.

The Grey-brown Dragon stared at him.

—he's not showing any openings!

Fine, it was just on impulse that I tried to probe this guy anyways.

If he's so careful, there's no further need to probe him, otherwise, if I made him angry and the Apocalypse came to mediate, wouldn't that mean we'd have to fight?

The Grey-brown Dragon briefly made up his mind and nodded: 「 Climb onto my back, we're going to take off now 」

Gu Qing Shan brought Crow and lightly jumped onto this dragon's back.

「 Setting off! 」 the Grey-brown Dragon loudly declared.

Like a gust of wind, he instantly shot above the clouds and vanished without a trace.

Right after that, explosions resounded throughout this world.

Black clouds rose all the way to the sky, tidal waves that reached hundreds of meters crashed down on the shores, destroying and submerging everything around them.

—-the Apocalypse monsters that stayed behind began to destroy that world.

...

The Grey-brown Dragon swiftly flew across the dark void.

「 Hold onto your prisoner tightly, don't let him run—- he's very dangerous, and so is the path ahead
」

The dragon carefully reminded him.

Gu Qing Shan kept his mouth shut and nodded.

—-*if you weren't a dragon; I'd actually be the one to strike up a conversation.*

“Crow” he sent his voice, “Why are you here alone? Where are Xiao Die, Fei Yue, and the others?”

Crow used telepathy to respond to him: “They're all still on the Heavenly Ark, currently avoiding Renedol's pursuit within the dark tunnel as well as instigating the worlds that were born in the tunnel to revolt”

Gu Qing Shan stood on top of the dragon's back and released his inner sight.

Even after countless years, the walls of the ancient tunnel were still filled with various murals that displayed the glory of the past Age of Myriad Deities.

—indeed, this place is still the underground tunnel beneath the Pantheon.

“Why aren’t you travelling with them?” Gu Qing Shan asked confusedly.

Crow explained: “It’s a really long story. Actually, in the beginning, I didn’t want to separate from the others, but then—”

He was suddenly startled.

Gu Qing Shan also looked far ahead in the tunnel.

—something seemed to have occurred.

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Very quickly, the stench of fresh blood was blown into their faces.

The Grey-brown Dragon clearly slowed its flying speed down and muttered with an anxious and irritated voice: 「 Damn it... 」

Crow only paused for a moment before he lightly kicked the Grey-brown Dragon’s back and said: “Seems like something happened up head, I assume it’s the exact situation you’re worried about”

After saying that, his expression appeared a bit confused before he regained his senses: “Huh? What did I say just now?”

Following that, a huge amount of blood rapidly permeated through the walls of the tunnel up ahead, which condensed into a wall of blood that blocked the Grey-brown Dragon’s way.

The Grey-brown Dragon shouted: 「 You damn jinx! 」

He shifted his body to fly down another path in the tunnel.

Behind him, the blood rapidly manifested into proper form, which was another Grey-brown Dragon.

「 Come, your life should be forfeited to the new Apocalypse King! 」

The blood-manifested Grey-brown Dragon uttered a long roar before swiftly giving chase.

Seeing that, Crow loudly laughed: “Ahahaha, an Apocalypse fighting against an Apocalypse, how laughable”

The Grey-brown Dragon didn't say a word and focused on flying.

Gu Qing Shan glanced back at the blood dragon behind them and asked again: “Crow, you still haven't said why you were separated from Xiao Die and the rest”

Crow sent his voice: “It was like this, we were initially in the same place, but then I was——”

Roar!!!

A ferocious roar resounded ahead of them, cutting Crow off.

「 Shit! 」

The Grey-brown Dragon quickly changed direction before continuing to fly.

Crow carefully listened to the roar and smiled: “Pitiful one, you don't need to avoid them any longer, most likely, they're specifically targeting a dragon”

Right after saying that, his expression became startled again and turned to ask Gu Qing Shan: “Huh? Did I just say something?”

Before Gu Qing Shan answered him, another ferocious roar resounded from within the tunnel: 「 Grey-brown Dragon, no need to flee any further, we’re specifically targeting a dragon! 」

The Grey-brown Dragon: 「 ... 」

Gu Qing Shan: “...”

The Grey-brown Dragon angrily shouted: 「 I’ve heard that you were a jinx, but not that you were a jinx to this degree, no wonder everyone who had escorted you up to now is dead! 」

He shook his body to toss Gu Qing Shan and Crow down, then shouted: 「 I give up on this mission and willingly accept any punishments, please let me leave using return mode! 」

A flash of light appeared from the void of space and enveloped the Grey-brown Dragon’s body.

Instantly, it vanished without a trace.

Gu Qing Shan froze in mid-air.

Crow stood next to him and laughed: “Stupid dragon, this was something that had been predestined to happen to you, how would that be related to me? I merely know a technique to foresee fortune and misfortune”

After laughing, he turned to Gu Qing Shan: “—Right, where were we earlier?”

Gu Qing Shan glanced at him, then took a deep breath: “No need to say anything else, I think I understand your situation”

Crow’s expression then became startled again and said: “Alright, we probably need to run now, since this place has practically been surrounded...”

Gu Qing Shan's heart jumped almost to his throat.

—-he hadn't felt so much panic even when he fought against Reneedol.

Gu Qing Shan's mind moved like lightning and immediately shouted: "Crow! No matter how they surround us, we'd still be able to escape, right?"

Crow's blankly turned to him, blinked, then blankly replied: "You're right, they only wanted to catch a dragon, we'd definitely be able to flee and safely arrive at the Wraith realm"

After saying that, his body shook a bit before he regained his senses.

"Huh? Did I activate my ability again just now?" he asked.

Gu Qing Shan slightly relaxed and answered: "You did, but it's fine for now. I just want to know why a dragon who had pledged itself to the Apocalypse would suddenly run so resolutely from another monster?"

Crow answered with a serious expression: "It's very simple, that blood had the ability to devour and destroy, which originated from a giant eyeball inside the Eternal Abyss"

"The eyeball, having gained sentience, wanted to replace all Apocalypses to become the Apocalypse King"

"Currently, it's heading towards the Wraith realm"

Gu Qing Shan asked: "Why is it heading to the Wraith realm?"

"Who knows, perhaps something in the Wraith realm was attracting it?" Crow replied.

Boss suddenly spoke up:

"Gu Qing Shan, we need to hurry up and arrive at the Wraith realm before the giant eyeball"

“Hmm? Why?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Boss answered seriously: “I suspect that it was Reneedol who was summoning the giant eyeball— she intends on becoming that eyeball’s summoner”

Gu Qing Shan went silent.

That’s true, Reneedol had the ability to summon Apocalypses.

If she could form a summoner covenant with that eyeball, who else would be able to stop her?

“We won’t be able to deal with that eyeball— no one would be able to” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Boss told him with a solemn tone: “We don’t need to deal with it, but we must ruin the meeting between that eyeball and Reneedol”

“For what reason?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Because Reneedol has no idea that her ability to summon Apocalypses originated from the Age of Immemorial, an ability that came from the Apocalypse Seeker that I had dissolved”

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and nodded.

The Apocalypse Seeker had always been searching for the frozen corpse.

According to it, the corpse was called the [Eradicator of all things and all living beings], the Unspeakable Hushed Secret Apocalypse.

“Why does that matter?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Boss replied: "If we leave the Apocalypse to form a covenant with the giant eyeball, the other Apocalypses would immediately sense the existence of the giant eyeball"

"The Reality Gate would open once again, countless Apocalypses would pour in to search for the giant eyeball, and then the [Eradicator of all things and all living beings]"

Gu Qing Shan followed up: "Which is currently your corpse?"

"That's right. When that happens, everything within the Reality Gate would be done for" Boss replied.

Chapter 1543

Translator: La0o9

"How did you suddenly disappear when we were teleported away the previous time?" Crow asked, seemingly interested.

"I received a unique opportunity and had to deal with a few things, so I was temporarily separated from everyone" Gu Qing Shan replied.

—*clang!*

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword gave off a cold gleam that lightly wrapped around the shackles on Crow's arms and legs.

The shackles instantly broke.

"Wah, finally free again" Crow threw the shackles away and happily rubbed his wrists.

"Alright, let's hurry up and go!" Gu Qing Shan urged.

Crow looked at the dark tunnel around them and said: "These tunnels connect everywhere, I'm a bit experienced with running around here, so how about I lead the way?"

“No need, I have someone else who’s even more familiar with these tunnels than we are” Gu Qing Shan replied.

A mass of black flames appeared in front of him and manifested into a black flaming dog.

“Hello, you must be Crow?” the black dog said.

“Hello, what’s your name?” Crow asked.

The black dog opened his mouth, then briefly paused for some reason before finally saying: “Do you know ‘Tian’ as in ‘Heaven’?”

“Yes” Crow nodded.

“My name is that ‘Tian’ followed by ‘gou’” the black dog answered.

“Tengu?” Crow thought briefly and asked.

The black dog silently sighed in relief, then continued: “That’s right, Tengu, remember, I’m the Samsara Tengu, not Tian Gou”

Crow was speechless.

He discreetly glanced at Gu Qing Shan and silently sent his voice: “Does this dog have some sort of mental issue?”

“It’s nothing, he’s just a bit sensitive” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The black dog stood mid-air, looked around, then pointed at a fork in the tunnel and said:

“This way!”

He quickly led the way.

Gu Qing Shan and Crow swiftly followed.

“Hey, are you sure this dog knows the way? Is it really trustworthy?” Crow hesitantly asked.

“Don’t worry, he’s very familiar with this place” Gu Qing Shan affirmed.

The two people and the dog quickly travelled along the dark tunnel.

Whenever there was a fork in the path, the black flames dog would immediately pick one of them without hesitation, which Gu Qing Shan and Crow followed.

After taking numerous turns and curves, they gradually escaped the encirclement.

Finally, after running for a few hours, they couldn’t hear the murderous grumbling behind them anymore.

There were no longer any pursuers.

Crow breathed heavily: “They were truly only here to catch a dragon, we just got caught between them”

Gu Qing Shan took out three bottles of liquor, handed one for each person, then began chugging his own bottle.

Crow and the black dog also chugged their own bottles.

“All the monsters manifested from blood earlier originated from the giant eyeball?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“That’s right, it seems to be very interested in every species and has been continuously collecting various different lifeforms” Crow replied.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the black dog.

The black dog silently pondered for a bit and answered: “The eyeball... might be absorbing knowledge from the biological structures of those species to create its own servants”

“It knows how to create servants as well?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Of course, the stronger the monster, the more unwilling it would be to do everything on its own. That would only be a waste of its attention and power” the black dog replied.

Crow was standing still while listening to them, then suddenly looked around and commented: “This place is really quiet”

“Indeed, this is a very secluded location. Normally, no one would come here” the black dog replied.

Crow muttered: “I heard that the giant eyeball had focused all of its forces and is heading to this place from the Space Vortex— it probably wouldn’t coincidentally pass us by here”

The world became silent.

Gu Qing Shan and the black dog exchanged glances.

“Not good” Gu Qing Shan commented.

“You’re right, I also think it’s not good” the black dog agreed.

Gu Qing Shan continued: “If that giant eyeball was in our vicinity——”

The black dog immediately replied: “We would definitely not be able to escape. But I’ve kept a certain place exactly as it was and prepared plenty of hidden barriers around it, so no one would be able to find that place”

“What kind of place was it?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“The secret room of the Protection Deity” the black dog replied.

While the two of them talked, a bit of blood began to leak out from the tunnel walls around them.

——a sudden change had occurred——

An inexplicable feeling of panic descended on them.

They stood completely still, almost too scared to move, it was as if something extremely terrifying was staring closely at them.

Gu Qing Shan breathed out.

He grabbed both the black dog and Crow, then manifested a huge mass of white fog around himself.

[Fog Realm Descent]!

Instantly, the three of them vanished from inside the tunnel.

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

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More and blood seeped out, eventually filling the entire tunnel.

This blood appeared almost sentient, as they gradually began to inch forward after filling the entire dark tunnel.

A few moments later.

Something enormous seemed to have appeared within the blood.

It floated inside the blood, gradually drifting forward in a certain direction.

...

The secret room of the Protection Deity.

A mass of white fog appeared out of nowhere, revealing Gu Qing Shan, Crow, and the black dog within.

Without saying a word, Gu Qing Shan took out the Sacred Gate and placed it directly on top of the secret room's door.

The black dog took out the Book of Prophesized Destinies and flipped to a certain page before silently reciting an incantation.

It was an incredibly long incantation.

Once he finished the incantation, a black facemask made entirely from metal appeared out of nowhere.

The black dog caught the facemask and handed it to Crow.

“What’s this for?” Crow cautiously asked.

“This can temporarily stop your ‘Weal In – Woe out’ technique from automatically activating and slowly accumulating its power. When you truly need to use it, you would only need to undo the facemask and release the power of several activations all at once” the black dog explained.

Crow looked at him, then at Gu Qing Shan.

The man and the dog both nodded with a serious expression to him.

“But this facemask looks a bit ugly” Crow accepted the metal facemask and commented, a bit displeased.

Gu Qing Shan spoke with a serious expression: “This facemask is full of male dignity— Samsara Tengu, can you tell me what kind of conditions are necessary to obtain this facemask?”

The black dog answered: “They must be a man that I truly appreciate— his strength must be great, his reputation must be renowned throughout the void, always capable of exerting unbelievable strength when he’s needed the most, and capable of overturning the tides at a crucial moment”

Gu Qing Shan regretfully said: “Then it seems like I won’t qualify for that”

The black dog followed up: “Indeed, there is only one man here who fulfils such conditions”

Crow had already put the facemask on, now adjusting its position.

“Leave it to me, in a true crucial moment, I’ll make sure to exert the power of ‘Weal In – Woe Out”

He spoke with a muffled voice.

Gu Qing Shan and the black dog both discreetly exchanged glances and sighed in relief.

“Alright, let me arrange some defensive measures, you two rest up for now”

Gu Qing Shan moved the ring on his finger and released a huge amount of gems to blanket the ground.

Crow opened his eyes wide at this, wanting to say something but couldn't.

The black dog was already used to it, so he just fell into thought.

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

“I'm thinking that if Reneedol and the giant eyeball were allowed to meet, the entire Boundless Void would fall under her control from now on” the black dog replied.

Gu Qing Shan's gaze became grim, then muttered: “It won't, we still have the Samsara”

“But the Samsara had already been broken into numerous fragments, it wouldn't be able to gather its forces again in such a short time” the black dog replied.

Gu Qing Shan shivered a bit.

No wonder—

No wonder Reneedol had continuously been trying to destroy the Samsara.

The Samsara was a kind of power that she couldn't control, which would influence her rule.

However...

I don't know where I should go in search of the bigger fragments of Huang Quan.

Not to mention the Asura City, Era of Infinite Combat.

The Heaven realm and Human realm are also nowhere to be seen.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but sigh.

Now that Renedol was about to become the most powerful Apocalypse Summoner, does she want to completely destroy the Samsara before the Samsara's Clash of Supremacy arrives?

For some reason, he suddenly recalled what he saw during the Spirit Wanderer state in the past.

Xie Dao Ling was riding a large dragon across the Boundless Void.

Right in front of her stood a woman clad in boundless starlight—

Renedol!

She was simply standing there, but countless worlds were continuously being destroyed behind her.

Renedol then stared at Xie Dao Ling and declared: "After countless years, I've finally found you. And now it's time for you to be completely destroyed"

She raised her hand.

The vision ended there.

"No!" Gu Qing Shan abruptly raised his voice and shouted.

"Huh? What's the matter?" the black dog looked at him.

Crow also turned to him.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head, wiped the cold sweat off his forehead, then squeezed out a smile: "It's nothing"

—so Reneedol's intentions were to prematurely crush a new era.

She needed enough power to fight against the Samsara itself.

Currently, the Wraith realm had become her dependent and followed her every order.

She had always been working towards this goal!

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath to force himself to calm down.

How would I be able to get rid of Reneedol?

Suddenly, some faint fluctuations cut off Gu Qing Shan's thought.

A mass of light gradually converged on his wrist.

In the void of space, lines of glowing text were quickly displayed in front of Gu Qing Shan's eyes:

[Lachesis' Fate Prophecy has been triggered]

[It is activating]

[Attention, you are about to obtain clues regarding the third Divine Artifact of Fate]

Chapter 1544

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A burst of dark blue light appeared in Gu Qing Shan's hand and manifested into starlight that filled the air before spreading in every direction.

The entire secret room turned into a vast galaxy of stars.

The numerous stars gathered together to manifest a feminine form.

— the Deity of Fate, Lachesis.

She gazed down from the stars above with eyes full of sorrow and pity.

『 I am not Lachesis 』 she declared first.

“Then who are you?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

『 I am the Spirit of Prophecy, created from the absolute Fate Prophecy that Lachesis had foretold, but even she did not have the qualifications to touch this Prophecy— a Fate Prophecy would only be known to those who possess it 』

After answering him, Lachesis lightly bowed to Gu Qing Shan and continued: 『 Shall we begin? 』

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Please”

Lachesis clapped her hands.

The starlight surged forward to manifest into a vision.

『 A drop of blood from the frozen corpse created the Lord of Infinite Origins 』

『 The Lord of Infinite Origins was capable of controlling all the Laws of Reality, which he then used to control everything in the world, forbidding the Myriad Deities to gain any emotion or personal will 』

『 To control Fate, the Deities must first save themselves 』

『 Not even the Deities of Fate were an exception to this rule 』

The dark sky in the vision faded away as it began to change.

Gu Qing Shan found that he was standing in the middle of a brightly lit divine palace.

Numerous Deities had gathered here with the three Deities of Fate sitting at the highest seat of power, all of which were currently in the middle of a heated discussion.

Gu Qing Shan stood next to Lachesis and silently listened for a while.

It turned out the Deities were discussing how to escape from the Lord of Infinite Origins' control.

They had come up with numerous solutions, but none of them received unanimous consensus from the other Deities.

The other two Deities of Fate——

Clotho and Atropos also occasionally joined the discussion, offering their ideas and solutions.

Only Lachesis sat with a bored and aloof expression on the throne.

She suddenly turned to Gu Qing Shan and spoke to him: 『 Lachesis wasn't insane or psychotic 』

『 ——however, as the only unrestrained Deity of the era, she needed to use the excuse of psychosis to protect herself from being discovered by the Lord of Infinite Origins 』

She pointed at the numerous Deities below and continued:

『 Take a look, all the Deities here were attempting to change their Fate, but they didn't even know their own identities 』

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

He naturally understood that the one currently speaking to him was actually the Spirit of Prophecy.

She had only attached herself to Lachesis' image in order to explain the past to him.

Lachesis suddenly clapped her hands.

Sprites of light began to light up from the Deities' bodies.

『 Can you see it? 』 she told Gu Qing Shan, 『 These Laws have all gained consciousness and become Deities, but the Deities themselves did not understand the most crucial detail—— all the Laws originated from the frozen corpse 』

『—— in other words, the Deities were actually a part of the frozen corpse's body 』

『 Because the Lord of Infinite Origins' authority was higher than their own, the Deities would never be able to defeat him 』

「 We should pool the complete power of the Deities to forge a powerful Divine Artifact, using it to fight against the Lord of Infinite Origins 」 he excitedly declared.

Right at this moment, a Deity loudly offered his idea, which was gaining increasingly more support.

It was a male Deity whose body exuded boundless radiance.

『 That's true, the power belonging to each of us is limited 』

“But a weapon can contain infinite power”

「 Focus the power of all the Deities and forge a Divine Artifact! 」

「 We might just be able to succeed! 」

『 ——No, we would definitely be able to succeed! 』

In the end, all the Deities consented to his idea, including Clotho and Atropos as they turned towards Lachesis.

——she was the ruler of the Myriad Deities, the one that had the final say.

Lachesis stood up from her throne and loudly declared: “Then let us forge a powerful Divine Artifact to fight against the Lord of Infinite Origins!”

The Deities all cheered.

Lachesis then turned back to Gu Qing Shan and sighed: 『 They did not know that the one that was truly in control of everything was the frozen corpse—— the only one who would realize this during my era was the Prophecy that I performed. In the future era, a person called ‘Shroud’ would appear, who would then assimilate with the frozen corpse and become the new Lord of Infinite Origins 』

The vision changed.

Numerous Deities dedicated their powers to forge the three Divine Artifacts of Fate.

A pendant that radiated starlight.

A full suit of dress armor.

And a mass of obscured light.

Gu Qing Shan naturally recognized the first two Divine Artifacts as [Tear of Deities] and [Plate of Destiny’s End]

Lachesis stood with a still expression in front of the three Divine Artifacts.

Clotho and Atropos both turned to the mass of light.

“Big sister, what can these Divine Artifact of ours do?” Atropos asked.

“Indeed, it is the strongest among the three Divine Artifacts, but what can it do?”

Clotho also asked.

Lachesis shook her head and answered inexplicably: “I do not know either. It is the Law of Fate condensed enough to surpass my own power, containing the strongest Causality Law of ‘Will surely evolve into an appropriate power to counteract an especially powerful enemy’”

Lachesis suddenly turned to Gu Qing Shan.

——at this point, she was actually the Spirit of Prophecy.

The Spirit of Prophecy spoke:

『 The Deities had successfully forged the three Divine Artifacts, but they were still completely unable to go against the Lord of Infinite Origins, as the one behind him was the frozen corpse—— and wishing to triumph against the frozen corpse itself was laughable 』

『 However, an unexpected situation occurred right at this moment 』

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Clotho and Atropos reached their hands out to each take a Divine Artifact with an excited and glad expression on their faces.

““Lachesis, what do you think about the power of these three Divine Artifacts of Fate?”” they both asked at the same time.

Lachesis smiled and replied: “Very powerful! They would surely be able to help us triumph against the Lord of Infinite Origins”

She walked forward and quickly recited an incantation, then continued: “But these three Divine Artifacts of Fate are incomplete”

“Incomplete!? But why?” Clotho asked.

Lachesis explained: “Because out of all the Deities, there were still three Deities who had not exerted their powers for them”

The anxious expressions on Clotho and Atropos' faces both faded.

"That's true, there are still the three of us" Clotho said.

"Without us granting them the power of Fate, they could not be called Divine Artifacts of Fate" Atropos also commented.

"Come—— gather your powers into my hands, I will grant all our power of Fate to these three Divine Artifacts!" Lachesis declared.

The three Deities of Fate released all of their powers to imbue them into the Divine Artifacts.

The Spirit of Prophecy reminded him: 『 Pay attention——— 』

Gu Qing Shan focused his attention.

Only to see the boundless power of Laws gathering on the three Divine Artifacts and gradually inducing some sort of change.

The starlight on the [Tear of Deities] and [Plate of Destiny's End] gradually became dim, as the majority of the power of Law had gathered into the mass of light in the middle.

"How powerful! It truly is the most powerful Divine Artifact of fate!" Clotho frightfully exclaimed.

After the mass of light absorbed the majority of power, it suddenly scattered into sprites of light and vanished.

"Was the most powerful Divine Artifact of Fate destroyed?" Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but question.

『 That isn't so, because it had gained sentience 』 the Spirit of Prophecy replied.

Gu Qing Shan nodded and said: "Sentience? It is quite normal for a Divine Artifact to possess a spirit"

The Spirit of Prophecy continued: 『 This was the most powerful Divine Artifact of Fate, which contained the unique Causality Law of 'Will surely evolve into an appropriate power to counteract an especially powerful enemy', as well as other unbelievable powers, so it had recognized a paradox 』

"What paradox?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

『 In that era, there was no method of counteracting the Lord of Infinite Origins or the frozen corpse 』 the Spirit of Prophecy replied.

"And?" Gu Qing Shan was still unclear.

『 And so, the Artifact Spirit had arrived at two conclusions: Firstly, it was impossible to create a countermeasure against the enemy. Secondly, to defeat this enemy, it required a long period of time for evolution 』

『——it then left that era 』

"What, it left that era!?" Gu Qing Shan exclaimed in shock.

『 Indeed, it jumped to the end of the Age of Immemorial and borrowed a certain inexplicable power 』

The vision changed.

In a certain secret room, Gu Qing Shan was teaching Boss and Little Dusk how to dance.

The sound of music resounded throughout the room.

Doong dum tsh, doong dum tsh!

Dum tsh!~

Dum tsh!~

Doong doong tsh!

With Gu Qing Shan leading in front while Boss and Little Dusk were at the back, the three of them continued to dance.

The Spirit of Prophecy said: 『 Pay attention, it's here 』

Gu Qing Shan looked in the vision and saw a strange power manifesting on the ceiling of the secret room.

— in reality, he also noticed it at the time, but during the Dance, some strange and inexplicable things would always manifest, and Little Dusk had just obtained an Occultism Card from this Dance: [Weapon Prohibition].

From his point of view, the fact that strange and unusual things occurred in the middle of the Dance wasn't anything out of the ordinary.

So Gu Qing Shan didn't pay much attention to it at the time.

Gu Qing Shan sighed and shook his head: "So I was actually this close to the strongest Divine Artifact of Fate"

The Spirit of Prophecy continued: 『 Please pay attention, it's leaving 』

The mass of strange power on the ceiling then abruptly disappeared.

"Where did it go?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

『 At the end of the Age of Immemorial, the Lord of Infinite Origins lost his life. After this weapon lost its original target, it discovered a new target in Reneedol—— through the countless years so far, no one had ever been a match for Reneedol, so it wasn't until now that Reneedol had to face an enemy she could not defeat 』

The Spirit of Prophecy looked at Gu Qing Shan and spoke: 『 That person was you 』

Gu Qing Shan asked: “Then, where's the Divine Artifact?”

『 It borrowed the power of your Dance to complete its reincarnation while also releasing the power of Fate at many locations within the Boundless Void, using that to deceive Reneedol into thinking that the appearance of the Law of Fate was actually a normal occurrence 』

『 At the same time, it had also made preparations to evolve once again 』

The vision changed again.

Void City appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan.

Within the grand manor of the City Lord, countless Combatants stood around a girl.

Long black hair, fair skin, a pair of clear emerald eyes.

She wore a green wizard garb with white cloud patterns, exuding a mysterious and noble presence.

Everyone was following her orders to quickly resolve various matters within the infinite worlds of the void.

——the City Lord of Void City, Fei Yue.

Gu Qing Shan looked at this vision in surprise, then suddenly realized a lot of things.

A certain unbelievable answer had surfaced in his mind.

Gu Qing Shan muttered: “Wait a minute, could it be——”

『 Indeed 』 the Spirit of Prophecy replied, 『 The most powerful Divine Artifact that the Myriad Deities forged had borrowed the power of your Occultism Dance and the power of the Samsara to traverse the countless years until it reached this era 』

『 Fei Yue 』

『 She finished her preparations and is only one last step away from awakening 』

『 She will be the key to defeating Reneedol! 』

Chapter 1545

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The Spirit of Prophecy waved her hand.

The vision changed again to display another scene from the Age of Immemorial.

The Lord of Infinite Origins was using all of his black tentacles to dig up the icy ground to discreetly head deep underground.

『 Finally, you should already know a certain fact 』 the Spirit of Prophecy said.

“What do you mean?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

『 The Lord of Infinite Origins had once felt despair facing the Apocalypses, so he went to the frozen corpse in search of greater power 』

『 These powers greatly improved the Deities’ strength and allowed them to win against the Apocalypse 』

『 The Deities then used these powers to forge the three Divine Artifacts of Fate—— and so all three Divine Artifacts had actually been in a hibernating state, both the two in Reneedol’s hands and the most powerful Divine Artifact 』

The Spirit of Prophecy lowered herself a bit and whispered a secret incantation to Gu Qing Shan:

『 Remember well, for Fei Yue to awaken and become the Divine Artifact of Fate once again, you only need to chant this incantation 』

『 With this greatest Divine Artifact, you shall win against Reneedol 』

After she said that, all the starlight in the air began to spin around them and swiftly vanished.

Everything returned to normal.

Gu Qing Shan found that he was still standing in the secret room.

He turned to Crow, only to see him taking out a small flint to sharpen his rapier.

Boss was flipping through the Book of Prophesized Destinies, seemingly examining something with a serious expression.

Time---

Only a second had passed.

Crow noticed Gu Qing Shan's gaze and looked up, asking him: "What's the matter?"

"It's nothing"

Gu Qing Shan turned his gaze towards his wrist.

The Fate Prophecy had disappeared.

Only faint yellow starlight could be seen slowly entering his hand.

Followed by lines of glowing text in the void of space:

[A new power had entered your Fate Ability: Longing]

[This ability is activating by itself]

A black strand of thread appeared from the void of space, one end wrapping around Gu Qing Shan's wrist, while the other end reached far into the distance.

[Please follow the direction of the Thread of Fate to find Fei Yue]

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit out of this world.

*— the fact that Fei Yue was actually the most powerful Divine Artifact of Fate is truly unimaginable.
Not even Renedol had discovered this secret.*

Suddenly, another line of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[You've obtained the secret awakening incantation of the Divine Artifact]

[Please use it carefully]

Huh?

What's that supposed to mean?

Gu Qing Shan scowled and asked: "What? Would there be some sort of issue when I use this incantation?"

[It's a long story] the War God UI replied.

"Just explain it in detail, I'm not going anywhere" Gu Qing Shan replied.

[Alright]

His Soul Points value on the War God UI was silently deducted twice.

Gu Qing Shan: "...How come you're already employing these tactics?"

[To stockpile more Soul Points] the War God UI replied.

His Soul Points were deducted again.

[This secret incantation included a unique method of awakening. Once used, it would cause damage and alteration to the target's body, turning their soul into the Artifact Spirit while their body into the Divine Artifact] the War God UI explained.

Gu Qing Shan nodded and asked: "Is there anything else?"

[Nothing else] the War God UI replied.

Gu Qing Shan then felt cautious.

If this was true...

The incantation would kill Fei Yue and convert her into the final Divine Artifact of Fate.

Bap!

Crow suddenly tapped him.

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

“Something seems to have happened to your dog” Crow replied.

Gu Qing Shan turned to Boss, only to see him silently staring at a page on the Book of Prophesized Destinies, almost like he was blanking out.

Gu Qing Shan approached him and looked at the Book of Prophesized Destinies.

An image was being displayed in the book.

Within a pool of infinite blood, a giant eyeball had just floated up.

Standing across from it was a woman in dark dress armor who wielded a scepter in her hand.

The woman was saying something to the giant eyeball with her arms spread out.

“This is... did Renedol and the eyeball already meet?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“No” the black dog replied, “This is a vision of ten minutes later. After ten minutes, Renedol will meet the giant eyeball”

He rolled on the ground and transformed into a mass of black flames that rose to the sky.

The black flames slowly turned and manifested into a human form.

—Boss.

Boss had once again appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan.

“I can’t maintain this form for too long, so I need to borrow your power in order to say a few things to Renedol” he told Gu Qing Shan.

“Right now?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Yes, right now. After all, we’re no match for her right now, I just hope that my warning will let her understand what exactly she’s doing” Boss replied.

“How are we supposed to meet her? I don’t even know where she is” Gu Qing Shan said.

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Boss replied: “She’s currently at the Isle of Protection¹, you’ve already been there during the Age of Immemorial”

Gu Qing Shan deeply sighed and said nothing.

Boss continued: “Your [Fog Realm Descent] technique was created from the power of countless worlds of the past, it contains all the Laws of Reality, as well as the power of Occultism, giving you the power to freely travel anywhere you want to, combined with this sword capable of cutting through all Laws, we would be able to come and leave as we please”

“Alright, then we’ll make a trip” Gu Qing Shan replied.

He held Boss’ shoulder and entered a mass of white fog.

The two of them vanished without a trace.

Only Crow remained in the secret room.

A gust of wind blew past.

“Huh? Huh, huh?”

Crow opened and closed his hands as if he wanted to say something, but the metal facemask had covered his mouth, so he wasn't able to say anything.

...

The Isle of Protection.

Reneedol stood on top of the highest mountain, silently waiting here.

A vast galaxy of stars continuously drifted and circled around her body.

The three Wraith Lords knelt with one knee on the ground, silently waiting for her orders.

A bit further away, the angels stood in the air with two 12-winged seraphim leading them, hovering in the sky and waiting for Reneedol to give her orders.

An angel flew in from afar and reported: "According to estimations, it will arrive in nine minutes"

Reneedol nodded with a curt and unchanging expression.

Suddenly---

Just a bit in front of her, a mass of white fog manifested.

The fog scattered.

Two men stood in front of Reneedol.

Gu Qing Shan.

Boss.

“Who are you!?” one of the Wraith Lords solemnly shouted.

“I’m merely here to tell her a few things, then I’ll leave” Boss replied.

“How impudent!” the Wraith Lord immediately prepared to draw his weapon.

“Stop, let him speak” Reneedol waved her hand dismissively to stop the Wraith Lord.

Seeing that, the others also stayed their hands.

Gu Qing Shan’s gaze scanned through the entire area.

— one of the two 12-winged seraphim was Lin.

She had obtained a high enough position to infiltrate Reneedol’s side.

But right now, he naturally couldn’t greet her, nor even keep his gaze on her for even a single unnecessary moment.

Gu Qing Shan discreetly put his hand over Boss’ shoulder, preparing to use [Fog Realm Descent] to leave at a moment’s notice.

Boss looked closely at Reneedol and calmly said: “You shouldn’t meet with it. It had gained sentience and its power is far beyond your imaginations”

Reneedol chuckled: “And here I thought you wanted to say something useful. I’ve never been willing to surrender myself to Fate, this had always been my faith”

“Fate had never wanted you to surrender, it had given you everything” Boss refuted.

“But I don’t care for anything that Fate gives me, I can summon the power to destroy it all on my own” Reneedol replied.

“Listen Reneedol, if you truly meet it, you’re definitely going to be done for” Boss insisted.

Reneedol’s mouth became cold and calmly said: “Shroud, you’re already a thing of the past. The era itself has discarded you, the infinite power that you once wielded is no longer with you, where do you get the gall to still interfere with my business?”

Boss replied: “I’m not interfering with you, I’m merely here to tell you that you’ve misunderstood a very crucial detail”

“And what might that be?” Reneedol questioned.

“That eyeball is no longer me. Any entity whose strength far surpasses your imagination would no longer treat you the same way I treated you in the past” Boss stated.

Reneedol’s eyes went cold and mockingly said: “I am the one who provided myself with everything I currently have. If I were able to connect with you in the past, I would naturally be able to connect with other powerful entities. Now that you’re standing in my way, you can’t blame me for being cruel”

“Shroud, you should understand your Fate already, the current you can’t even stop my subordinates”

She nodded behind herself.

Receiving her signal, the three Wraith Lords prepared to act.

In that instant, Gu Qing Shan abruptly opened his eyes wide and shouted: “What are you trying to do? A lover’s quarrel between spouses isn’t the place for you to butt in!”

Complete silence.

Spouses...

The three Wraith Lords froze and instantly stopped their spells.

— that's a very serious matter, if we misunderstand, not even ten of our lives would be enough to make up for it.

“Master, what is your order?” one Wraith Lord cautiously asked for confirmation.

Everyone turned and stared closely at Renedol.

From their previous conversation, it was clear that they knew each other in the past, and if they thought carefully about it, it was very similar to a conversation between lovers.

— so, are you two spouses or not?

If he's your spouse, it'll be very difficult for we subordinates.

There's no problem with us following your orders now to thoroughly beat your husband up.

But after you two have made up, if you remembered this day and decided you want to take revenge for your husband, or if your husband wants to take revenge himself, then who are we supposed to cry to?

In the split second that they hesitated; the other side's technique had already finished.

World Technique, [Fog Realm Descent]!

A layer of white fog drifted around Gu Qing Shan and Boss' body.

Renedol furiously shouted: “Ridiculous! I am the Grand Empress of the Pantheon, who dares to call themselves my husband!? Kill them all!”

She manifested a bow from the starlight around her and instantly let an arrow loose.

Sha!

The arrow of starlight flew through the afterimages of Gu Qing Shan and Boss, then continued to fly.

— but in that instant, Gu Qing Shan and Boss had already left the Isle of Protection.

Chapter 1546

Translator: La0o9

White fog filled the room.

Gu Qing Shan and Boss had both returned to the secret room.

“What did you think about my speech earlier?” Boss asked.

“Good enough” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Good enough? Then what do you think about her attitude towards me?” Boss asked again.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at him and pondered worriedly.

— *this isn't good.*

How can I let this continue?

He clenched his teeth and decided to be cruel just this time: “Boss, if a relationship between two people can be scored on a scale of 10, I think her attitude towards you was at most a 1”

Boss sighed.

Gu Qing Shan patted Boss' shoulder and said: "Don't be dejected, she might have acted like it was 1 point, but it wasn't necessarily 1 point"

Boss turned to him: "You mean there were other possibilities?"

Gu Qing Shan replied with a serious expression: "Just now, there were too many people, she might have held back from killing you right away, so in reality, your relationship score might actually have been a 0"

Boss' current expression could only be described as profound.

While listening, Crow suddenly felt a sense of respect.

—this guy's mouth is even crueller compared to his sword.

"Hm, then there should be no issues" Boss pondered.

"Hm? What do you mean?" Gu Qing Shan appeared surprised and asked.

Boss opened the Book of Prophesized Destinies and recited an incantation.

An empty page in the page manifested a picture—

It depicted the Isle of Protection.

After the small commotion earlier, Renedol and the rest continued to remain there.

She was waiting for the giant eyeball.

Boss explained: "I left a bit of the frozen corpse's presence at the scene. This presence should be undetectable by anyone except the giant eyeball"

Gu Qing Shan asked: "What would happen after it detects it?"

"It'll probably go crazy in search of the presence, destroying everything in order to see where that presence was coming from" Boss replied.

He lightly rubbed the bridge of his nose and continued: "Let me think—- ah, probably only 7-8 of them at most will be able to survive"

Gu Qing Shan was stunned.

Boss turned towards him and asked: "You don't really believe that I actually went there just to talk to her, right?"

Gu Qing Shan slowly laughed.

"I was actually worried that you haven't been able to let her go" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"Of course I haven't let her go" Boss waved his hand dismissively, "I don't care about her deceiving me for so many years, but the things she obtained from deceiving me should be given back"

"Then, you're planning to..." Gu Qing Shan pondered.

Boss casually replied: "I am the Lord of Infinite Origins, Greatest Above the Star Crown, the most powerful entity in the void. If someone else unreasonably came trying to dig my eye away, what other choice do I have except to be similarly unreasonable?"

Gu Qing Shan finally confirmed that Boss had managed to leave it all behind.

He laughed: "Then this is worth a toast"

"Wait a moment, let us observe the situation" Boss replied.

Gu Qing Shan turned to the Book of Prophesized Destinies and thought of something, then hurriedly said: "Lin is still over there"

"It's ok, I've already informed her. She has already gotten ready to flee as soon as there are any issues"
Boss replied.

Gu Qing Shan finally relaxed.

...

The Isle of Protection.

On top of the mountain, Reneedol silently continued to wait.

Two angels suddenly flew in front of Reneedol and reported: "It had suddenly accelerated; it'll most likely arrive very soon"

"Good" Reneedol replied.

She looked around, only to see all of her subordinates had prepared themselves and nodded in satisfaction.

Suddenly, the water of the underground river turned bloody red.

The water surged and rose upwards to form a wall of blood that blocked the entire underground river.

Behind the blood, a large shadow gradually appeared.

A resounding voice echoed throughout everyone's hearts:

「 I can sense that entity... where have you hidden it? 」

Fwoom!

A burst of flames suddenly appeared mid-air.

Reneedol looked up, only to see one of the angels who had stood in formation beginning to burn.

“Argh—” the angel only managed to utter a curt scream before his body was reduced to ashes.

A second later, the army of angels that had previously stood in formation turned into a sea of flames that covered the entire air above the Isle of Protection.

Reneedol’s spirit instantly froze and shouted: “You can’t treat my subordinates that way, I summoned you here in order to discuss something!”

The echoing voice from before resounded again: 「 I can sense it... its presence, you must hand it over! 」

Immediately after that, numerous desperate cries resounded.

Within the wraith’s formations, large patches of wraiths were instantly reduced to ash and thoroughly vanished from this world.

This time, Reneedol could no longer endure it.

Dark fluctuations appeared around her body as she hurriedly recited:

“Apocalypse of legend, the irreversible source of destruction, the calamity of [Great Flood], heed my call and aid me against the current enemy!”

The entire Isle of Protection suddenly became empty.

The giant eyeball's voice became a bit more rapid and spoke more strenuously: 「 The [Great Flood], so this was your reliance? 」

——the legendary Apocalypse had arrived!

Reneedol raised her voice: “I don't have what you want here, there are only insect-like living beings here. If you want to ensure mutual destruction, then try me!”

The giant eyeball's resounding voice suddenly stopped, then spoke again with a mocking tone:

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「 Mutual destruction? Do you really think that a mere [Great Flood] would be a match for me? 」

「 Inferior lifeforms are always exposing their incomparably ugly faces due to their lack of knowledge, attempting to compete against my light with a mere firefly's glow! 」

The giant eyeball's voice gradually grew larger.

Numerous angels and wraiths were turned into dust and sand that scattered in the air.

The number of casualties continued to grow.

Reneedol gazed afar, only to see the sight of endless nothingness replacing the underground river and the Isle of Protection itself, completely surrounding the eyeball within the blood.

But the eyeball was completely unfazed, it merely chuckled and muttered:

「 Too weak, I don't even want to destroy such an Apocalypse 」

Reneedol was still stupefied when she suddenly heard a series of loud metallic noises resounding by her ears.

—clang clang clang clang clang!

When she looked down, she found that her [Plate of Destiny's End] was already full of rips and tears.

It was only now that she had realized.

This is unbeatable.

This is an enemy I cannot defeat.

Its mere existence was capable of eradicating all living beings, destroying entire worlds, and killing all Deities.

It is the ultimate power!

Reneedol's expression suddenly became blank as she recalled a scene in the past.

...

A beautiful warm sun.

A vast blue sky.

Fresh blooming flowers.

Numerous individuals.

Countless Deities and living beings stood at the foot of the mountain.

That man smiled in a refreshing manner.

“Reneedol!”

He loudly called out: “Look, the new era is already here. The Myriad Deities and living beings will be able to enjoy peace and a life of freedom from now on, we will have eternal prosperity!”

That man clenched his hand and raised it up high for those below to witness.

“I, the Greatest Above the Crown Star, swear to protect you all”

“My subjects, who is willing to follow my footsteps and dedicate their strength to me?”

Large numbers of Deities, pixies, mortals, living beings of numerous shapes and forms knelt down at the foot of the mountain like a tidal wave.

「 Great Lord of Radiance, we shall follow you for eternity! 」

A giant declared resolutely.

“We shall follow you for all of eternity!”

Everyone declared at the top of their voices.

Cheers resounded like thunder.

Numerous people responded to his call.

He turned around and gazed at me with bright shining eyes.

“Reneedol, come, stand with me”

He held my hand and walked up to the top of the mountain.

To face everyone below.

He whispered: "This is our era"

"If Rhode was still here, and if Scarlet and Epta were able to witness this, they would surely be proud of us"

...

The vision vanished.

Renedol regained her senses and looked around her.

Countless screams and cries of despair.

Her subordinates were shouting, screaming, but their despair did not save them from death.

「 If you won't turn that presence over, then die! 」

The grand voice that rejected all resistance resounded throughout the entire world.

Death descended on them again and again.

There's no going back.

Everything has already changed.

Renedol's gaze became sharp and shouted:

"Retreat!"

Space around her fluctuated and invisibly enveloped her.

—she had left.

...

At the same time.

In another location.

Boss closed his book and calmly said: "It is done"

Gu Qing Shan patted his shoulder and said: "Well done, you instantly destroyed the possibility of her and the eyeball cooperating, the pressure on us won't be quite as great anymore"

Boss nodded, but still appeared a bit unfocused.

"What's the matter?" Gu Qing Shan asked out of concern.

"It's nothing... Do you have some alcohol, Rhode?"

"Huh? Why are you calling me by that name?"

"I'm just thinking of the past"

Boss shook his head, the light in his eyes slowly going dim.

Gu Qing Shan went silent, took out a bottle of his strongest liquor, poured a shot for him and Crow, then also poured one for himself.

"A toast to you"

“A toast to the past”

“Missing the past?”

“No, thanking it for giving me pain and allowing me to wake up from my dream”

Boss picked up his shot and finished it all at once.

Chapter 1547

Translator: La0o9

“Remember, the strongest people in this world are Rune Summoners”

A shirtless muscular man was teaching a group of students on an empty field.

“Teacher, I heard that there are magicians, martial artists, as well as weapon wielders in other worlds; how are they, compared to Rune Summoners?” a student asked.

“Ahahaha, those Professionals can’t even hold a candle in front of our rune spirit summons”

The muscular man answered.

He shifted into a pose to mobilize the spirit summoning around on his body to activate the runes outside his skin.

Light manifested from the runes to form a Ghostly Wolf that was 7-8 meters tall in the empty field.

“Take a look, this is your teacher’s spirit summoning battle beast—— the Professionals you mentioned earlier would only end up dead in front of my battle beast!”

The muscular man clapped his hand.

The large Ghostly Wolf howled:

「 Brats, this great one is one of the three greatest spirit summoning beasts in this world, make sure to behave yourself in front of me! 」

It opened its clear green eyes to observe the students.

All the students looked at the large glowing beast with a hint of excitement in its eyes.

Some had even taken a step back out of fear.

Suddenly.

Three tiny black dots appeared in the sky.

Boom!!!

As soon as they appeared, the black dots crashed into the ground like an asteroid in the middle of the training field.

The ground trembled.

Everyone lost their balance and fell on their behinds.

Three figures stepped out from the large crater.

A swordsman.

A black dog that exuded black flames.

A beautiful woman who wore a metal facemask and wielded a rapier— wait a minute, they're shirtless— he was a man!

"Peh" the facemask man spat up some blood and commented: "Those monsters sure are annoying"

"It's ok, as long as that thing doesn't come by itself, we'd be able to deal with a few minions without any issues— not to mention, we've already gone to quite a few worlds" the swordsman commented.

The black flames dog said: "Let me ask—"

He looked around and immediately saw the 7-8 meters tall Ghostly Wolf.

"Ah, doggie over there, come here" the black dog said.

The Ghostly Wolf shivered as it moved close to the ground, gradually approaching the black dog.

"Which world is this?" the black dog asked.

「S-sir, this is the Great Spirit Summoning world」 the Ghostly Wolf's ears were completely flat on its head while it lowered itself when it answered.

"Great world? Such a mundane world has the courage to call itself a 'Great world'?" the black dog chuckled.

"I know this place! It seems like we're not too far away from them" the facemask man commented.

They both turned to the swordsman.

The man scowled and looked up.

Suddenly, the sky became dark.

Red blood dyed the entire sky.

“Good, it didn’t come personally” the black dog sighed in relief.

“Hm”

The swordsman raised his sword straight at the sky.

——Secret Art, [Drawn Shadow]!

With his Star River Saint cultivation realm, any sword techniques he unleashed would far surpass their normal power.

A vast sea of black sword images manifested from the sword to sweep across this entire world before rising through the clouds.

Far above the sky, a curt scream could be heard.

“I eradicated it, there’ll be no more worries about it reporting our location” the man lowered his sword and said.

He glanced down at his wrist and said: “Go—”

Boom!

His figure leapt into the sky and broke a large hole in it, then instantly disappeared.

The facemask man and black dog also flew into the sky with him and entered the black hole in the sky.

Everyone in the field felt incredibly moved.

The Ghostly Wolf had already dispelled its summoning and vanished.

After a long while, the students seemed to have remembered something and turned towards their teacher.

The muscular man appeared a bit embarrassed.

“Little brats” he shouted, “Our rune summoning is truly the most powerful, it’s just that sometimes the spirit beasts we summon aren’t really the best”

A pair of clear green eyes appeared behind him.

A large claw was placed on his shoulder.

「 What... did you just now? 」

The Ghostly Wolf had returned and profoundly asked.

The muscular man froze on the spot.

Among his students, one of the female students no longer cared to watch the drama and hurriedly left the training field.

That female student hurriedly returned to her dorm room and closed the door behind herself.

She breathed heavily before finally regaining her calm.

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“Who... exactly are you?” she asked the void of space.

A voice resounded from thin air, right as a UI appeared in front of her eyes.

[Welcome, girl from the Spirit Summoning world]

[I am Lady Darksea, I stopped here because of your excellence]

[From today onwards, you shall walk the path to become a true Combatant]

[—Are you ready?]

The girl stood there blankly for a long while.

...

Gu Qing Shan’s trio continued moving forward.

During the past few days, the giant eyeball had begun to take over the entire Pantheon.

Fresh blood flowed through the dark tunnel and reached into the countless worlds residing inside it.

It was in so much of a hurry that it didn’t even care to take over these worlds and was solely focused on searching for the frozen corpse’s traces.

Gu Qing Shan’s trio was following the instructions of [Longing] to head towards Fei Yue.

A few hours later.

They chose a secluded place in the tunnel to reorganize themselves.

Gu Qing Shan was naturally responsible for cooking, he quickly whipped up a few dishes, arranged the table, then popped another bottle of liquor open.

The three of them enjoyed a meal.

“There’s something I can’t understand at all”

Crow undid the metal facemask’s cover, took a long sip of liquor, then finally spoke up.

Boss continued: “What can’t you understand?”

“If that eyeball is so impressive that it doesn’t even fear [Great Flood], who would be able to restrain it from now on?” Crow asked.

Boss heaved a long sigh: “That’s truly a serious issue. In front of these guys, the current living beings are truly too weak”

Gu Qing Shan put his glass down and commented: “According to my observations, the rate of Apocalypses appearing in the infinite worlds is also increasing, that’s why I had discussed with Lady Darksea and began to leave the power of [Order] in the worlds we go past”

“Would that help at all?” Crow asked.

“[Order] can allow living beings to evolve, [Order] itself is also constantly evolving— the only issue is whether or not they achieve it in time” Boss chimed in.

Gu Qing Shan turned to Boss and suddenly asked: “Why do you seem like you’re a bit unfocused?”

Boss froze a bit before frowning: “I don’t know either, I just feel like I’ve forgotten something”

“So you can’t think of anything?” Crow asked.

“I’m not affected by any sort of techniques either, I just really feel like I’ve ignored something” Boss replied.

“If you forgot it, then it probably isn’t important” Gu Qing Shan tried consoling him.

“No, this is giving me a very bad feeling, it’s constantly plaguing my mind” Boss replied.

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

*Boss’ wealth of knowledge, secrets, and experience could be considered nearly infinite—
if he had truly forgotten something crucial, who would be able to help him?*

The three of them exchanged glances and felt a bit clueless.

A while later.

Gu Qing Shan said: “I have a solution... but it won’t necessarily be effective”

“Give it a try, that’s still better than doing nothing” Crow said.

“Hm” Gu Qing Shan nodded.

He searched inside his chest and pulled out a colorful rooster statue.

“What is this?” Boss asked.

“A Mysticism artifact that can help me collect information”

Gu Qing Shan pulled on the rooster’s comb, making it come alive in an instant.

The rooster left Gu Qing Shan's hand, jumped onto the table and picked up one of the glasses on the table.

"I've already drunk from that" Crow couldn't help but call out.

"You got AIDS or something?" the rooster asked.

"You're the one who's got AIDS" Crow instinctively snapped back.

The rooster ignored him and finished the entire glass in a few gulps.

"Hic— youngster Gu, how come you haven't called out to me for a while already?"

It hiccuped before asking.

Gu Qing Shan replied: "I didn't have any Soul Points recently; it took me a few days of hunting to gather a bit"

The colorful rooster appeared pleased and said: "Hm, everything's fine as long as you have Soul Points. What do you want to ask?"

Gu Qing Shan pointed at Boss and said: "This is my sworn brother, I wanted to ask something about him— he has something he can't remember at all; can you help him out?"

The colorful rooster put the glass down and told him with a serious expression: "Youngster Gu, you've already mistaken, you know?"

"Huh? What do you mean?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I’m your personal intelligence system, spending all of my efforts searching for intelligence relating to you every single day; I’ve had to focus my full attention on you all this time, and now you’re asking me to collect information for someone else—-- tsk tsk tsk, and you still call yourself a proper person?” the colorful rooster’s eyes were practically becoming red with tears as it spoke.

It turned around and wiped its tears with its wings.

Gu Qing Shan hurriedly apologized: “I’m sorry, it’s just that my sworn brother’s matter is very important, we really couldn’t come up with anything so I thought about you, if you think it’s not good, then I—--”

Gu Qing Shan suddenly stopped.

He noticed that the colorful rooster still had one wing on its back, discreetly forming the shape of a heart.

A heart... I think this implied that...

Gu Qing Shan changed his mind and said: “— Then I’ll pay you double the Soul Points”

The rooster suddenly turned around.

Its eyes were no longer red, it used its wings to pat its chest and said with a moved tone:

“Soul Points or not, your sworn brother is my sworn brother”

“Now, let us resolve your sworn brother’s issue!”

Chapter 1548

Translator: La0o9

Gu Qing Shan checked his current Soul Points value.

After a few days of battle, he had gained over 220,000 Soul Points.

Then...

Should I give 200,000?

Gu Qing Shan reached his hand forward to transfer Soul Points to the colorful rooster.

“Cooooo—”

The colorful rooster growled in satisfaction and flapped its wings, feeling a lot more spirited.

It delightedly fixed its comb and jumped in front of the black dog, declaring:

“Brother, don’t worry, Gu Qing Shan’s matter is also my matter”

Boss said: “Please help me take a look, I keep having the feeling that there was something critical that I can’t remember”

“Alright, let me take a look”

The colorful rooster walked around the black dog, then jumped back onto the table and mumbled to itself: “That’s a huge loss, such a cruel matter, I even had to pay 20 Soul Points— peh, cough cough”

It suddenly appeared tired and sat on the table, breathing heavily: “So tired, I had to spend all my strength to find out everything clearly”

After that, it snuck a glance at Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan: “...”

Crow: “...”

Boss: “...”

Gu Qing Shan’s eyelids twitched and said: “Alright, what exactly happened?”

The colorful rooster looked at the black dog and replied: "This was a matter obscured by Fate, fortunately, he already knew about this, so Fate couldn't stop my investigation"

"I can't tell you a lot, otherwise, the other party would notice. I can only tell you one word"

"What is it?" Boss asked.

The colorful rooster spoke:

"Hair"

After saying that, it instantly turned back into a colorful rooster statue and stood still.

Boss appeared to be shaken.

Gu Qing Shan could somewhat guess what had happened.

In the past, Boss had told him that the frozen corpse's hair and eyeball were hidden in the Eternal Abyss.

He quickly spoke: "No wonder Reneedol dared to meet the giant eyeball, so she had already obtained the frozen corpse's hair!"

Boss sighed: "Indeed, that should be the case. I found out in the past that the eyeball was incredibly unstable, which was why I had placed it and the seven strands of hair within the Eternal Abyss in order to watch over it"

"Later on, the seven strands of hair became the foundation for what I used to create the Abyssal forms, as they were the weakest part of the frozen corpse's body"

Gu Qing Shan asked: "Do the strands of hair have their own sentience as well?"

“No, the hair would definitely not gain sentience, they only contained a bit of the frozen corpse’s power” Boss affirmed.

Both of them could see the solemn look in the other’s eye.

“...What is Renedol trying to do?”

“I don’t know, but I have a bad feeling about it”

Gu Qing Shan went silent for a few moments before suddenly turning to Crow.

Boss instantly understood what he wanted to do at a glance and hurriedly sent his voice: “You should understand, if we let him talk, the situation might...”

“No, that isn’t the case” Gu Qing Shan silently sent his voice in return: “He has a one-in-a-billion unique constitution that allows him to prematurely sense approaching misfortune, and even aid that misfortune to set it in stone. He could even leave room for our survival by adding onto his statements”

Boss thought briefly and admitted: “In that case, this could truly be considered a very powerful ability”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “That’s right. Since we have so little information, rather than randomly guessing, it’s better to let Crow predict the calamity. Not only would we have a better idea of what to expect, but he would also be able to leave us a hope of survival”

“That’s true” Boss was convinced.

Gu Qing Shan cleared his throat and told Crow: “You heard us, we’re all counting on you now. Take off the metal facemask and please show us your [Weal In – Woe Out] technique”

Crow crossed his arm and impatiently said: “I feel very good wearing this ugly mask, thank you very much. Other than having no choice but to take it off during meals, I don’t want to take it off at all right now”

Gu Qing Shan and Boss exchanged glances.

—*he's sulking.*

Gu Qing Shan's expression changed to appear sincere: "Crow, we're currently out of options right now, you're the only one who can change that"

Boss also followed up: "That's right, you're a true hero, the only expert capable of turning the situation around. Whether or not Gu Qing Shan and I will survive is totally dependent on you"

Gu Qing Shan continued: "It isn't just us. Did you see how strong Void City Lord Fei Yue was? Or Ominous Demon Xiao Die? But neither of them could change the current circumstances, only you—the true man among men, the renowned great Hitman, Curt Death Silver Crow, has that capability"

Gu Qing Shan and Boss both said at once: "Everything truly depends on you now, Crow!"

Crow slowly took off his metal facemask and tilted his chin up: "Since you're asking so sincerely, I suppose I can help you out just this once"

He took a deep breath.

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

Nothing.

All three of them opened their eyes wide, staring at each other.

“Where’s your [Weal In – Woe Out] technique?” Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but ask.

Crow shrugged, he then tried jumping in place a few times, then circled around the dining table.

“Huh— what happened to my ability? Why did it suddenly disappear?” he wondered confusedly.

Boss sighed in relief: “Then it seems nothing will happen just yet”

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After hearing that, Crow began trembling and slowly lowered his head, causing everyone to no longer see his expression.

“...Nothing... will happen...?”

He spoke with a hoarse voice, then looked up straight at Boss.

Boss didn’t answer him.

He could sense some sort of presence emerging from Crow’s body, so he hurriedly signaled to Gu Qing Shan with his eyes.

They saw Crow’s pupils completely dilated, staring straight at Boss with what could only be described as a horrific expression, black feathers also began to fly out of his body and circled in the void of space.

“Crow, what exactly is going on?” Gu Qing Shan asked with a low tone.

Crow abruptly turned and stared straight at Gu Qing Shan.

It was as if he just saw some sort of frightful monster corpse, his expression became extremely horrified.

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath and calmed his voice: "Relax, we're temporarily safe right now; what did you realize? You can tell me"

Crow slowly began to talk with an almost metallic scraping voice:

"She has been cornered by the eyeball"

"Currently, she is absorbing the power hidden within the frozen corpse's hair, attempting to summon an Apocalypse that surpasses even [Great Flood] into this Reality"

"Every world hidden within the Pantheon ruins will be destroyed in this battle"

"Everything is happening right as we speak"

"The final chapter of the destruction has already arrived!"

Right after he finished talking, all the supernatural phenomena disappeared.

Crow's expression returned to normal and said with a troubled expression: "What now? I think my [Weal In – Woe Out] technique isn't working"

"Wait a minute, don't you remember what you've just said?" Boss instinctively asked.

"What did I say just now?" Crow really had no idea.

Boss turned to Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan silently stood still as he stared at the lines of glowing text in the void of space:

[You've been affected by the prophetic ability: Cemetery]

[Cemetery: Capable of accurately foreseeing upcoming events of mass death]

Gu Qing Shan's heart sank.

Crow's first ability is [Tombstone], capable of providing support for the Law of Fate.

Fortunately, this ability was within Crow's control, so he can correct himself on the spot to change its results.

It's very rare for Crow to use his second prophetic ability—— [Cemetery]

[Cemetery] cannot be changed at all, as it would accurately foresee any future!

Gu Qing Shan said: "Boss, we need to seize our time, what Crow activated just now was a true prophecy"

"What? Are you saying that he just predicted a true upcoming disaster?" Boss asked.

"That's right, it will definitely occur, and no one would be able to stop it"

Gu Qing Shan replied.

Just [Great Flood] alone had already erased Void City and pushed everyone in it to a corner of despair.

If Renedol summoned an Apocalypse that surpasses even [Great Flood], who would be able to survive?

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

"We can't waste any more time, we need to find Fei Yue right away!"

"Let's go!"

The three figures shifted and vanished within the dark tunnel.

...

At another location.

Inside an underground cave hidden below the underground river.

The river flowed across them from above, but no water flowed inside.

Several people were sitting inside the cave.

Fei Yue, Xiao Die, the Ominous Demon Tower Master, and the blind nun.

“Too many people have died, only a few of us remain” the blind nun sighed.

“You’re wrong, there are still quite a few Cultivation-type people within the Heavenly Ark” Xiao Die refuted.

The Ominous Demon Tower Master shook his head: 「 All of the Heavenly Immortals had already died off countless years ago, those who remain can’t even be considered a fighting force 」

Fei Yue just sat there blankly, silently thinking about something.

Xiao Die silently inched closer and whispered: “What’s the matter? You’ve been acting a bit strange recently”

Fei Yue didn’t say anything and simply raised her hand.

Numerous Laws manifested in the void of space and circled around her wrist to form a glowing ring of light.

A black strand of thread could faintly be seen on the ring of light, it circled around her wrist several times before tying itself to the tip of Fei Yue’s finger, which allowed her to control all the Laws of Reality.

Everyone was shocked.

「Your power... has far surpassed all of us」 the Ominous Demon Tower Master exclaimed.

“It is comparable to even Renedol!”

The blind nun sensed this vast power and commented.

Xiao Die appeared glad and patted Fei Yue’s shoulder: “That’s great, we can finally retaliate against that damn woman”

Fei Yue stared closely at the ring of light around her wrist and remained silent for a while.

“For some reason, I feel like my death is quickly approaching”

She softly spoke.

Chapter 1549

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The dark tunnel.

Renedol was hurriedly fleeing with the last few subordinates that she had.

“Master, I can sense it—— it’s going to arrive very soon!”

A 12-winged seraph exclaimed in shock.

Renedol abruptly turned around at the seraph and solemnly asked: “Are you sure?”

The 12-winged seraph affirmed: "I'm very sure. All the illusions and diversion techniques that we had prepared were unable to deceive it!"

Reneedol paused for a brief moment before suddenly speaking with a soft voice:

"Fudou, you're the most powerful male angel here, you can definitely stop it for a brief moment and buy us some time"

Two figures appeared next to her—

The Deity of Fate's Beginning, Clotho; the Deity of Fate's End, Atropos.

The two of them flew next to the 12-winged seraph called Fudou and softly whispered an incantation into his ears.

After the incantation was done, the two Deities disappeared.

"You... are correct, I have a method that can disguise my presence as you to temporarily divert it away from you" the seraph blankly replied.

"I'll be troubling you then" Reneedol nodded.

The seraph took a few steps back and changed his directions right as they reached a fork in the tunnel.

As soon as his figure disappeared, Reneedol's expression became grim again.

She looked at her remaining subordinates.

A 12-winged female seraph.

A 6-winged male seraph.

Three Wraith Lords.

One Wraith Might.

—this Wraith Might advanced rapidly, his most exceptional trait was his wits. The three Wraith Lords attempted to oppress him several times, but he managed to skillfully resolve many of the certain-death situations, which ultimately drew my attention.

These are the only people left in my forces.

I can't kill any more of them, if I do, I'll truly be by myself.

"How much longer until we reach the Wraith realm?" Renedol asked.

"In one more minute, we'd be able to complete the transport" a Wraith Lord answered.

"Finally we've managed to stall until this moment— how many more men do we have in the Wraith realm?" Renedol asked.

"We have 700,000 wraiths remaining" another Wraith Lord replied.

"That's enough. Immediately after we return, activate all Causality Law barriers" Renedol ordered.

"Do we need to change all of them to defensive barriers?" another Wraith Lord asked.

Renedol pondered for a few moments before replying: "No, use the obscurement barriers"

At this point, the other 12-winged seraph who hadn't said anything up to now suddenly chimed in:

"Master, I think this might not be the best idea. If we truly head into the Wraith realm, when that thing manages to find that world, wouldn't you be completely cornered?"

Renedol calmly replied: "If it could actually locate us, then it had better be prepared to face the ultimate Apocalypse"

...

Deep inside the tunnel, three figures were continuously flying forward.

“If Renedol uses those seven strands of hair, countless worlds would be instantly reduced to nothingness, the entire Pantheon ruins would be destroyed!” Boss explained with a heavy voice.

“We can’t go on like this, we need to quickly finish our preparations” Gu Qing Shan told him while they were flying.

“We’re already following the Fate Prophecy to find Fei Yue, what other preparations are you thinking about?” Boss asked.

Gu Qing Shan turned to the void of space and asked: “Lady Darksea, where are you?”

[I’m here, Gu Qing Shan, do you need to utilize the Regiment to fight?] Lady Darksea’s voice sounded.

“No need. My Soul Points are no longer enough to support a large-scale war, and I think [Human Regiment] stands no chance against that giant eyeball” Gu Qing Shan replied.

[The Regiment needs to evolve, and it must be an evolution that transcends the normal meaning of the word, Gu Qing Shan] Lady Darksea told him.

“How should we do that?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

[Do you still remember how the Era of Chaos grew stronger in the past?] Lady Darksea asked.

Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but ponder.

On the battlefield in the past, the Soul Shrieker had indeed mentioned this.

...

『 『...Gu Qing Shan, the Era of [Chaos] has conquered the 900 million World Layers as a whole, its power had grown infinitely greater... 』 』

『 『I have the power of the entire Era of [Chaos] aiding me, my soul had been protected with countless Causality Laws, you can never kill me! 』 』

...

The giant corpse also once said:

...

“The Era of [Chaos] requires a powerful representing Deity to help the Era continuously advance towards its strongest state”

...

“Lady Darksea, you mean that [Order] must be spread throughout numerous worlds?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

[Indeed. While inside the Temporal Oasis, the Order could not spread, and when I returned to the Age of Immemorial with Boss, due to the danger of your situation at the time, my appearance could have irreversibly altered the course of history. That was why I had remained patient up until now——]

Lady Darksea’s tone became solemn: [Now is the moment, Gu Qing Shan, the Order must spread throughout all the worlds within the Pantheon ruins, only that would be able to help the Order surpass its limits and enter a state of transcendental evolution!]

Gu Qing Shan abruptly stopped mid-air.

Boss and Crow flew a bit before they noticed and turned around.

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“What’s the matter?” Boss asked.

“We might have to split up” Gu Qing Shan replied.

He then explained what Lady Darksea had just told him.

Boss pondered: "I'm currently limited by this body created from the flames of Death, temporarily unable to get out, so it's a bit inconvenient for me to do that..."

Crow undid the cover of the metal facemask and said with interest: "Spreading [Order]? That sounds like a very interesting thing, how about I do it?"

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent for a brief moment.

—it's currently inconvenient for Boss, while I need to look for Fei Yue, so Crow really is the only candidate for this.

"Can you do it? You'll need to travel to every world within the ruins in the shortest possible time" Boss was a bit worried.

Crow pointed at himself with his thumb and replied: "Don't worry, I'm an Avian you know, we were born already knowing the word 'Speed'!"

Boss turned to Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan whispered to Lady Darksea: "Make sure to watch your tone"

[Understood] Lady Darksea replied.

Gu Qing Shan then put his hand on Crow's shoulder and said: "Then I'll leave this to you"

Instantly, a female voice resounded in Crow's ear.

[Greetings, the ultimate Hitman, the legendary male Avian, the renowned rapier wielder, sir Crow]

Crow was startled but was also ecstatic.

“Oh? How do you understand me so well?” he asked.

[My name is Darksea, I’m currently reinforcing Order onto you while also converting it to the specialized Dissemination Mode] Lady Darksea replied.

“Then, should we now be on our way?”

[Yes sir]

Crow nodded to Gu Qing Shan: “I’ll take my leave”

Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist: “This is the most crucial matter at hand; I’ll have to depend on you entirely for it”

Crow laughed, then shivered a bit before transforming into a colorful bird.

The bird casually flapped his wings and vanished like a shadow into the wind, instantly disappearing without a trace.

Boss was shocked: “He was that fast?”

Gu Qing Shan commented; “Now I know why Fei Yue and the others were assured with leaving him by himself”

“Huh? Wasn’t it because of his jinxing mouth?”

“...That might be part of the reason”

The two of them continued to talk while they flew along the tunnel.

A few dozen minutes later.

A wide tunnel appeared in front of them, from which the sound of flowing water could be heard.

The two of them flew towards it and observed the other side of the tunnel.

They could see that the underground river was right outside..

“Are we there yet?”

“I think they’re hiding just around here”

Gu Qing Shan checked the black thread on his hand.

One end of the black thread was wrapped around his hand, while the other end reached far into the underground river.

“Chao Yin” Gu Qing Shan silently called.

Oong—

The Chao Yin sword appeared from the void of space as he wielded it.

Gu Qing Shan lightly swung the sword.

The river instantly parted ways to expose the riverbed far below them.

A cave was also revealed to them.

Gu Qing Shan swung his sword again.

A mass of water flowed towards the riverbed and manifested into a humanoid form that approached the entrance of the cave.

Bam—

A hidden spell struck the humanoid water and scattered it everywhere.

A few figures then flew out.

“Huh? Gu Qing Shan!”

Xiao Die was the first one to see him and happily waved.

Chapter 1550

Translator: La0o9

After much hardship and difficulties, the two sides had reunited once more.

“Whose dog is this?” Xiao Die curiously asked.

“Hello” the black dog nodded to greet her.

「 Oh? Have you trained it? 」 the Ominous Demon Tower Master curiously asked Gu Qing Shan.

“No, this is my friend, he’s called Boss” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Boss? You mean he also wants to be the boss?” Xiao Die scoffed.

“Do you know about that giant eyeball?” Boss asked.

“Of course” Xiao Die replied.

Boss turned to Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan immediately continued: “That was actually Boss’ eye”

Xiao Die appeared shocked and exchanged glances with the others.

Boss naturally acted proud.

The Ominous Demon Tower Master cautiously asked: 「... You mean that eyeball had been a dog’s eye ¹this entire time? 」

Boss: “...”

Gu Qing Shan: “...”

“What do you mean dog’s eye! I’ve just temporarily taken this form; I can turn back later!” Boss angrily shouted.

“So that was it” the blind nun spoke.

Gu Qing Shan’s gaze went through everyone and landed on Fei Yue.

“Long time no see” he walked forward.

Fei Yue looked at him and muttered: “I can sense my Fate—— it is right at this moment that everything will end”

Suddenly.

A huge amount of blood surged forward from the distance towards the underground river.

A presence capable of destroying everything was rapidly approaching this place.

“Not good! We need to run!” Xiao Die hurriedly called out.

Fei Yue smiled wryly and shook her head: “We won’t be able to escape. I’ve already seen the truth within Fate, only my Death would give birth to the Divine Artifact”

“What Divine Artifact?” the blind nun asked.

“The most powerful Divine Artifact of Fate, the key to resolving everything and dealing with Reneedol” Fei Yue replied.

As she spoke, numerous Threads of Fate appeared from the void of space one after another. They began tying themselves around her body, wrapping around her wrists, her ankles, her neck, then eventually formed a length of rope that landed in Gu Qing Shan’s hand.

Layers of colorful light began to surround Fei Yue’s body.

Countless Laws of Reality had gathered here to witness the birth of the final Divine Artifact.

Fei Yue bitterly chuckled, then approached Gu Qing Shan and knelt with one knee on the ground.

“After I die, please bury me together with my mother. Xiao Die knows where she is” Fei Yue told him.

Xiao Die raised her eyebrows and jumped forward grabbing Gu Qing Shan’s hand.

“Gu Qing Shan! What is going on!?”

She shouted out loud.

Gu Qing Shan didn't say anything and simply looked at Fei Yue.

Boundless wind flew towards them from afar, carrying with it a blood-colored aura.

The wind had replaced the water flowing within the darkness of the river.

Far within the darkness, a monster manifested from blood was silently approaching.

Fei Yue quickly shook her head and told Xiao Die: “It isn't his fault. All the Laws of Fate have now gathered upon my body, they're hurriedly trying to manifest a weapon— using my body and soul as the source of ignition”

The blind nun started sobbing and held tightly onto Xiao Die: “I've just seen a vision of the future as well. If Fei Yue doesn't die, this Divine Artifact of Fate will not be created, no one would be able to go against the Apocalypse summoned by Renedol, and Reality as a whole would be destroyed”

Reality as a whole would be destroyed!

Xiao Die took a few steps forward out of shock, then looked back up at Gu Qing Shan.

She covered her mouth so that she didn't make any sound.

Gu Qing Shan didn't look at her at all, his expression slowly becoming cold.

He drew an autumn water-like blue steel sword.

—the Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

“Endure for a moment, it’ll be over very quickly” he said.

Fei Yue clenched her teeth and closed her eyes.

The sword turned into a cold gleam and thrust through Fei Yue’s chest.

“Pff... kuu... kuu...”

Fei Yue spat up some blood and barely managed to squeeze out a smile as two streams of tears rolled down her face.

“...I can’t see Renedol’s death... but I regret nothing...”

She trembled and said.

Boundless light radiated from her body and slowly manifested into the silhouette of a scepter.

Suddenly, Gu Qing Shan shouted: “Shannu!”

Oong oong oong—

The sword gave off a resounding vibration.

The layers of light were directly shattered into spinning runes that circled around the two of them.

Suddenly, a despairing female voice resounded from the void of space:

“NO—— what kind of sword is this!?”

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All the light then gathered in one place to form the shape of a woman who silently hovered in the air.

——the first Deity, Ruler of the Myriad Deities, Deity of Fate, Lachesis.

She looked down at Gu Qing Shan and spoke with a hateful voice: “I’ve used the power of Fate to obscure everything, anyone who attempted to make any predictions would only discover that this girl must die for Reality to be saved, so why didn’t you kill her?”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Because there is a target who’s more worthy of being killed”

“That’s impossible, how could you have discovered my measures!?” Lachesis was unwilling to accept this fact.

Gu Qing Shan’s gaze was cold as he explained: “You three sisters once deceived the Myriad Deities to not pledge the vow of following the Lord of Radiance despite the two prophecies”

“You hid from your sisters the fact that you absorbed the lives of 8,000 Deities by yourself in order to make this Fate Prophecy—— 8,000 Deities!”

Gu Qing Shan’s voice was slightly raised, containing a bit more killing intent:

“During the underground Five Element calamity, you took Reneedol and fled, I saw that you were willing to make a vow to flatter her for the rest of your life if it meant you’d survive”

“When the three Divine Artifacts of Fate were forged, you purposely put the majority of your combined power into your own Divine Artifact and acted completely clueless in order to fool your sisters”

Lachesis couldn’t understand at all: “No! Even they couldn’t see through it, how could you——”

Gu Qing Shan lightly smirked: “No matter how wondrous your techniques might be, as long as your mindset is as deplorable as it is, I’d instantly understand what you were trying to do”

“—‘your highness’ Lachesis, I’d like to tell you that a ruler like yourself would only disappear into the dust of history because of your own schemes and machinations”

The layers of light in the darkness slowly shattered one by one.

Lachesis howled: “NO! The Fate Technique that I’ve spent years to weave contains unimaginable power within, once I resurrect, I—- would—-”

“Keep dreaming” Gu Qing Shan coldly declared.

He wielded the Six Paths Great Mountain sword and activated his sword seal once again.

Zi zi zi zi... bang!

All the light emitted by the Laws shattered with a sharp noise.

The radiance that surrounded Lachesis’ body all broke away, leaving her with nothing but a faint silhouette.

She abruptly began to laugh: “Do you think you’ve already won? This entire era is still going to be destroyed. Come, the entirety of the power of Fate lies right here, other than myself, you are the only person recognized by the Fate Prophecy—- as long as you kill your friend, you would also obtain the power of Fate!”

Intense gusts of wind began to ravage the riverbed.

The presence that would destroy everything was extremely close.

Gu Qing Shan looked at Lachesis and smirked mockingly, telling her: “The power of Fate is to be used to save my comrades, not to kill them”

Lachesis laughed hysterically: “I don’t believe you! There is no way that somebody would be unmoved in the face of such enormous power of Fate!”

“If you leave this power of Fate to scatter, all of you will die here all the same!”

“Choose, either she dies, or all of you will die together!”

Her voice abruptly stopped.

She had completely disappeared into the darkness.

Fei Yue looked at Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan faced her gaze head on.

“Don’t worry” he whispered.

Immediately after that, a book that exuded radiance opened right next to him.

Boss quickly flipped through the Book of Prophesized Destinies and said: “As soon as you pull out your sword, I’ll begin healing her”

Gu Qing Shan abruptly pulled his sword away.

The green light of a healing technique was instantly focused on Fei Yue’s wounds.

Gu Qing Shan helped Fei Yue stand up and lightly wiped the blood from the corner of her mouth.

“I’m sorry, it’s a long story, a scheme from the Age of Immemorial, but it’s all over now” Gu Qing Shan told her.

Fei Yue didn’t know what to say, so she just stared straight at him and blankly nodded.

“Ah— there was something else, I should give this back to you”

Gu Qing Shan held her hand tightly.

Suddenly, lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[You’re about to return the Fate Ability: Longing, to its original owner]

[Are you sure you want to do this?]

Gu Qing Shan casually replied: “I’m sure”

Instantly, the black thread wrapped around his hand vanished without a trace.

Fei Yue slowly looked down and stared at the black thread that had reappeared on her wrist.

—this is [Longing]

He returned it to me without even batting an eyelid.

This is a Fate Ability!

Fei Yue had a complicated look in her eyes and whispered back to him: “Fate Abilities are all incredibly powerful, but you don’t seem to like it that much?”

“I simply trust the sword in my hand more” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Are you sure you don’t want to use it for a bit longer?” Fei Yue asked.

“No need, it has helped me plenty of times already, now it’s time for it to return to its original owner”

Gu Qing Shan smiled and told her.

Fei Yue stared at the confident smile for a long while without saying anything.

Xiao Die remained just a bit further away and signaled with her eyes.

Fei Yue lightly chuckled and discreetly shook her head, signaling back that she wouldn't do such a thing.

But she quickly fell into thought.

“Gu Qing Shan, I feel a bit light-headed, I can't stand up straight”

“Ah? Boss, your healing technique seems to be a bit faulty, take a look at it again!”

“How could that be?” Boss replied.

She had already leaned her head on his shoulder.

“Ah, so dizzy, so uncomfortable...”

While moaning in pain, she avoided Xiao Die's gaze of contempt.

On top of her white wrist, a small strand of thread suddenly appeared and wiggled around a little bit like it was searching for something before finally tying itself around Gu Qing Shan's wrist.

Chapter 1551

Translator: La0o9

The blood-colored wind blew in their direction.

Large shadows rapidly charged towards them from afar.

They were monsters manifested from nothing but blood, each of which carried the unique characteristics of various races, which made them look like chimeras or mutated beasts.

— all of them were subordinates arbitrarily created by the giant eyeball.

They collected various lifeforms for the giant eyeball and scoured the Pantheon ruins in search of the frozen corpse.

“We need to hurry up and leave!” the blind nun urged them.

Fei Yue continuously tapped the void of space and loudly said: “Everyone should go first, there is so much scattered power of Fate right now that it’s a waste to not absorb some of it!”

Countless strands of black thread flew out of her hand and began to form a net above the dark riverbed.

Some sort of invisible force was gradually gathering within the net to give off a low vibrating noise.

“Such vast power! My strength will greatly improve now!” Fei Yue exclaimed in joy.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at the blood monsters, then back at Fei Yue.

— we’d definitely clash against those monsters if we don’t leave right now.

But the power of Fate that’s currently scattering in the void of space is the power that the Deity of Fate Lachesis had accumulated for countless years.

It’s a wonder how much stronger Fei Yue would be able to grow after absorbing all of this power.

Come to think of it—

If Lachesis was confident enough to show up at this exact moment in time, she had most likely believed that she would be able to defeat Reneedol by showing up now.

In that case, this power definitely cannot go to waste!

Gu Qing Shan drew his sword and asked: “Fei Yue, how long do you need?”

“Three minutes! Give me just three minutes!”

Fei Yue’s hands turned into blurred images as she continued to tap the void of space and make the strands of thread that made up the net constantly vibrate.

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

“Alright, let’s prepare for combat, leave the retreat to me” he told everyone.

Seeing how confident he was about this, everyone felt assured as well.

If there are no longer any concerns regarding retreat, we can go wild and buy time for Fei Yue!

The Ominous Demon Tower Master took off his coat to reveal a teddy bear tattoo on top of his chest and shouted: 「 I’ll go first 」

He waved his muscular arms from afar.

Boom!

A resounding noise rang out in the distance.

A few hundred meters away, a claw exuding ferocious aura appeared out of nowhere and crushed the blood monsters to dust.

Xiao Die hurriedly said: “This place is too narrow, control your strength, otherwise you’ll draw that guy’s attention!”

The Ominous Demon Tower Master grunted, then shook his body a bit before pulling his presence back.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised: “Why can’t we act at full strength?”

「——If we show ourselves to be too powerful, that would draw the giant eyeball’s attention to send even more monsters towards us」 the Ominous Demon Tower Master explained.

The blind nun followed up: “If someone or some people remain unbeatable despite being surrounded by monsters, the giant eyeball might truly be interested in them”

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

——in that case, the giant eyeball would personally arrive.

Most likely, many of them had actually died like this.

Xiao Die sighed: “We’ve been relying on big sister blind nun’s premonitions in order to ensure that everyone isn’t wiped out”

Gu Qing Shan pondered: “In that case, I suggest that everyone doesn’t act at all, otherwise, it would be too dangerous”

A sword appeared from the void of space and pointed at the underground river following his gaze.

Gu Qing Shan focused his thoughts and unleashed a sword seal.

The Chao Yin sword flew a few meters forward and turned into a beautiful arc in mid-air.

A few hundred meters away——

Obstacles began to appear below the blood monsters’ feet.

All the obstacles were created from water, but they were as hard as a rock and were incredibly sturdy.

At the same time, these obstacles weren't there to stop their advance but to trip them up.

The monsters lost their balance and began to fall one after another.

The Chao Yin sword continued to swing.

Pillars of water rose one after another from the riverbed to knock the fallen monsters into the air.

“Come!”

Gu Qing Shan reached out with both hands.

The Chao Yin sword flew back into his hand.

A large pillar of water abruptly manifested from the sidewall in front of the monsters, it looked almost like a large bat.

Gu Qing Shan lowered his body a bit and slowly pulled his sword back.

The large pillar of water swiftly followed the movement of his sword.

“Go!”

Gu Qing Shan shouted out loud and swung his sword forward while turning his body.

The large pillar of water swung forward as well to hit the blood monsters in the air.

Pah———

The monsters were instantly sent flying in a straight line towards the far end of the underground river.

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“That should do the trick...”

Gu Qing Shan lowered his sword and sighed in relief.

「 They didn't seem to be hurt at all, only sent away 」 the Ominous Demon Tower Master cupped his hand above his eyes and looked into the distance.

“Hm, we're only trying to buy time, so I didn't want to take any risks” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Everyone nodded.

———there was truly no need to fight at all; because every blood monster that was killed would cause everyone to feel anxious, wondering if the giant eyeball would happen to feel interested and come to check the situation.

For the sake of buying time, this could be considered the best solution.

“When did you learn baseball?” Xiao Die crossed her arms and asked.

“I've always liked all types of ball games—— after the Apocalypses are over, I'll probably go play ball every once in a while” Gu Qing Shan shrugged.

While they talked, the black threads around them had returned and entered Fei Yue's hand.

She opened her eyes and gave Gu Qing Shan a grateful look.

“A lot of it had scattered, but I’ve managed to retain quite a large portion of the power. Right now, I just need a place to sit down and slowly convert it into my own power” she told him.

“Then let’s go— touch any part of my body with your hands, I’ll take you to a secret room” Gu Qing Shan told them.

「 Secret room? 」 the Ominous Demon Tower Master felt interested and put his hand on Gu Qing Shan’s shoulder.

“Is it safe?” Xiao Die asked.

“At the moment, it’s the safest place without a doubt” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Xiao Die then approached and placed her hand on his back.

The blind nun then put her hand on Gu Qing Shan’s other shoulder.

Boss raised his dog tail and put it around Gu Qing Shan’s leg.

Fei Yue looked a bit and said: “There’s no place for me at all”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “There’s still a lot of places on my body, just touch any location at all, you only need to stay in physical contact with me”

“No, I’m personally afraid of teleportation” Fei Yue firmly told him.

“Then what now?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I need to at least feel safe about it”

After saying so, Fei Yue put both hands on his chest and leaned in.

Everyone else: “...”

“Oi, so you’ve already decided?” Xiao Die silently sent her voice.

“Yup, I’ve realized that you’re right, a man like this is the cream of the crop, I can’t let this chance pass” Fei Yue replied.

Xiao Die’s lips curved into a smirk.

Fei Yue maintained a solemn expression and said: “Gu Qing Shan, let’s hurry up. That monster could arrive at any moment, it isn’t safe here!”

“Ah— sure—”

A mass of white fog manifested from the void of space to envelop Gu Qing Shan and slowly everyone around him as well.

Instantly, they all disappeared inside the white fog.

The secret room.

Everyone reappeared.

“Where is this?” Xiao Die asked.

“The secret room of the Protection Deity, it contains the strongest defenses, as well as a unique door—
— there is no place inside the Pantheon ruins that’s safer than this one” Gu Qing Shan explained.

He moved the ring on his finger to release a large number of gems that covered everyone’s feet, which continued to rise until the gems reached their knees.

“The gems are here to maintain the defenses” Gu Qing Shan explained.

The blind nun walked around the secret room a bit, then delightfully said: “Hm... I can feel it, this place is truly very safe”

Fei Yue said nothing and immediately sat down in a corner, slowly closing her eyes to convert the power of Fate into her own.

“Everyone rest up a bit, the situation is very urgent right now, so I need to head to the Wraith realm for a bit” Gu Qing Shan said.

He took out a bunch of canned energy drinks and handed them to everyone.

“What are you thinking of doing?” Xiao Die took a sip and asked.

“Reneedol had already been pushed into a corner, I’m afraid that she might go berserk and destroy certain things— so I need to hurry and retrieve something first” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“So you’re going to steal something?” Xiao Die asked.

“No, that thing didn’t belong to her in the first place, so I’m merely taking it back” Gu Qing Shan corrected her.

—-the Tomb of Myriad Beasts’ issue had only been postponed, the real solution to the problem is still the sword.

So I need to retrieve the Delimitation Divine Sword!

Now that Renedol is busy trying to avoid destruction, there's a possibility that she doesn't pay much attention to this sword, so I might be able to take it away.

Not to mention, since the ultimate Apocalypse is coming, this would be the final chance for me to retrieve the Delimitation Divine Sword.

—Lin is also there, so I need to take this chance to save her.

"I'll come with you" Boss said.

"Alright, I'll feel a bit more assured with you helping me" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The black dog turned into a mass of black flames and entered Gu Qing Shan's body.

"How about I come with you as well— you take care of the stealing and leave the fighting to me" Xiao Die suggested.

"No" the blind nun stopped her.

"Only the two of them would have a chance of returning, there will be issues if you go as well— I can already foresee a bit of trouble"

Xiao Die could only give up.

Gu Qing Shan nodded to everyone and entered the white fog, once again disappearing.

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The white fog swiftly faded away.

Gu Qing Shan landed in a certain secluded corner of the dark tunnel.

"How are we going to enter the Wraith realm?" Boss sent his voice and asked.

“It’s usually very difficult to enter the Wraith realm because it is being protected by many Causality Laws, only a human from the Wraith realm with a yaksha mask would be able to freely enter and leave this world” Gu Qing Shan replied.

He took out a mask.

This was a pure-white mask painted with a pair of thinly opened eyes using black shade, the black shade occasionally gave off a faint red glint that made it somewhat eerie.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

The Samsara Wicked Mask was the final mask of the Wraith realm, a treasure within the wraith’s Saint Selection.

It could devour the abilities of other treasures and upgrade that ability by one level.

If Gu Qing Shan hadn’t managed to use [Null Tribulation] and had the Six Paths Great Mountain sword to prove his identity, that ghostly figure wouldn’t have given him this mask.

—–the only concern is that this mask hadn’t been recorded in the Wraith realm.

But that’s not a difficult matter to resolve either.

Gu Qing Shan took out another yaksha mask with a blue background and black stripes.

—–on the day he saved Lin, he killed a few wraiths on his way and retrieved their masks, which he had kept up till now.

Instantly, lines of glowing text appeared in the void of space:

[Blue Oni mask]

[This mask contains the Guise Hex: Swallowing Wind]

[This Hex requires a hand seal to activate, it disappears on contact with a living being and produce countless blades of wind as a follow-up, manifesting as 12 consecutive strikes on contact with weapons]

[If you use the Divine Skill of the Samsara Wicked Mask, this Guise Hex will be upgraded by one level, would you like to do it?]

Gu Qing Shan instantly said: “Use it”

All the glowing lines of text disappeared and turned into new glowing lines of text in mid-air:

[You’ve activated Jade Cultivation Deep Shadow]

[The Guise Hex has been upgraded by one level]

[This mask contains the Guise Hex: Chaotic Wind Rending]

[This Hex does not require activation through hand seal, instantly manifest with your words, its power has been increased 10-fold]

[Chaotic Wind Rending had been manifested as your Samsara Wicked Mask’s Guise Hex]

The pure-white mask in Gu Qing Shan’s hand instantly turned blue, several streaks of black paint then appeared on the mask to depict a furious expression.

— the appearance was exactly the same as the other mask.

Crack!

The other mask cracked slightly as its ability was stolen.

The ability of the Samsara Wicked Mask was destructive, capable of causing a lot of damage to the original treasure.

Gu Qing Shan put the Samsara Wicked Mask on and told Boss: “I don’t know what kind of state the Wraith realm is currently in either, so after we arrive, you need to be ready, we might have to fight at any moment”

“Got it, I’ll pay close attention” Boss replied.

A mass of white fog manifested around Gu Qing Shan’s body again.

His figure vanished.

...

The Wraith realm.

Above the sky of the wilderness.

White fog manifested from thin air.

Gu Qing Shan flew out from it.

His surroundings appeared completely normal as if there wasn’t anyone here.

Suddenly, lines of glowing text quickly appeared on the War God UI:

[Attention]

[You’ve triggered a large-scale alert technique]

Gu Qing Shan’s eyes flickered.

This is the path that Xue Nu took when he brought me back to the Wraith Lord’s manor, so why is there suddenly a large-scale alert technique here?

Could they have been keeping guard of this exact location?

While he was thinking, a screen of light appeared a bit further away.

—these are fluctuations of a warping technique.

Someone is coming!

“Hurry and leave” Boss said.

“There’s not enough time, our surroundings might have already been sealed off— let’s observe the situation first” Gu Qing Shan spoke in a low tone.

The warp fluctuations disappeared.

A man wearing yellow-grey battle armor and a black yaksha mask with red stripes appeared in the sky.

His yaksha mask displayed an expression of pain and sorrow, but it was a type of yaksha mask that Gu Qing Shan had never seen before.

“Who are you?” the man asked.

Gu Qing Shan chuckled, then clasped his fist and said: “[Chaos Wind Rending]”

Unexpectedly, the other party also clasped their fist at the same time and said: “[Wraith King Protection]”

Instantly, countless green blades of wind surrounded the man and slashed at him continuously.

But since he had used his Guise Hex at the same time, an illusory image of a wraith enveloped his body and stopped all the slashes.

One breath later.

The green wind blades all disappeared, so did the illusory image.

Gu Qing Shan chuckled and said: “What fast reflexes”

“In combat, slow reflexes would only mean death” the man casually replied.

Without saying anything else, layers of white fog appeared around Gu Qing Shan’s body.

Since it’s currently urgent, wasting even one extra second could mean Renedol suddenly remembering the sword.

If she decides to keep the Delimitation Divine Sword by her side, it would be even more troublesome.

[Fog Realm Descent]!

Gu Qing Shan vanished.

The man didn’t move at all and let Gu Qing Shan vanish.

A second later, he began glowing with light as well—

Another warp technique.

Instantly, he vanished as well.

...

A dim environment with little to no light.

A breeze would occasionally blow here from deep inside the cave, a very faint sound of metal hitting rocks could be heard from other places in this mine.

White fog filled this place.

Gu Qing Shan appeared inside this mining tunnel.

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“This time, we need to seize——”

He abruptly stopped.

——in front of him, with another flash of light, the wraith from earlier reappeared.

The wraith stared at him without saying a word.

Gu Qing Shan slowly grinned and said: “How interesting, so you’ve followed me?”

...Seems like this one isn't going to be easy to escape from.

The wraith cultivator facing him clasped his hands behind his back and spoke with a clear voice: “I’ve gone to every location you’ve been to the last time you entered the Wraith realm. I made sure to analyze your every statement, every gesture, every action; then used a large number of resources and countless measures to finally set up a warp formation in every place that you’ve ever been, all to ensure that you wouldn’t be able to flee right away”

Gu Qing Shan’s expression went stiff and slowly said: “For you to spend so much effort, I’m quite honored”

“No need to be so formal, would you please tell me now who you are?” the wraith asked.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “I am the ultimate Abyssal form from the Eternal Abyss, a devil who kills without batting an eyelid, the one they call Big Monster Dragon”

The wraith went silent briefly.

“Big Monster Dragon? Seems like you aren’t speaking the truth”

He pulled a pair of sharp claw gauntlets from the void of space, equipped it on his hands, then shifted into a stance.

Gu Qing Shan also took out a pair of flaming red gloves and put it on while grinning: “You’re a strange enemy”

“You are very strange as well” the other party replied.

The two of them had both prepared themselves, ready to fight at any moment.

The wraith suddenly said: “The ores contained within every mine that you’ve ever been had already been fully harvested, so no one would make their way back here. But if we use Origin power during our battle, it would still alert others”

“Seems like you aren’t willing to draw other people here, your identity—” Gu Qing Shan commented.

“I assume you also don’t want to alert anyone as well” the wraith replied.

“Then for what reason did you stop me?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“We’ll only know after fighting” the wraith answered.

He suddenly vanished.

Gu Qing Shan’s pupils dilated and abruptly threw a punch towards his back.

A flash of black flames appeared and vanished in an instant as it clashed against a sharp claw.

The wraith moved like a drifting leaf, continuously sticking close to the walls of the mining tunnel.

Gu Qing Shan also took a step back.

Both of them had made sure to suppress their strength so as to not affect the tunnel at all, there wasn't even a sound from their clash.

— they were fighting with pure skill.

“How interesting, your fist technique is extremely rare among the wraiths, but I've also trained in plenty of them as well, let's hope you can teach me a thing or two” the wraith declared.

Gu Qing Shan briefly pondered as he recalled the fist techniques he had learnt.

His front fist opened into a palm, while his back fist clenched tightly at the back, shifting into a stance.

The wraith instantly rushed forward like a blurry shadow.

The two of them exchanged hundreds of blows before Gu Qing Shan was struck by a cold gleam and was forced to retreat several steps.

He took a defensive stance again while glancing downwards.

One of the claws had ripped through his right chest, which was now dripping with blood.

Within the dark mining tunnel, the clear sound of metal hitting rocks could be heard coming from the distance, even the sound of complaints and cursing from the miners could be discerned.

— their battle still hadn't alerted anyone.

“Are you really trying to kill me through this method?” Gu Qing Shan asked, feeling interested.

“I have no such thoughts. I’m merely thinking of beating you with nothing but skill, of course, if you’d rather die in this battle rather than using your power, I wouldn’t pity you either” the wraith shook his head.

Gu Qing Shan pondered: “So what kind of fun are you getting out of this kind of battle?”

The wraith didn’t answer him and instead continued his previous statement: “I can sense that you still have many powerful fist techniques that you haven’t used, but they all require being imbued with Origin power, or other kinds of forces, in order to perform. They might even blow away this entire mine—— but that would only draw the attention of others, neither you and I will benefit from that—— I suggest that you don’t use them”

Gu Qing Shan sighed and sighed: “And you’re willing to let me go?”

Indeed, [Ethereal] would cause too much of a commotion, and it requires Huang Quan Origin power to use, it would surely draw the attention of others.

But when it comes to fist techniques, I don’t know a lot outside of [Ethereal].

The wraith brandished his claws gauntlets a bit and replied: “Use your other skills, as long as you can defeat me with nothing but skill, I will naturally stop sticking to you”

After saying so, he leapt forward again and swung his claws.

Gu Qing Shan took another step back, only to find that he already had his back towards the wall, unable to retreat any further.

Those sharp claw swipes had surrounded his other paths of retreat, which he wouldn’t be able to use this fist technique to repel.

Right now, he would either be killed right here, or he would be forced to use Huang Quan Origin power to exert an overwhelming destructive power to resolve his predicament——

Instantly, he moved his hand.

A sword appeared in his grip, piercing through the intense waves of claw swipes.

No sound was heard.

No sword qi.

But all the claw swipes disappeared.

His sword had directly caught both of the other party's claws and locked his actions.

This strike had reached a transcendent level of skill, regardless of the technique or control of strength that it required.

Being caught by the sword, the wraith tried to change his attack several times, but still couldn't advance any further, so he had to retreat.

"So you were a sword cultivator" he commented.

"That's right, to battle without drawing any attention, my fists aren't quite well-trained enough—— I suspect that you spent so much effort to create this situation in order to find out what my expertise actually was" Gu Qing Shan said.

The wraith stared closely at the sword in Gu Qing Shan's hand and sighed:

"There was no other way. Both you and I are currently wearing yaksha masks, I can only discern who you are through your weapon"

“Weapon?” Gu Qing Shan looked at the Earth sword in his hand.

The wraith shook his hands and instantly put his claw gauntlets away, then explained:

“That’s right, at least I can still recognize the sword in your hand, from which I can discern your identity”

“—wielder of the twin swords Heaven and Earth, Gu Qing Shan”

Gu Qing Shan raised his eyebrows a bit and spoke in a grim voice: “And you are?”

“You’d naturally not remember. After I was framed and killed by the Wraith realm, you brought me into reincarnation and hurriedly went to fight against the Soul Shrieker” the wraith replied.

Gu Qing Shan’s mind moved quickly and suddenly recalled a certain person.

“You are—— Demon Dragon!”

He exclaimed.

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“It’s me” the wraith calmly replied.

Gu Qing Shan evaluated him and commented: “I remember that when you reincarnated, you had an agreement with the world spirit——”

“Already completed” Demon Dragon replied.

“It isn’t easy to infiltrate the Wraith realm, you must have gone through a lot of hardship” Gu Qing Shan commented.

“Indeed, it was extremely difficult to obtain a clean identity, but I understand the Wraith realm well—— I think I once told you that we would meet again” Demon Dragon replied.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but ask: “With so many years of cultivation knowledge, you could have completely let this matter pass, so why did you return? Did you already forget how you died?”

Demon Dragon stayed silent for a bit.

He seemed to be reminiscing before finally giving an answer: “I haven't forgotten how I died, not for a single moment, that's why I want to kill those three Wraith Lords with my own hands”

Gu Qing Shan sighed and shook his head.

Originally the most talented cultivator of the Wraith realm, he was sent away to be a spy, becoming the ultimate war Soul Artifact of the Bygone Era humans—— Demon Dragon.

Being trapped in the Demon Dragon's body for countless years, only to be casually discarded and killed when his usefulness ran out, his entire life could only be described as being horribly oppressed.

Anyone else would have also desired revenge.

Gu Qing Shan put his sword away and asked: “What identity have you taken on now?”

“I'm currently the number one Wraith Might below a Wraith Lord, my title is Corpse Wraith – Xue Long¹” Demon Dragon replied.

“That's why you've been continuously monitoring the situation. After discovering that it might have been me who appeared, you arranged for this meeting to see me” Gu Qing Shan commented.

“Yes, that's indeed the case” Demon Dragon replied.

“What’s the current situation in the Wraith realm?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Reneedol had turtled up inside the Wraith Temple, while all the remaining angels and wraiths are currently guarding that place” Demon Dragon answered.

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

—-the only thing left of the Delimitation Divine Sword is its fragments, which should have been taken there by the Wraith realm, but I don’t know where they would be hiding it.

“Gu Qing Shan, what’s your goal for coming to the Wraith realm this time?” Demon Dragon asked.

“Same as you, to kill the three Wraith Lords— as soon as they die, the entire Wraith realm would fall into chaos, then I’ll think of a way to deal with Reneedol” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Demon Dragon nodded: “The strength of three Wraith Lords cannot be underestimated, and since they’re always around the Grand Empress, I haven’t gotten a chance to kill them despite how long I’ve waited”

“Oh? That shouldn’t be the case at all, you’re in the shadows while they’re out in the open, there should always be a chance to ambush at least one of them” Gu Qing Shan said.

Demon Dragon explained: “—-Because each of them has a Soul Incense of the other two Wraith Lords, as soon as one of them dies, the other two Wraith Lords would immediately use an Immortal Craft to resurrect him”

Gu Qing Shan pondered for a few moments: “Which means, if you want to kill them, you’d have to come up with a way to kill all three of them at once?”

“Yes, that’s exactly the case” Demon Dragon confirmed.

“That’s extremely difficult” Gu Qing Shan commented.

“That’s why I still haven’t found a chance, now that you’re participating in this as well, I’d like to hear what you think” Demon Dragon said.

—regardless of anything else, Gu Qing Shan’s scheming mind was a cut above the rest, Demon Dragon had been deeply impressed by this.

Gu Qing Shan paced around the mining tunnel for a bit before telling him: “I also need to come into contact with them in order to see just how strong they actually are”

“There aren’t usually any unfamiliar people by the Wraith Lords’ side” Demon Dragon shook his head.

“I know one person, if you can help me bring him here, I have a method of taking his identity to help you kill the Wraith Lord” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Who?”

“Cang Wu Zhang”

“...The Wraith Lord’s son?”

“That’s right”

Demon Dragon pondered briefly before asking: “How sure are you about this?”

“70% sure” Gu Qing Shan didn’t completely guarantee it and continued: “The Wraith realm’s defenses are too tight; this is the only way I can infiltrate the top brass of the Wraith realm”

Demon Dragon thought briefly.

70% sure.

That's already quite considerable.

He then asked: "When do you want him?"

"As soon as possible. You probably know about the current circumstances already" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"Alright, leave this to me, wait here for my return" Demon Dragon told him.

Warp fluctuations radiated from his body again.

A second later, Demon Dragon disappeared.

The mining tunnels returned to silence once again.

Gu Qing Shan waited for a bit while releasing his inner sight to scan both the inside and outside of the mines.

No abnormalities.

It was only now that he sighed and took out a canned drink and slowly took a sip.

Boss suddenly spoke up: "You still haven't told him our goal"

"Whenever we recognize someone familiar, if you're wearing a mask, your first reaction would usually be to take off your mask for the other party to recognize you, don't you agree?" Gu Qing Shan said.

Boss thought briefly and replied: "I agree"

“But he didn’t. He kept his mask on the entire time” Gu Qing Shan continued.

“What’s wrong with that?” Boss asked.

“He’s very cautious and is subconsciously putting up his guard to obscure himself” Gu Qing Shan explained.

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“And you don’t trust him just because of that?” Boss asked.

“Let’s not mention any sort of trust. After all, he was my enemy in his past life, and I haven’t gotten to know him during his current life either, I don’t know what he had gone through, what his thoughts might be, or his true goals— I only know that he hated the Wraith realm and had always wanted revenge, other than that, I have no idea” Gu Qing Shan replied seriously.

“You’re also putting your guard up very high” Boss commented.

“It can’t be helped, one wrong step could mean I’m walking into a death trap, I have no choice but to be careful” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Then what do we do next?” Boss asked.

“Let’s observe the situation first, I also need to display a bit of our power as well, otherwise, he would think that we don’t consider him as an ally— if he truly becomes our comrade later on, I would welcome him with open arms” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“What about the Delimitation Divine Sword?” Boss asked again.

“We’ll cross that bridge when we get there. We still have Lin inside, who can be trusted without a doubt, perhaps she would know where the Delimitation Divine Sword is” Gu Qing Shan answered.

The two of them silently waited in the empty mining tunnel.

Time slowly went by.

Several hours soon passed.

Suddenly, a flash of light appeared in the tunnel.

Demon Dragon had reappeared, bringing with him an unconscious man.

Gu Qing Shan approached and took off the man's mask.

— it was indeed Cang Wu Zhang!

“You're quite impressive, it took me quite a bit of effort to kill him in the past, only for him to end up being revived” Gu Qing Shan praised.

“I've been mingling with him every day for several dozen years; he considers me his good brother” Demon Dragon coldly replied.

A sword appeared in Gu Qing Shan's hand.

“— you can't kill him! As soon as he died, the three Wraith Lords would immediately notice” Demon Dragon stopped him.

“Oh? That sounds troublesome, do you have a way to keep him unconscious like this?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I can do that, but what are you intending to do?” Demon Dragon asked.

Gu Qing Shan plucked a strand of hair from Cang Wu Zhang's head.

At the very next moment.

Gu Qing Shan's body began to transform as he quickly took on Cang Wu Zhang's appearance.

Demon Dragon looked at Cang Wu Zhang, who was unconscious on the ground, then carefully looked at Gu Qing Shan.

"It's plausible, but there's still one huge issue"

"What's that?"

"Cang Wu Zhang's mask is among the highest levels within the Wraith realm, which had already synchronized with his inner sight. No one would be able to steal it, so if you want to disguise as him, you'd have to wear a different mask—"

Halfway through his sentence, Demon Dragon stopped.

He saw the mask on Gu Qing Shan's face slowly changing from black and blue to pure white.

A second later, numerous colorful hues filled the mask to depict a solemn and dignified expression.

This mask looked exactly the same as Cang Wu Zhang's mask!

Crack—

A tiny noise was heard.

Several thin cracks had appeared on Cang Wu Zhang's mask.

Demon Dragon spoke with a hoarse voice: “You’ve always had several trump cards”

“No, you simply haven’t seen me for too long that you aren’t clear about my situation” Gu Qing Shan replied.

—now that I think about it, when Cang Wu Zhang fought against me and Shifu on the Divine Mountain Sumeru, his Guise Hex was extremely potent.

I wonder how strong it would become after being upgraded by the Samsara Wicked Mask?

Gu Qing Shan’s gaze turned to the void of space.

Lines of glowing text had appeared to display the details of the mask.

[Heavenly Wraith Mask]

[This mask contains the Guise Hex: Seven Wraiths of Fu Dou]

[This Guise Hex will automatically activate in combat. Whenever an enemy attacks, seven shadows will appear to retaliate against the enemy with the same power]

[Attention: This is practically the strongest yaksha mask]

[If you use the Samsara Wicked Mask’s Divine Skill, this Guise Hex will be upgraded by one level and be imbued onto the Samsara Wicked Mask]

[—You’ve chosen to activate Jade Cultivation Deep Shadow]

All the glowing text swiftly disappeared as new lines of text show up on the screen:

[You’ve activated Jade Cultivation Deep Shadow]

[The Heavenly Wraith Mask has been upgraded by one level]

[This mask contains the Guise Hex: Yin Wraiths of Nine Serenities]

[This Guise Hex will automatically activate in combat. Whenever an enemy attacks, nine shadows will appear to retaliate against the enemy with the same power]

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

This is truly—

Powerful beyond imaginations!

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but ask: "How come the three Wraith Lords didn't keep such a powerful Guise Hex to themselves?"

Demon Dragon chuckled sarcastically and said: "This brat Cang Wu Zhang was able to please the Grand Empress. Since the Grand Empress thinks of the yaksha mask as disgusting and doesn't want to wear it, she bestowed it to him"

"Tch, [Seven Wraiths of Fu Dou] is so powerful, and yet it fell into the hands of someone like him. At the same time, since this was the Grand Empress' will, no one dared to try and take it from him"

Demon Dragon looked at Gu Qing Shan and muttered: "I've never thought that you would be able to steal [Seven Wraiths of Fu Dou] for your own mask"

Gu Qing Shan just looked down without saying anything.

A burst of black flames suddenly appeared next to him.

A voice spoke up from inside the flames:

"Wait a moment, did you say that he could please Reneedol?"

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The black flames manifested into the form of a black dog.

Demon Dragon looked at the black dog and clearly felt the flames of Death exuding from his body.

Gu Qing Shan explained: "This is a friend of mine, he's an ally, you can answer him"

Demon Dragon then answered: "During one of the Wraith realm's countless invasions of other worlds, Cang Wu Zhang was fortunate enough to obtain a certain Occultism treasure"

"And he's using that treasure to charm Renedol?" the black dog asked while baring his teeth.

Demon Dragon suddenly felt an inexplicable chill, then continued: "That's not the case. That treasure's only function was to choose a person and let the user know whether or not today would be appropriate for the user to meet that person"

The black dog was stunned.

Gu Qing Shan was also stunned.

"What kind of treasure is that supposed to be?" the black dog asked.

"Every time Cang Wu Zhang goes to meet the Grand Empress, he would arrive right as the Grand Empress wanted to order someone, or when she was the most irritated and wanted to hear someone talk. In this manner, he gradually caught the Grand Empress' eyes and would occasionally obtain a reward from her" Demon Dragon explained.

"What's their relationship?" the black dog tried asking further.

Demon Dragon was surprised briefly before realizing what he was asking and chuckled: "What? Did you think that the Grand Empress felt interested in him? That's impossible, the Grand Empress merely likes to hear him tell some stories about the Age of Immemorial"

"Stories from the Age of Immemorial?" Gu Qing Shan and Boss asked at the same time.

"Indeed, Cang Wu Zhang had done a bit of research about the Age of Immemorial, so he was frequently summoned by the Grand Empress to report his findings" Demon Dragon replied.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at Boss and asked: “What kind of things has he told the Grand Empress?”

Demon Dragon said: “I’ve tried asking him a few times, he said that he was always telling her about the myths and legends regarding the Deities of Fate”

The two of them fell silent.

—in that case, it wasn’t actually Reneedol listening to him, but rather the two Deities of Fate next to her who were listening to Cang Wu Zhang tell stories of their past and reminiscing about them.

Demon Dragon then said: “Ah, that’s right, he would occasionally tell stories about the Lord of Radiance as well”

Huh?

Gu Qing Shan and Boss exchanged glances.

Boss suppressed his delight and asked: “What were the stories about?”

Demon Dragon frowned: “That period of history had been largely erased by the Grand Empress herself, so no one really knew what happened to the Lord of Radiance, nor what had happened between him and his companions. Cang Wu Zhang had only ever found out some mundane stories and legends”

Gu Qing Shan was completely puzzled when he heard this answer.

Tch—

What a real mess.

You already stabbed Boss several times, and now you’re having others tell you stories about Boss? What exactly do you want?

Gu Qing Shan was truly confused, unsure of what to think about the relationship between Boss and Renedol.

He silently glanced at Boss, only to see that he had also become as stiff as a statue.

Demon Dragon then crouched down next to Cang Wu Zhang and searched his body.

“What are you looking for?”

“That Occultism artifact, while it isn’t very useful, it has always been accurate”

While the majority of Wraith realm humans preferred to store things in their bracelets, there would always be one or two precious things that they stored elsewhere.

Demon Dragon then took out a small box from Cang Wu Zhang’s side pocket.

Opening the box revealed a small wooden figure that was about one centimeter tall that depicted a wrinkled old man with a long silver beard.

“This thing can inform you when it would be suitable to go meet Renedol” Demon Dragon explained.

“Do you know how to use it?” Gu Qing Shan touched the statue and immediately knew how to use it, but pretended like he didn’t.

“Just ask it. The statue will sing one of two statements, the first one means that today is appropriate for you to see her, the second means today isn’t a good day”

After saying that, Demon Dragon lifted the figure in his hand and pointed it at Gu Qing Shan.

“—Don’t move, since you’ve already taken Cang Wu Zhang’s form, let us see whether or not if it’s a good day for you to go meet her”

Gu Qing Shan shrugged and stood still.

The silver-bearded old man opened his eyes and glanced at Gu Qing Shan before speaking: “How impressive, you’re not him, but no one would be able to tell”

Gu Qing Shan was shocked and asked: “You could tell?”

“Alright, I’m going to start singing”

The old man said, took a deep breath, then started singing: “In life sometimes——”

Music suddenly started playing.

The old man raised his voice and shouted like he was singing karaoke: “You have to take a chance!”

The music stopped, the old man then closed his eyes and became motionless.

Demon Dragon nodded and confirmed: “Seems like after you turned into Cang Wu Zhang, today would be a good day for you to meet the Grand Empress”

“——Wait a moment! Please try it on me as well” the black dog said.

Demon Dragon hesitated a bit and glanced at Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan said: “Try it”

Demon Dragon pointed the statue at the black dog.

The silver-bearded old man opened his eyes again, looked at the black dog and shook his head: “Take a look at yourself right now, don’t you look like a dog?”

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The old man began singing: “When life doesn’t fit——”

Music started playing.

The old man’s voice became gentle and narrowed his eyes while smiling: “Don’t force it”

After singing, he sighed and closed his eyes, becoming motionless once again.

Gu Qing Shan: “...”

The black dog: “...”

“It seems the Grand Empress doesn’t want to meet a dog today” Demon Dragon pondered.

The black dog’s ears became flat on his head.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly but couldn’t find the words to console him.

——he clearly determined himself not to bootlick her anymore.

But Reneedol was now secretly interested in his past self.

Love truly is torture.

Probably, only a love master like Ye Fei Li would be able to understand the twists and turns within.

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed.

All of a sudden, lines of glowing text appeared in front of his eyes:

[You’ve listened to Occultism music and singing]

[You've completed the fifth stage of the Living Being Sacrificial Dance, the Offering Dance of Three Lives]

[From this point on, you can begin practicing the sixth stage of the Sacrificial Dance at any moment, the Deathmatch Dance]

[Attention, the Deathmatch Dance is a war dance, similar to the fourth stage of the Sacrificial Dance, the Sword Dance of Offering; but it contains a richer symbolism of the Dance]

[A certain entity in the Dusty World hopes that you could diligently practice and quickly grasp this stage of the Dance]

[She is coming to say a few words to you]

[Three]

[Two]

[One]

[She has arrived]

Everything around him suddenly froze.

Demon Dragon, the black dog, even the wind in the air and the mining noises from the other areas of the mine had completely gone silent.

A dried and hoarse female voice resounded:

「 Gu Qing Shan, very few had ever been able to reach your current level 」

「 A lot of people would become stuck at the fourth stage of the Sacrificial Dance, as this stage requires an almost impossibly large amount of Prayers 」

「 — but you were able to use the billions of Prayers that the [Demon King Order] had accumulated over countless years to complete this stage of the Dance 」

「 Furthermore, the fifth stage of the Dance, Offering Dance of Three Lives, isn't quite as easy to complete as it might seem 」

「 The Offering Dance of Three lives requires enough karma and enough desire in order to see through the three lives and witness each of a person's aspects 」

「 And now, you've entered the sixth stage— the requirement to enter this stage is to listen to Occultism singing, your luck is truly excellent as always 」

「 This stage is called the Deathmatch Dance; it will provide you with the combat prowess of Occultism in the era to follow 」

「 The future is dark and filled with destruction, all things and all living beings would be destroyed, the Reality Gate would not be able to hold up for too long. Everything will be destroyed, and not even we will be able to stop it 」

「 With this Dance, you shall have a sliver of hope 」

「 Do your best 」

The female voice faded away.

Everything then returned to normal.

While standing still, Gu Qing Shan felt a cold sweat soaking his back.

According to what she said, everything would be destroyed in the future era?

This Dance was first taught to me by the strongest Combatant of the Bygone Era.

Similar to what she had told me, that Combatant also considered this Dance to be the only hope.

I've also witnessed the miraculous power of this Dance throughout my journey.

In that case, I can only hope that I'd quickly be able to grasp this Dance!

Gu Qing Shan silently swore to seize as much time as he could to practice the Dance.

“Hm? Why did your complexion suddenly turn so pale?” Demon Dragon asked.

“It's nothing” Gu Qing Shan squeezed out a smile and replied: “Let's go, lead me into the Wraith Temple, we need to think of a way to kill all three Wraith Lords”

Demon Dragon was delighted: “Indeed”

He crouched down and stripped Cang Wu Zhang down to his underwear, before giving everything to Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan finished changing his clothes.

For some reason, he kept feeling like he was hearing a faint, almost inaudible sound of music.

Perhaps this is the beginning of the Deathmatch Dance?

He shook his head.

It hadn't caused any issues yet, so Gu Qing Shan decided to ignore the faint sound of music.

The black dog turned back into a mass of flames before it entered Gu Qing Shan's Thought Sea.

Demon Dragon lightly tapped the void of space.

Streams of light began to flow around them.

A warp formation had just been activated.

"Ah, right, is there anything else I need to pay attention to?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Demon Dragon glanced at him and said: "Act a bit more arrogant"

"More arrogant?"

"Yeah"

A flash of light appeared.

They then vanished from the tunnel.

Chapter 1555

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The light of the warp formation flickered continuously.

Two figures suddenly appeared.

One of them wore a black yaksha mask with red stripes depicting a pained expression, while the other wore a colorful mask that depicted a solemn and dignified expression.

The two of them exuded immense pressure simply by standing within the formation.

As the wraiths around noticed them, they all immediately bowed in greetings:

“Greetings Wraith Might Cang, Wraith Might Xue Long!”

The two Wraith Might swiftly disembark from the formation.

While they were walking forward, Demon Dragon sent his voice: “No one can warp directly into the Wraith Temple, we need to walk through this passage in order to reach the gate of the Wraith Temple— pay attention, your maidservants have arrived”

Gu Qing Shan gazed forward and saw six slender women with delicate physiques and features arriving to greet them.

“Master” they all lowered themselves to greet him.

Demon Dragon continued sending his voice: “Cang Wu Zhang pays a lot of attention to being showy, so these girls were the most beautiful women chosen from countless worlds, the twelve cultivators behind them are his personal guards”

Gu Qing Shan focused his gaze and sure enough saw twelve cultivators stepping forward to greet him: “Wraith Might, sir”

—I’ve only just shown up and there are already so many subordinates as well as other wraith cultivators watching us.

“Demon Dragon, why didn’t you tell me about this ahead of time?” Gu Qing Shan sent his voice and asked.

“There really was no time, you should know how urgent things are, I didn’t have the time to slowly explain everything to you— not to mention, how could this little scene even trouble you?” Demon Dragon replied.

Gu Qing Shan truly had nothing left to say.

He recalled Cang Wu Zhang’s usual demeanor and loudly laughed to everyone: “Go! Go! Go! I got quite a bit of harvest during my trip this time, brother Xue Long and I need to make a trip to the Wraith Temple first”

Demon Dragon and he both continued walking forward.

Hearing him, the maidservants and guards swiftly stepped aside and followed them from behind.

On the way, some people would occasionally greet them.

Demon Dragon smiled in response to each of them and even clasped his fist in response to some of the greetings.

Gu Qing Shan walked next to him but completely ignored everyone else, only very occasionally would he return a greeting, and even then he only glossed it over.

The two of them soon reached the entrance of the Wraith Temple.

Several wraith guards greeted as they saw them: "Sirs, please let us examine your yaksha masks"

Demon Dragon took off his mask and handed it over.

Gu Qing Shan followed suit.

A wraith guard received the masks and used a scepter to examine them.

Neither of the masks reacted at all.

Another spell scanned through the two of them, which also gave off no reactions.

The wraith guard then nodded and loudly called out: "Open the gates for the two Wraith Might!"

Eight wraith guards pushed the gates open.

Gu Qing Shan and Demon Dragon entered, while the maidservants and guards were naturally stopped outside the temple.

Inside the Wraith Temple.

Many Wraith Might, Wraith Generals, as well as 6-winged seraphim were hurriedly flying back and forth as if making some sort of preparation.

This was a critical moment of survival.

— the pressure of the giant eyeball wasn't something that they could underestimate.

"The tall person in red on the right is Wraith Might Lan Jiang. He had always been at odds with Cang Wu Zhang; verbally clashing whenever they meet" Demon Dragon sent his voice.

"If I knew there were so many issues, I would have searched through Cang Wu Zhang's soul before coming to the Wraith Temple" Gu Qing Shan said.

"His soul is protected by a unique measure; it can't be searched" Demon Dragon replied.

Thinking about that, Gu Qing Shan sighed helplessly.

At this point, Wraith Might Lan Jiang had already seen Gu Qing Shan and immediately appeared sarcastic, asking with his arms crossed: "Brother Wu Zhang, in the face of this serious situation, you seem to have decided to chase some butterflies like a mare again?"

The wraiths and angels around all lowered their heads, acting like they didn't hear it.

Demon Dragon sent his voice: "He likes to compare Cang Wu Zhang to various beasts and animals, and you're the same, but he's acting quite a bit overboard today"

Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist and calmly said in return: "Brother Lan Jiang, you—"

He then appeared hesitant.

"Ahaha, Brother Wu Zhang, can't you even refute the fact that you've slacked off this time around?" Wraith Might Lan Jiang laughed out loud.

Gu Qing Shan appeared troubled: "—brother Lan Jiang, with your moral behaviors, I feel sorry for everything that I try to compare you to, it's really troubling. I think you should just stay a human for this

life since you probably won't be one again next time, perhaps you'll become a pot of pork roast or something in Hell, the Hell Spawns would probably like that"

After saying that, he clasped his fist and left.

Wraith Might was completely speechless, unable to say anything in return.

"Where are the three Wraith Lords?" Gu Qing Shan sent his voice to ask.

"Most likely in the secret room, discussing various tactics and countermeasures along with the Grand Empress" Demon Dragon replied.

"As soon as they leave, you, me, and the black dog will each ambush one of them at the same time, that will ensure that none of them will survive" Gu Qing Shan said

Demon Dragon appeared delighted, but then discreetly shook his head: "Not possible, I suspect that they'll continue to remain by the Grand Empress' side"

"In that case, you're saying that we won't be able to kill them for now?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"I would probably only be able to act during the retreat when everything is in complete chaos" Demon Dragon sighed.

"Are we going to retreat?" Gu Qing Shan pursued the issue.

"I heard that this was the case, the rumors are being spread all over" Demon Dragon replied.

Gu Qing Shan paused.

—the Wraith Temple should have been their final fortress that needs to be guarded till the very end, and yet someone is spreading the rumor that they're going to retreat somewhere else.

If this was actually the case, their morale would already be shaking.

Who would do such a thing?

Gu Qing Shan thought of a certain answer.

“That’s right, were there any treasures within the Wraith Temple? I remember there being a bow called ‘Mara Heavenly King’?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“What? Are you interested in that bow?” Demon Dragon asked.

“I am” Gu Qing Shan replied.

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“I suggest you leave it. Only the bow’s spirit remains, the bow itself is already nowhere to be seen” Demon Dragon answered.

“Then, was there a talisman called Red Wraith?” Gu Qing Shan asked again.

“You know about that as well? Its situation is the exact opposite of the bow. The main body of the talisman is currently inside the Wraith Temple, but the talisman’s spirit is nowhere to be seen” Demon Dragon replied.

“Both of the Wraith realm’s treasures sure are in a terrible situation” Gu Qing Shan commented.

Demon Dragon nodded and followed up: “Neither of their Divine Artifacts is complete, so the Wraith realm is unable to suppress any calamity—— perhaps this was karma for all the deaths this world had caused”

“Where are they right now?” Gu Qing Shan asked again.

——*artifacts of this degree might be left in the same place as the Samsara Delimitation Divine Sword.*

“They’re all naturally left with the Grand Empress—-- wait, the person ahead on your right hates Cang Wu Zhang to an extreme. You should be careful; you won’t be a match for her” Demon Dragon reminded him again.

Gu Qing Shan followed his words and looked forward.

He saw Lin.

The 12-winged seraph, Lin.

Lin was currently giving orders to the angels with her arms crossed, but suddenly sensed something and looked over, noticing Gu Qing Shan.

“Let’s leave quickly, she enjoys challenging Cang Wu Zhang to one-on-one combat, using that as an excuse to beat him up” Demon Dragon explained.

“Even with the strongest Guise Hex, Cang Wu Zhang was no match for her?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Completely unmatched. Her ability to take hits is on a completely different level to ours” Demon Dragon replied.

Gu Qing Shan was speechless.

In the past, it was Demon Dragon’s body that was the most damage-resistant.

Demon Dragon would have been able to take on any physical attack without the fear of death.

But now, he had already reincarnated into a Wraith realm cultivator again.

After obtaining the 12-winged seraph Abyssal form, Lin’s damage resistance had actually surpassed Demon Dragon’s.

“Let’s hurry up and go, she has already spotted you!” Demon Dragon urged.

Both of them sped up.

Suddenly.

A gust of wind blew against them.

Lin's figure silently landed in front of them and blocked their way.

"Pretty boy, how come you're running as soon as you see me?"

Lin raised her hand and cracked her knuckles, causing a series of popping noises.

Gu Qing Shan paused and looked at her.

Boss sent his voice: "How about sending your voice to tell inform her of your identity"

Gu Qing Shan resolutely denied it: "Definitely not! Everyone's attention is currently on us, Lin is also a straightforward person, so if she found out my identity, her expression might change and draw suspicion"

"Then what now? You can't actually fight her, because you don't know any of Cang Wu Zhang's techniques, you'd only expose yourself" Boss said.

At this point, everyone had turned their way; focusing their attention on the two of them.

——the conflict between Wraith Might Lan Jiang and Wraith Might Cang was an internal conflict so no one wanted to get involved, but this one was a conflict between the two races of angel and wraith.

This time, even Wraith Might Lan Jiang had taken his distance with a grin that clearly indicated him laughing at another's pain.

In front of everyone, Gu Qing Shan faced Lin's gaze straight on and sighed: "Hah, this woman, you're trying to draw my attention through battle, aren't you?"

Lin's expression became frigid and grunted: "I don't want to see your face, trash"

Gu Qing Shan took a step back but didn't shift into a fighting stance and only clasped his hand, smiling with a knowing expression: "You're saying that you don't want to see me— — but aren't you practically waiting to fight me? Hah, I'm actually here to meet the Grand Empress, so if you're stopping me like this..."

Lin froze.

—how am I supposed to beat him up now?

If I act, wouldn't that prove that he was right?

Not to mention, he's saying that he's coming to meet the Grand Empress, so if I did act right now, wouldn't that brand me as trying to steal the Grand Empress' little man?

I'm here on a covert mission, I can't get shackled with such a reputation!

Alright, I'll wait until the Wraith realm is destroyed before I take this dog's life.

"Tsk"

Lin suddenly turned around and headed away.

She left very quickly while exuding clear killing intent.

—a martial artist wasn't afraid of exposing their true emotions.

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed.

Boss then commented: "You're saved for now, but if Lin learns of the truth later on..."

"We'll cross that bridge when we get there" Gu Qing Shan replied.

At this point, Demon Dragon cleared his throat and said; "Wraith Might Cang, are you really heading to see the Grand Empress?"

Gu Qing Shan immediately followed up: "Was there something else?"

"Ahaha, I actually wanted to ask you to come and check a few treasures I've found recently" Demon Dragon replied.

"Alright, then I'll come with you first and seek an audience with the Grand Empress later" Gu Qing Shan happily said.

—-the subject has been changed.

Now I don't need to meet the Grand Empress, all of the minor issues have been resolved, and I'd be able to take this chance to disappear with Demon Dragon from everyone's eyes.

After that, I only need to silently observe the situation.

The two of them exchanged glances, nodded, then began heading in another direction.

Right at this moment, deep within the palace, a voice suddenly called out:

"On orders of the Grand Empress, summon Cang Wu Zhang for an audience, effective immediately!"

The two of them stopped.

Demon Dragon's expression changed a bit and sent his voice: "Oh no, what now?"

Gu Qing Shan maintained his calm and replied: “That Occultism treasure said that it’s currently suitable for me to meet her, there won’t be an issue”

“Then——”

“Wait for me somewhere, I’ll go and check the situation”

“If she wants you to tell her stories about the Age of Immemorial——”

Gu Qing Shan grinned and replied: “I’m an expert on that as well, don’t worry”

He turned and headed towards the grand hall.

Chapter 1556

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While heading towards the grand hall, Gu Qing Shan released his inner sight to cautiously examine the situation.

Only to see that everyone appeared to be completely used to it, not paying much attention, if any at all, to him.

Everyone was gazing at the entrance to the grand hall.

Over a dozen wraiths who gave off powerful presences were carrying various boxes, chests, and storage treasure devices towards the grand hall.

Gu Qing Shan narrowed his eyes.

He could sense some of the boxes giving off terrifying fluctuations.

It seems they're some especially powerful treasures.

—what are they planning to do?

Renedol seems to be preparing for something considerable and not just having me tell her some stories.

With that in mind, Gu Qing Shan's guard was raised even higher.

Following the change in his attitude, the faint sound of music by his ears became quite a bit clearer and louder.

Huh?

What's going on? Did I accidentally trigger the Deathmatch Dance?

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[You've prepared yourself for collecting information]

[You've focused your attention on the upcoming mission, constantly ready for combat]

[The Deathmatch Dance was affected by this and is currently manifesting its initial form]

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent for a bit.

"War God UI, do you know what's going on with this Dance?" he silently asked.

[No idea] the War God UI replied.

His Soul Points were silently deducted.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at the changing Soul Points number and complained: "You're glossing it over with 'no idea'? At least tell me what's going on with this music"

This time, the War God UI's answer was a bit longer: [I'm not glossing it over. In reality, this stage of the Sacrificial Dance is your official introduction to the power of Occultism, it is currently sensing your personal style and using this to create your personal unprecedented Deathmatch Dance. Before it has been fully manifested, the System cannot predict what would happen to it]

His Soul Points value was deducted twice.

Gu Qing Shan raised an eyebrow and asked: "Why did you deduct Soul Points twice?"

[You asked two questions] the War God UI replied.

His Soul Points were deducted once again.

Glancing at the small number of Soul Points he had left, Gu Qing Shan no longer tried to refute the System.

He kept silent and kept moving forward.

While he was thinking, a female scoff was heard by his ears.

—Lin walked past him and swiftly made her way into the grand hall.

Indeed, she's currently a 12-winged seraph, the strongest individual in the angel world; she's naturally qualified to enter the grand hall.

The three Wraith Lords should also be by Reneedol's side.

Gu Qing Shan's gaze pulled back briefly before focusing on the treasures that were being carried inside again.

...they're probably going to discuss something critical.

He sped up towards the grand hall.

...

Inside the grand hall.

Lin arrived first.

All three Wraith Lords were here, as well as several of the commander angels.

Renedol sat on top of a high throne with a solemn expression.

Wraith Lord Karmic Fire ordered: "Open all the treasures, we need to take a look and see what might be able to aid us under these critical circumstances"

Lin shook her head: "Bai Yuan, I know you've spent a lot of effort collecting various treasures over these years, but how could any of them be capable of going against that giant eyeball?"

Bai Yuan was Wraith Lord Karmic Fire's real name, so he pondered briefly before answering: "In reality, within the Samsara, each and every realm has their own Delimitation Divine Artifact that contains unlimited power. I think that any of them would be able to put up a fight against that eyeball"

Lin chuckled sarcastically and asked: "And did you find any of these Delimitation Divine Artifacts?"

Bai Yuan sighed and replied: "We actually did, but unfortunately..."

"Unfortunately it's just a bunch of broken fragments now" Wraith Lord Giant Frame followed up.

Everyone went silent.

Renedol sighed and said: "Everyone, a moment of life and death is right in front of us, does anyone have a solution for that eyeball?"

No one answered at all.

The grand hall fell into silence with the atmosphere gradually becoming grim and desperate.

Suddenly, someone reported: "Wraith Might Cang has arrived"

A few moments later, Cang Wu Zhang appeared in front of them with a flash.

Everyone turned to him.

He then smiled and bowed at everyone: "Greetings, Grand Empress. Greetings the Wraith Lords and angels"

As soon as he said that, the sound of music reverberated behind him.

Puu bon bon bon!

Puu bon bon bon!

Puu bon bon bon bon bon——¹

A rhythmic series of drumming resounded briefly before disappearing.

The grand hall returned to silence.

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Reneedol: "..."

The three Wraith Lords: "..."

Lin: "..."

Gu Qing Shan froze on the spot, completely flabbergasted.

I only intended to greet them and stand on one side without saying a single word.

—so why did I get personal background music for my entrance.

Even more importantly, it would have been fine if you gave me a dance directly, now that everyone is gathered here, I don't mind killing them all at once.

Why did you give me some background music then stopped right away?

He looked at everyone, only to see that they were all observing him with an inexplicable expression.

Wraith Lord Giant Frame shouted: "Idiotic child, what did you do just now?"

—he was Cang Wu Zhang's father.

In the past, when Cang Wu Zhang was killed by Gu Qing Shan, he was the one who requested Bai Yuan to perform an Immortal Craft to resurrect Cang Wu Zhang.

Hearing this, Gu Qing Shan understood that he was being given a chance to explain himself, so he immediately clasped his fist and answered apologetically: "I'm very sorry, I've been researching Occultism rhythms recently. After this great battle, I will offer it up for everyone to listen"

He glanced at the War God UI.

Lines of glowing text had already appeared there:

[A Deathmatch Dance that suits your style is being manifested]

[First step: Background music]

[Personal style is being determined]

[You've obtained an opening theme for the Deathmatch Dance; the detailed composition is being arranged]

[Attention, you cannot control this music]

[It will sense your personal charms to gradually create a special tune suitable for you alone]

Gu Qing Shan's expression went stiff and silently asked: "So my personal style is 'puu bon bon bon'?"

[During manifestation, this Dance will need to experiment a few times before determining your opening music]

[Furthermore, after the System's complete examination, an overall trend has been found, to obtain information of the overall trend, you need to immediately expend 10,000 Soul Points]

"Take it" Gu Qing Shan clenched his teeth.

10,000 Soul Points were then deducted.

The War God UI solemnly told him: [In reality, from your personal status, as the transcendental chef, the venerable Devil King of Huang Quan, newest heir of the Occultism Dance, the great Performer and Actor, Pioneer of the upcoming Age of [Order], the disciple of the Thousand Dragon Ancestor, the absolute purest man in a sea of wildflowers, as well as your numerous experiences of war, single-handedly ending many tough battles, and your good karma of saving numerous worlds; your opening music would definitely not contain only this ridiculous 'puu bon bon bon' —]

"And?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

The War God UI replied: [Other than 'puu bon bon bon', perhaps you'll get some 'bang bang bang' as well]

Gu Qing Shan disappointedly lowered his head.

What else could he say now?

In front of everyone, he was left with no choice but to forcefully maintain his calm as he looked up again, clasping his fist apologetically.

Reneedol was feeling troubled, so she didn't want to ask too much and simply said: "It's too early to consider celebratory winning music right now, we currently need to consider any solutions we have to deal with that eyeball"

"Understood" Gu Qing Shan nodded.

Lin stood with the others and glanced at him, but her mind was full of turmoil.

—Reneedol and the wraiths didn't know about this impulsive style of music nor any of the corresponding details, so it was normal for them to react that way.

But Lin had already been cut into countless pieces by this same kind of music after returning from the Age of Old.

She had already witnessed Gu Qing Shan's Dance during the Bramble Bird Kingdom's Count conferring ceremony.

This style of music had left an extremely deep impression on her.

Searching its origins, this Sacrificial Dance was actually a treasure that the strongest Combatant of the Bygone Era accidentally found.

As a Bygone Era human, Lin naturally understood this very well!

She silently replayed that music in her mind several times before she recognized the familiar feeling.

There are no mistakes.

There are definitely no mistakes.

This is the exact same thing as the Dance that the old man passed down!

But Cang Wu Zhang...

This can't be right, the old man's only disciple was Gu Qing Shan, so how could that pretty boy Cang Wu Zhang obtain this Dance as well?

At this point, countless thoughts moved through Lin's mind.

*Recalling how Cang Wu Zhang dared to toy with me in front of everyone outside the grand hall—
Could it be...*

Lin clenched her fist tightly and almost rushed over to question him.

—-but this isn't the time for that!

She glanced around.

Everyone was only looking at the treasures or sighing and shaking their heads in disdain towards Cang Wu Zhang.

Lin clenched her teeth again, unable to help herself silently sending her voice to Cang Wu Zhang:

"Hm?"

This 'hm' was filled with several layers of meaning, anyone who knew about it would understand what it meant, while the real Cang Wu Zhang would only feel clueless about this sudden 'hm'.

Hearing this, Gu Qing Shan had no other choice.

If Lin didn't know, it wasn't an issue if I hid it from her, since we're being surrounded by enemies, I'd have many ways to justify it.

But if I still tried to deceive Lin after she purposely asked.

That...

That outcome is...

Gu Qing Shan could only answer with an unchanged expression:

“Hm”

Lin silently listened to his answer and slowly narrowed her eyes.

Chapter 1557

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Gu Qing Shan sighed.

I originally wanted to hide this for a while longer.

Since Lin is a straightforward person, she sometimes doesn't know how to hide her inner thoughts.

Informing her of my true identity isn't necessarily a good thing for her---

She might start subconsciously acting or speaking differently.

This would definitely draw suspicion.

It was because I was worried about this that I didn't tell her the truth.

But after that 'puu bon bon bon', she immediately recognized me.

Gu Qing Shan pondered a bit and asked: “Boss, how strong is Lin currently?”

Boss' voice resounded in his Thought Sea: “The 12-winged seraph Abyssal form she's currently using was one of the Abyssal forms that I spent a lot of effort to create, it's a lot more powerful compared to any other Abyssal forms”

“Even more powerful compared to the Fate Weaver?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“A lot more powerful. After all, she is the main force among those infiltrating the Wraith realm, not only did I use the frozen corpse's hair, I even absorbed quite a bit of power from the eyeball in order to create this Abyssal form”

Gu Qing Shan felt assured.

—if that's the case, then Lin would at least be able to protect herself.

However, after my confirmation 'hm', Lin stopped sending her voice.

If she's angry...

I don't mind anything except the fact that she's probably going to want to beat me up.

Now that she's become so much stronger, it's probably not easy to face her.

Remembering his battle against Lin on the Gemini Star, Gu Qing Shan felt his face becoming itchy.

Then—

“Lin, I’m sorry!” he sent his voice.

No answer.

He continued to send his voice: “I actually wanted to inform you earlier, but there were too many people watching, so I was afraid that you might not be able to react in time”

This time, there was an answer—

A resounding mature female voice echoed in his Thought Sea:

“Huh? Are you looking down on this big sister’s improv skills?”

Gu Qing Shan panicked and immediately sent his voice: “Definitely not! My situation is a bit unique right now, Boss is currently with me, we entered this world together”

“Boss is currently with you?” Lin’s tone became a bit strange.

“That’s right, he’s currently a dog. We have a bird as well, but the bird wouldn’t have been useful here, so he went off to do something else, only Boss and I are here now” Gu Qing Shan explained.

“Your relationships are as chaotic as always— I don’t need to know that much, don’t immediately leave after the meeting is over, wait outside for me, we’re going have a nice and long talk about today’s matter” Lin sent her voice.

Gu Qing Shan snuck a glance at Lin, only to see her lightly moving her wrist, occasionally clenching her fist.

Not good!

She’s definitely going to ask for a fight!

Can I fight against Lin with my sword?

— I can’t go all out like that.

Then I can only use my fists.

— but I can’t use [Ethereal] either, since this fist technique was supposed to have destroyed the Samsara itself.

Am I going to have to let myself be beaten up?

At this point, Gu Qing Shan had naturally forgotten the Apocalypse, he was only worried about how to cross this difficult challenge ahead of him.

“What’s the matter? I feel like you’ve just run into some sort of issue” Boss suddenly asked.

“Lin just told me to meet her later, most likely she’ll be asking for a fight” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Didn’t you win against her before?” Boss seemed surprised.

“That was when we were still enemies, I naturally can’t fight to kill her at this point in time” Gu Qing Shan sighed.

“Then there’s really no good solution to this, let’s just cross that bridge when you get there” Boss just left it at that and said nothing else.

Gu Qing Shan could only helplessly sigh again.

In the grand hall, the wraiths were displaying the various treasures for everyone to see.

Among the numerous treasures, a blood-colored talisman quickly drew Gu Qing Shan’s attention.

That’s Red Wraith’s true body!

I once used the three Great Laws of Reality – Time, Space, and Fate – to erase the Red Wraith.

—that Red Wraith arrived from a parallel world, who was scheming against the Saint Spirit World and fought against the [Chaos] Serpentes King, he was erased when I deceived him into leaving that world.

But now, the Red Wraith of this Reality is nowhere to be seen as well.

Gu Qing Shan continued to search with his eyes through the pile of treasures and quickly noticed a pile of broken fragments, as well as the terrific sword qi that was being exuded from it.

There are no mistakes, this is it!

Gu Qing Shan suppressed his delight and leisurely approached the long box that contained the fragments, commenting as he casually picked one of the fragments up: “How regretful”

“Indeed, it’s regrettable that this Samsara Divine Sword is broken” Wraith Lord Fate Obstruction replied.

Lin thought briefly and followed up: “We’ve tried several methods, but still couldn’t reforge this sword. Seems like there aren’t any roles for this sword to play during this battle”

Gu Qing Shan carefully examined the fragment in his hand.

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Lines of glowing text appeared in front of him:

[Discovered item: Fragment of the Samsara Delimitation Divine Sword (can be reforged)]

[Unique attribute: Dying in glory]

[Dying in glory: This sword had been completely broken into pieces following the sword spirit's will. No power would be able to return it to normal]

[Attention: You can only reforge this sword step by step through obtaining the sword spirit's permission]

[To communicate with the sword spirit, you will need to spend Soul Points in order for it to manifest, expending 100 Soul Points every second]

Since it wasn't an appropriate time to communicate with the sword spirit, Gu Qing Shan did nothing for now.

I need to think of a way to take all of these fragments...

Gu Qing Shan's expression didn't change at all and looked around: "Are these fragments truly useless?"

Wraith Lord Giant Frame replied: "They're completely useless. We spent so much effort to retrieve them from the great tomb, but no matter method we used, it refused to be repaired"

"Hm, I've also asked the two Deities, both of them had confirmed that this sword is completely dead" Renedol replied.

Gu Qing Shan pondered: "How about I give it a try?"

"Take it then" Lin casually said.

Complete silence.

Everyone turned to her.

Gu Qing Shan's heart silently sank.

We're supposed to be conflicting, why did she say such a thing without asking for the Grand Empress' permission?

Lin chuckled and mocked: "A useless crippled and a bunch of trash, what a perfect combination"

Everyone was surprised briefly before realizing what she was doing.

—these two have always been at odds with one another, always fighting whenever they meet, as expected, it's the same today.

Lin continued: "Wraith Might Cang, how about we bet on it?"

"What would you have that I could possibly want, tch!"

Gu Qing Shan took a step back and appeared cautious.

"Wraith Might Cang, if you can fix this sword, I won't bother you again from now on, but if you can't..."
Lin said.

"If I can't, then what?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"If you can't, then don't show up wherever I am from now on" Lin continued.

"Why does where I show up matter to you?" Gu Qing Shan questioned.

“I don’t like looking at trash like you” Lin casually replied.

“How dare you!” Gu Qing Shan acted angrily.

He approached Lin.

Lin had already shifted into a fighting stance.

Seeing the two of them about to clash, Renedol shouted:

“Enough! Both of you!”

The three Wraith Lords also stepped out between the two of them.

Gu Qing Shan had no choice but to stop.

Lin already had one of her fists raised and ready to fight but was also forced to stop.

However, the two of them continued to glare at one another while exuding killing intent, clearly unwilling to let this go.

“Boy, are you still looking down on me now?” Lin sent her voice.

“Not at all, not at all, I was wrong” Gu Qing Shan sincerely apologized.

“Then you’re going to listen to big sister later on, got it?”

“...Huh?”

Naturally, no one heard their private conversation. Renedol furiously scolded him from her throne: “Cang Wu Zhang, not only did you make some ridiculous music when you enter, but you’re now trying to cause trouble over a bunch of useless trash, get out of my sight!”

Gu Qing Shan hurriedly clasped his fist and said: “Your Majesty, I still have a few ideas to try, please let me see if I can reforge this sword or not”

Lin coldly snorted and said: “Then go ahead and try, don’t forget our bet”

Gu Qing Shan casually took all the sword fragments, strongly glared at her, then seriously spoke: “Don’t act so smug, we’ll see who’s going to win”

He turned and left.

No one in the grand hall tried to stop him.

Those fragments... were truly just a bunch of trash that couldn’t be reforged.

There was no harm in letting Cang Wu Zhang give it a try.

Chapter 1558

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Gu Qing Shan walked out of the grand hall and stood in the hallway leading towards the grand hall.

“Why are you stopping here? We should be hurrying up to find a place to secretly examine this sword” Boss asked.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “I also think so, but Lin told me to wait for her”

Boss thought briefly and asked confusedly: “Ah right, you did tell me earlier——- does she really want to fight with you? That can’t be right, now that both of you are currently in the middle of a covert operation, wouldn’t fighting complicate things?”

Gu Qing Shan didn’t reply.

A second later, Lady Darksea’s voice suddenly sounded:

[Founder of Order, Order King of War, greetings]

[Envoy: Crow had spread the seed of Order in 1673 worlds, his mission is still ongoing]

[Human Regiment is currently growing stronger]

[However, some talents with exceptional potential have been found to be facing insurmountable obstacles right as they had only just begun to grow. Their current powers have been judged to be insufficient for their circumstances, they might even lose their lives]

[They are the foundations of Order, once they mature, they would surely influence the Era of Order in a significant manner]

[Requesting permission for them to summon the two of you using resources that they had personally collected]

[Please!]

Gu Qing Shan thought a bit and said: “I’m currently disguised as Cang Wu Zhang and officially responsible for fixing the sword fragments, it would cause suspicions if I suddenly disappear, how about you make a trip there, Boss?”

Boss replied: “That’s fine, there won’t be an issue with leaving such matters to me”

Lady Darksea said: [King of War, I will be teleporting you to one such dire location to save one such member of Order. In return, I will accumulate all the resources that those members of Order had offered up to summon you, up until I gather enough to help you return to human form]

Boss asked with a delighted tone: “You could do such a thing?”

Lady Darksea replied: [I couldn't before, but now that the power of Order is growing, so does my capabilities]

Boss praised: "What an unexpected surprise, that's quite decent"

[Your grace, King of War, 'Order Reinforcement' teleportation will activate in five seconds, please prepare yourself]

[5]

[4]

[3]

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[Teleport!]

Boss suddenly vanished from inside Gu Qing Shan's Thought Sea.

Only Gu Qing Shan remained outside the grand hall.

Another voice suddenly called out in his mind:

"Gu Qing Shan, what's the current situation?"

Demon Dragon.

Demon Dragon was feeling impatient and had used his telepathy to contact him.

Gu Qing Shan glanced through the main square outside the grand hall, scanning across many wraiths and angels before he found 'Corpse Wraith Xue Long'.

“The Grand Empress had summoned everyone in order to discuss how to fight against the giant eyeball”
Gu Qing Shan sent his voice in reply.

Demon Dragon chuckled: “Fight against it? In front of that terrifying thing, anyone would surely only end up as ash and dust”

Having obtained the sword fragments he was after, Gu Qing Shan was now a bit more relaxed and sent his voice again: “I now have a bit of time, how about we set up a trap to kill all three Wraith Lords at once”

“They’re very strong” Demon Dragon hesitantly said.

“It’ll be fine. The current circumstances are different now, we can simply not give them a chance to retaliate— I suspect that they could have never imagined that both you and I had a method of entering the Wraith Temple with clean identities”

Demon Dragon went silent briefly and asked: “What’s your suggestion?”

“I’ll use Cang Wu Zhang as bait to lure them; I’ll kill two of them, you’ll kill one, ending the battle in ten seconds” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“...Give me some time to think” Demon Dragon went silent.

Suddenly, the sound of alarms echoed across the sky.

“What’s the situation?”

“I don’t know, something big seemed to have occurred”

“Prepare for combat——”

“It’s fine, it’s a scout from our side!”

A wraith suddenly appeared rapidly descending from the air, who was stopped by a group of angels in the sky.

“Directly enter the hall!”

Reneedol’s voice echoed.

The wraith staggered like he was already at the end of his ropes, requiring help to reach the top of the stairs leading into the grand hall.

Gu Qing Shan stood in the hallway with an unconcerned expression, only to see that the wraith was soaked in blood that was still bleeding out, muttering subconsciously:

“It’s coming! It’s coming!”

The gates of the grand hall swung open, from which an immense force lifted the wraith and pulled him in right away.

Bam!

The gates were closed again.

After a few moments, the gates swung open yet again.

Lin emerged from inside.

She didn’t bother to glance at Gu Qing Shan and gave her orders with a cold, solemn expression: “All seraphim with six or more wings, prepare your armor, we’re heading out immediately!”

The entire Wraith Temple became busy again.

All the angels gathered in the main square in front of the grand hall.

Gu Qing Shan sent his voice: "What happened? Did that giant eyeball arrive?"

Lin replied: "That's right. The Grand Empress had ordered me to sortie and delay it as much as possible"

Delay it?

Who would be able to delay such a terrifying thing?

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent.

Lin continued: "Gu Qing Shan, within the Wraith Temple, I can't read the minds of others, or I will receive backlash from a Causality Law, so I have no idea what you've gone through or why you've appeared here disguised as Cang Wu Zhang— I actually have a lot of things I wanted to talk to you about"

"But there's no time for that now"

"Take care of yourself"

Right as she finished speaking, Renedol's orders resounded from inside the grand hall.

"Hurry! Hurry up! Immediately set out to impede its progress!"

Lin didn't say anything else and immediately flew into the sky.

Squadrons of angels followed behind her and quickly left this world, disappearing without a trace.

Gu Qing Shan looked up for a few moments.

While Lin currently has the most powerful Abyssal form, she would still be unable to do anything but lose her life in front of that eyeball!

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes, then abruptly opened them again.

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He relaxed his hands that he had been clasping behind his back, lowering them by his sides while slightly twitching.

The four swords hiding in the void of space around him immediately sensed his killing intent.

“Gongzi?” Shannu asked.

“Hm”

Gu Qing Shan replied, turned around, and headed back into the grand hall.

...

At another location.

Inside one of the worlds within the dark tunnel.

A large number of people wielded their weapons while they gradually surrounded a fallen wall, slowly and cautiously approaching it.

A mocking voice echoed from behind the group:

“Hey lassie, after fighting for an entire day, you should already know that you alone won’t be able to defeat an entire world”

“—Kneel in front of me and swear to follow my orders from now on, this is the only method for you to survive”

Countless blades and swords were pointed at a tattered wall.

Under the wall, a young girl with delicate facial features stood with a broken pike in her hands, while she was completely soaked in blood, her figure remained standing tall.

She raised her broken pike.

The weapons surrounding her suddenly jerked backwards slightly, apparently frightened by this.

The voice from before resounded again: “You idiots, she’s already exhausted, completely exhausted! What are you afraid of!?”

“—capture her alive! I want this lassie... shishishi, I already can’t wait!”

“Charge!”

The numerous weapons moved forward again.

The girl stayed silent, her gaze clear and bright, filled with the intent to die.

“Big sister Darksea, farewell”

She clenched her broken pike tightly—

Fwoom!!!

A mass of black flames descended from the sky in front of her, once again pushing all the weapons away.

“A pike?”

A voice was heard from within the flames.

A man with a cold expression slowly walked out from the flames, casually taking the pike from her hand.

“Who are you!?” a furious shout resounded from the group.

The man didn’t care about that at all and simply asked: “Lady Darksea, there are so many people around here, why didn’t you reinforce the [Order] on them as well? That should be more than enough to stop them from fighting”

Lady Darksea’s voice replied: [These people have allowed their desires to blind themselves and blatantly caused meaningless destruction. They are seeds of Chaos; the Order doesn’t want to bother with them]

“Is that so, then...”

The man lightly pointed the broken pike in his hand forward.

Everything went silent.

The wind— —

Had also been frozen.

“Die” the man casually declared.

Every action occurred in an instant.

Sharp, howling, irresistible shadows of spears manifested out of thin air, eradicating all living beings in their path. Even their blood and flesh had been amalgamated into a dark red mass that was blown high into the air.

No bones or corpses could be seen, there wasn't even the smell of blood.

All the enemies were eradicated.

The man turned around handed the broken pike back to the girl, nodding to her: "Your mind is firm, that is an excellent quality, keep on trying your best"

The girl stared blankly at him, then at the drifting black flames around his body, and finally the hint of encouragement within his cold eyes.

She asked: "Sir— you are—"

[This is the Regiment's King of War, the Great Lord of Infinite Origins, Greatest Above the Star Crown] Lady Darksea introduced him.

As the girl heard that, she took a deep breath, endured the pain from the wounds all over her body, then bowed deeply.

"Thank you for saving me" she said.

"It's nothing. You've already offered the required resources, and I should certainly help Lady Darksea grow stronger"

Boss nodded to the girl and continued: "Very well, I have to go now"

"Please wait a moment!" the girl hurriedly called out.

"Hm?" Boss stopped.

“I want to ask you, how can I become as strong as you are?” the girl said.

Boss looked at the young girl’s sincere expression of desire and stopped, asking her in return: “Why do you wish to become stronger?”

“Because I want to change my Fate” the young girl clenched her teeth.

Boss fell silent.

To change Fate.

Once upon a time.

She was also the same.

Boss indifferently asked: “Why does everyone wish to go against Fate? Is Fate always going after your life?”

The girl replied: “It isn’t about me”

“Hm?” Boss didn’t expect that answer.

The young girl clenched her fist and put it up against her chest before answering him: “There is too much suffering in this world, too many people have to live inhumane lives, only very few aristocrats can enjoy luxury and wealth. And now that the Apocalypse has arrived, it is also continuously reaping away the lives of normal people”

“I want to change everyone’s Fate, I want to at least ensure that no one would have to endure the suffering of being poor, that a sick person is given the chance to be cured, that the kids no longer need to be nurtured as slaves since they were little. I want to ensure that eventually, if the forces of our entire world are unified, we would even be able to fight against the Apocalypse”

Boss silently looked at her.

Lady Darksea whispered to him: [King of War, she is a rare talent, having activated the unique Order temple: Predestined Princess]

Fate.

It is Fate once again.

But this time, things seem to be different.

Boss reorganized his emotions a bit before finally looking at the girl.

“Firstly, you will need to learn a lot of things in order to become a suitable king of a world. After that, there will be more worlds whose living beings are also suffering, they will also need someone like you to be their sovereign— but this is an exceptionally difficult task. For the sake of your ideals, you will have to pay many heavy prices and an untold amount of effort” he told her seriously.

The young girl knelt down in front of Boss and resolutely affirmed:

“Please let me follow you. No matter how tough it will be, I will achieve it without fail”

Chapter 1559

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Gu Qing Shan reentered the grand hall.

Suddenly, the sound of music from before sounded around him again.

Puu bon bon bon!

Puu bon bon bon!

Puu bon bon bon bon bon—

Everyone was drawn by the sound of music and turned to him.

“Why did you return?” Wraith Lord Fate Obstruction asked.

This time, Gu Qing Shan was a lot more natural and smiled: “We’re in the middle of an emergency right now, so how could I waste my time repairing some sword? I’m probably more useful here”

“Hm, at least you know what your priorities should be” Wraith Lord Giant Frame said with a satisfied tone.

Gu Qing Shan glanced around the hall.

All the angels had left with Lin.

Other than Renedol herself, only the three Wraith Lords were here right now.

Right at this moment, there was an abrupt change——

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

[Living Being Sacrificial Dance, opening act preparations——]

[Attention: The Deathmatch Dance’s opening music is manifesting]

[Your personal unique tune is undergoing drastic changes; the specific change will be determined through the results of this trial]

[Please kill at least one wicked individual who’s stronger than yourself within 30 minutes, their fresh blood will serve to provide the sensation of the Deathmatch Dance]

[This is the beginning of the entire Sacrificial Dance, a completely new moment of your life’s battle]

[The more bloodshed, the better the Dance]

[——A performance to sate the desire to slaughter, that is saintly]

All the glowing text swiftly vanished.

A clock with an ancient design silently appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan.

A countdown began, starting at 30 minutes.

Gu Qing Shan skimmed through everything in a second and flashed a smile while killing intent filled his heart.

Killing at least one wicked individual?

Tch.

I'm being underestimated.

Gu Qing Shan's gaze scanned through the three Wraith Lords.

In consideration of their various defensive techniques, I can only use the Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

In other words, I need to unleash three strikes within an instant to take all of their lives before they can react.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a brief second.

—no, three different strikes would become three variables.

One strike.

I'll kill them in a single strike without giving them any chance to react and retaliate, and then...

Gu Qing Shan turned to the throne.

Renedol was sitting there.

She was the one who killed Scarlet.

Scarlet.

Such a girl was dead because of her insanity.

Gu Qing Shan lowered his head, his gaze was calm, his smile was incredibly humble as he bowed respectfully to greet Reneedol.

Afterwards, he slowly approached the three Wraith Lords.

“May I ask what’s the current situation?” he clasped his fist and slowly walked towards them as he asked.

“That thing has appeared near the Wraith realm. It’s currently unknown whether it had actually discovered this place, or if it had only accidentally travelled past this place. The angels have prepared themselves to delay it if necessary” Wraith Lord Bai Yuan replied.

Gu Qing Shan nodded in understanding and continued walking.

Closer.

And closer.

Right at this moment, Reneedol abruptly stood up and shouted: “Pay attention, that thing has approached the angels”

She waved her hands to summon a vision in the void of space.

Lin had brought the army of angels to the border of the Causality Law barrier and was silently waiting.

A bit further away within the dark tunnel, a sea of blood was surging closer and closer.

Reneedol and the three Wraith Lords held their breaths and silently observed the situation.

Gu Qing Shan also stopped moving his feet and focused his gaze on the vision that Reneedol created.

Right at that moment.

His right hand slightly shifted.

...

At another location.

Boss looked at the young girl in front of him and asked in surprise: "You want to follow me?"

The girl nodded and said: "I've already realized my limits, perhaps even the limits of this world— only by following your grace would I have a chance of advancing further— I want to follow your footsteps and enter the infinite worlds, using this to improve myself. I hope that you will grant me this permission"

Follow...

Boss fell into thought.

He released his sense of perception to search through the entire world.

This world is most likely a Cultivation-type world, but is still in a very primitive stage of martial arts training.

They can't even break through the void of space right now.

In that case—

If this girl continues to remain in such a world, she would have to uselessly waste a huge amount of time in order to leave this place.

That would be a waste of her potential.

No wonder she desires to leave this world together with me so much.

Boss looked up and observed the gloomy night sky.

In that instant, a vision of the past flashed through his eyes.

...

“Shroud, I will follow you forever”

“Really?”

“Hm, you are the strongest individual in this world. Please teach me your combat skills and powers, I also want to become stronger, strong enough to coordinate with you”

“Reneedol, you don’t actually need to worry about such a thing... However, why do you want to become stronger?”

“Shroud... I don’t want others to lord over my Fate”

“Reneedol, there isn’t anyone who would lord over your Fate, nor would anyone restrain you— but that’s irrelevant, I’ll slowly teach you my skills.

...

Boss regained his senses and sighed: “I haven’t taught anyone anything for quite a long time”

The young girl said: “Your grace, King of War, I am willing to give up everything in this world if that means I would be able to grow stronger and protect this world in the future, please give me a chance”

Boss turned to face her.

She met Boss’ eyes head-on with clear resolution.

Lines of text appeared on the [Order] UI:

[Your grace, King of War, a carrier of Order with the unique template: Predestined Princess is requesting to become your servant]

[Please note, this is a relationship witnessed by Order, once established, both sides would not be able to change their minds]

[Are you willing to accept such a servant?]

Boss shook his head and muttered to himself: "I don't know... what meaning would there be in attempting this again. I... it's been such a long time since I last found the meaning of my existence"

The young girl took another step forward and knelt in front of him.

She grabbed his hand with both of her hands, stating each word clearly: "You've saved my life once today, so I'm here shamelessly begging you to take me as your servant, helping me on the path of becoming stronger— because the meaning of my existence is to protect the good and innocent"

"I'm begging you here not for my own sake, but for the sake of everyone in this world"

"Please save us"

Boss was a bit stunned, unable to say anything in return for a long while.

At this point, Lady Darksea spoke up in his mind:

[Your grace, there is another urgent mission that requires your attention right away]

Boss said: "Then what about her—"

[You can just take her with you temporarily, it wouldn't be too late for you to make your decision later on] Lady Darksea told him.

"But then—" Boss still hesitated.

[The warp will now commence!] Lady Darksea cut him off and said.

A flash of light.

Both Boss and the young girl vanished from this world.

A few moments later.

In another world.

Boss and the young girl reappeared.

“Huh? Where are we?” the girl appeared disorientated.

There were ruins all around her, all the structures above ground had collapsed, giving off a thick stench of rotting corpses.

“I need to save a certain person” Boss explained.

“Save? Can I support you?” the girl hurriedly asked.

“No, you are still too weak, just focus on protecting yourself” Boss replied.

The young girl bit her lip and hung her head.

Boss glanced briefly at her, then focused his gaze towards a collapsed structure.

“A life that’s like a candle flickering in the wind... seems like I’ll have to hurry up”

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He muttered and pointed his finger forward.

Rumble rumble—

An invisible force lifted the entire structure and kept it in the air, not a single speck of dust fell down from it.

Right below the structure, two kneeling corpses could be seen crushed under the debris.

A man and a woman.

The two of them had already died a long time ago, but they maintained a seated posture.

Below them, a young child was curled up on the ground, her presence was already incredibly weak, seemingly unconscious.

“Ah...”

The young girl shed tears as she rushed forward, gently pushed the two corpses aside, then hugged the child.

“Big sister Darksea, I want to exchange everything I have left for medical equipment, please save this child!” the young girl hurriedly called out.

Lady Darksea gently told her: [The one with the greatest healing expertise is standing right in front of you]

The young girl suddenly turned to Boss.

Boss took the child from her embrace, cradled the child in one hand while flipping through the Book of Prophesized Destinies, then recited an incantation.

A gentle ray of light enveloped the child's body without fading for a long while.

The child slowly regained her consciousness, then opened her eyes and smiled at Boss.

She then quickly went back to sleep.

"Huh? Why is she unconscious again, please take a look! Please hurry up and take a look!" the young girl frantically called out to Boss while holding onto his arm.

"Don't worry, she's not going to die, she's just sleeping" Boss replied.

"Can you promise it?" the young girl asked him worriedly.

Boss glanced at her, then at the child, and replied: "I promise"

The young girl began crying.

She looked at the child in Boss' hand and spoke with a sobbing voice: "Child, your parents are no longer here, but you've managed to survive thanks to their protection"

After that, she wiped her tears away once again.

Boss silently observed this.

Lady Darksea spoke to him again: [Your grace, this child is also a unique carrier of Order, as soon as she was born, she had been able to sense the unique Order template: Mortal World Angel]

[However, as this world was already destroyed and she was too young, she was unable to do anything and needed to be saved in order to survive]

Boss silently nodded and continued to observe the child in his hand.

Suddenly, the young girl knelt down in front of him again.

“What’s the matter?” Boss asked.

The girl was still sobbing, but spoke resolutely: “Regardless if you permit me to come with you or not, please take this child with you”

“But you should know, I can only save one person at a time and only take one person with me” Boss appeared troubled.

“No matter how harsh the environment is, I would still be able to survive, but she cannot, please take her with you” the young girl resolutely insisted.

“Then I shall leave with her, you will remain here” Boss said.

The young girl resolutely nodded: “Yes”

Boss slowly vanished.

Seeing him leave, the young girl sighed in relief.

“Now I’m the only one left— ouch...”

She wanted to stand up but felt the soreness in her legs, so she had no choice but to sit on the ground to rest.

It was only now that she remembered she was also heavily wounded.

“No, there’s still a lot that I haven’t finished”

The young girl told herself.

Enduring the pain, she stood back up and began to dig up the ground using her broken pike.

After a short while, an empty hole was dug up.

She put the corpses of the couple into the hole, then began to fill it up again.

Just like that, a simple grave was done.

Right at this point, it started to rain.

The young girl was completely soaked and slowly dragged her tattered body outside the ruined city.

She staggered forward, picking herself back up whenever she fell down.

“I need to move quickly, the wind is too strong, it would most likely rain even harder tonight”

The young girl told herself.

Pah—

She then tripped and fell into a small puddle of mud, completely soaking herself in the dirty gunk and dirt.

It took the young girl everything she had to climb out of the mud and lay on the side, breathing heavily.

The wind and rain began to pick up.

The rainwater washed away the mud on her face together with the tears rolling down her cheeks, making her tears indiscernible from the rain.

The young girl took a deep breath and grunted, then stood back up once again.

Braving the wind and rain, she continued her trek.

Suddenly.

A warm ray of light descended from above to envelop her body.

Within the light, her wounds were gradually healed, a new surge of power slowly circulated around her body.

Almost instantly, she had returned to her peak state.

Boss had appeared in front of her once again with a complicated expression.

The young girl was surprised, then asked him: "Where is the child?"

"Don't worry, she is currently in a safe place" Boss told her with a gentle voice.

The girl finally smiled happily.

"Are you willing to take me as your servant?"

She asked while devoutly kneeling before him.

Suddenly, Boss also knelt down in front of her.

In the rain, the two of them had knelt down facing one another.

“Please stand up—— I don’t deserve your——” the young girl awkwardly panicked.

Boss looked straight at her and suddenly smiled.

He seemed to have remembered something laughable and tilted his head up, laughing his mind off. His laughter overpowered even the sound of the wind and rain, even trembling the world itself.

Suddenly, he stopped laughing and spoke sincerely: “I’ve actually forgotten something at the back of my mind all these years, it’s fortunate that I’ve met you”

“What did you forget?” the young girl asked.

Boss replied: “Many years ago, I once promised many people—— Deities, mortals, pixies, giants, elves, individuals of many races. I promised them to become their King, I promised that I would forever protect them, and they vowed to always follow me”

The young girl said: “With such a powerful entity like yourself protecting them, they must have been very happy”

Boss went silent for a moment.

“But because of a certain matter, I... had forgotten my promise”

The young girl opened her eyes wide towards him.

“You... even someone as powerful as you would forget something?” she asked in confusion.

Boss displayed a self-deprecating expression on his face while he continued: “For the past years, I’ve lived just for the sake of living, even when I went back to do it all again, I still couldn’t remember who I was”

The intense wind blew towards him, soaking his face with rainwater that slowly dripped down his face.

He continued talking: “Thanks to you, I’ve remembered the many dreams I once had, as well as the many things I had to protect. In the end, I’ve only ever failed at one single matter, but I now realize that I never had to accomplish that matter in the first place, as it couldn’t be forced to happen”

Boundless light exuded from his body and shot through the clouds, illuminating the void and turned the entire world into a sea of light.

He muttered: “I am the king of the world, ruler of the Myriad Deities, Greatest Above the Star Crown”

“I have many comrades, many close aides, and many subjects that I had to protect. But because of a single matter, I had become stagnated for countless years”

“The Deities of the past must be very disappointed in me right now”

“I am truly sorry”

“But I’ve awoken from my dream, and from now on, I will no longer let my allies down”

“There is nothing else that can trap my heart”

“I will no longer let you all down!”

Fwoom— — —

Intense light descended from above behind him, forming a backdrop of divine holy radiance.

Clad in radiance, all things and all beings in the world laid at his feet.

The rain stopped.

The wind slowed down.

He stood back up and offered his hand with a smile: “In this era, you are my first servant— are you willing to follow my path to protect all of your comrades as well as the living beings who are suffering?”

The young girl took his hand with both of her hands.

“I am willing to follow your footsteps and vow never to change my mind” she resolutely declared.

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As the radiance gradually subsided, rays of dawn gradually shined through the clouds.

Standing in the wind, he lightly lifted the young girl’s hand to signal her to stand up.

“Your name?” he asked.

“I am Wu Xing Wei” the young girl replied.

“The light of stars is eternal, forever shining through the darkness. What do you say I call you little Wei from now on?”

“Yes” the young girl nodded.

“Little Wei, I am Shroud”

“Sir Shroud, greetings”

“Hm, from now on, I will lead you into a battle among billions of——”

Poof!

A curt noise cut him off.

The man called Shroud suddenly vanished in front of the girl.

Leaving only a black dog at her feet.

The black dog: "..."

The young girl: "..."

The girl immediately panicked, looked around, and called out loud: "Sir Shroud, did you leave already? Why did you only leave this dog with me?"

The black dog decided to speak up: "About that... little Wei, I am Shroud"

The young girl was startled and hurriedly crouched down: "I'm sorry, sir, I didn't know that your real form was that of a black dog"

She looked carefully at the black dog in front of her, then couldn't help herself stroking his head.

"Hm?" the black dog opened his eyes wide: "Mind your manners!"

The girl hurriedly pulled her hand back and said apologetically: "I'm sorry, I'm sorry! I used to have a black dog at home as well, so I just instinctively..."

"You also have a black dog at home? That means we're quite destined" the black dog said with an interested tone.

“Yes, in the end, that dog went into heat and ran away without coming back” the girl said, a bit sorrowful.

“...” the black dog.

The atmosphere became a bit awkward.

The black dog then cleared his throat: “In reality, my real self isn’t actually a dog, it’s just that a few things occurred a while ago, so I’m currently stuck in this form for a while before I can return to normal”

The girl seemed to have been enlightened: “So that was the case. Sir Shroud, what should I call you when you’re in your black dog form?”

“Do you know the word ‘Tian’ as in ‘heaven’?” the black dog carefully asked.

“I know” the young girl replied.

“I am the Samsara Tengu” the black dog lifted his head and said.

“Samara Tin Gou¹?” the girl asked.

“I said ‘Tian’ as in ‘heaven’!” the black dog snapped back.

“Ah, I understand. Tengu sir, what should we do now?” she asked.

The black dog thought briefly and said: “I still have urgent business to attend to...”

“Tengu sir, let me accompany you!” the young girl said.

The black dog smiled and shook his head: “No you can’t. You’re still too weak, and that environment is much too dangerous”

He stood straight and said: “Little Wei, I will first grant you a series of foundational knowledge and skills through Bestowal, take a look at them first. Once you’re done, I’ll come back to pick you up”

“What should I do?” little Wei asked.

The black dog pointed at his forehead and said: “Because I’m currently a dog, quite a few methods can’t be used. Come here and put your forehead up against mine, I’ll transfer the knowledge to you this way”

“Ah”

Little Wei sat down and put her forehead up against the black dog’s.

A few moments later.

The black dog sighed in relief: “Alright, that much knowledge should be enough for you to digest for now. After grasping the foundational techniques I’ve taught you, no one in your world should be able to defeat you”

Little Wei slowly stood up, seemingly a bit dazed.

“Was there something you didn’t understand?” the black dog asked.

“Sir Shroud, your fur is so warm” little Wei sincerely answered.

“Quiet— Lady Darksea, quickly sent her back to her world, I’ll go find her again later”

[Understood, King of War]

A flash of light.

Little Wei disappeared.

It was only now that the black dog sighed and muttered with an annoyed expression: “The girls of this era are truly undisciplined...”

[King of War sir, would you like me to transport you back?] Lady Darksea asked.

“Hm, it’s been so long, I wonder how things are going on Gu Qing Shan’s side. Send me back” the black dog replied.

[Preparing warp]

[Counting down... 5, 4, 3...]

The black dog silently waited.

He suddenly thought of something and put his paw against his own head.

Hmm.

The fur is truly soft and warm.

With another flash of light, he disappeared as well.

...

Inside the grand hall.

Everyone was holding their breaths while silently observing the vision that Reneedol had summoned.

Within the dark tunnel, blood was flowing like a surging river towards the Wraith realm.

A heavy shadow could be seen within the blood.

The giant eyeball!

It was passing by their world.

—-in the Pantheon ruins, all the worlds were hidden behind the walls. Some of them could be seen, like how Gu Qing Shan was able to see some of them when he first arrived here; while others were hidden behind other walls, invisible to the outside.

The Wraith realm itself was hidden deep inside the walls, which was then further reinforced by countless Causality Law obscuring formations, so normal people wouldn't be able to detect it.

"In one minute, it will arrive at the exterior of our world. If it had not discovered us, it will continue moving forward" Wraith Lord Giant Frame said.

"Let us see if the many Causality Law techniques we've put up would be able to elude its senses" Renedol replied.

Time slowly passed.

The entire Wraith realm was waiting with bated breaths.

Gu Qing Shan turned his gaze to the War God UI.

He selected a certain Title from the [War God Titles] column.

[Title: Shen Wei General]

[Description: This is the highest rank of General within the human unified army]

[By equipping this Title, you obtain the unique skill: Quick Attack (advanced)]

[Quick Attack (advanced): Your attack speed will increase by 20%]

Gu Qing Shan equipped the [Shen Wei General] Title, silently adjusted his breathing, and waited for an opportunity.

In the vision.

Under everyone's careful gazes, the surging blood slowly went past this part of the tunnel and continued moving forward.

In the sky, the angels continued to keep up their guards.

A few moments later.

Lin faced the vision directly and reported: "Grand Empress, it seems to have left"

Everyone sighed in relief.

Renedol ordered: "Continue to hold the line and observe for a little while longer"

"Understood" Lin responded.

After another period of time.

Wraith Lord Bai Yuan chuckled and commented: "It seems that although that eyeball is powerful, it is actually quite lacking when it came to obscurity"

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“Indeed, we might be able to take advantage of this fact later on to try and ambush it” Wraith Lord Fate Obstruction suggested.

“Hm, indeed” Reneedol lightly nodded.

Suddenly——

The sound of a scoff resounded in everyone’s minds.

A resounding voice echoed throughout this world:

「 Ants who hide in their burrows always feel that they’re safe 」

「 This is the laughable point of inferior creatures, the sorrow of their insignificant dust-like lives 」

A gigantic shadow suddenly appeared far above the sky.

Everyone was shocked.

The giant eyeball!

——it had arrived!

Reneedol suddenly stood up and shouted: “Stop it for me!”

The two Deities of Fate appeared by her sides and began chanting an incantation.

After giving her orders, Reneedol also began to chant.

In the vision, the army of angels had all prepared themselves to fight.

—although this was a meaningless endeavor, they would at least be able to buy a bit of time for the Grand Empress.

At the center of the angels, Lin raised her dual blades, then lowered them.

Throwing the blades away, she took out a pair of gauntlets and equipped them.

Under the current circumstances, running away was impossible, no one would be able to escape.

In that case, I would have to fight in my strongest state!

Rumble rumble rumble rumble—

The giant eyeball broke through the world barrier almost right away, appearing in the middle of the sky like a shining moon.

Blood continuously flowed out from behind it.

The angels nearest to it were reduced to ash in an instant.

Lin took a deep breath and shouted: “All retreat, I’ll charge first!”

...

Right at that moment—

Inside the grand hall.

Gu Qing Shan turned his gaze towards the vision and silently said in his mind: “Lady Darksea”

[Understood!] Lady Darksea replied.

...

At the same time.

In the sky.

Lines of glowing text appeared in front of Lin's eyes:

[Attention, the founder of Order already had Worlds Apocalypse Online: Human Regiment reinforce you since a while ago]

[The Regiment UI has been activated]

[Following his excellency Gu Qing Shan's orders, you will be transported away from this world in the form of 'Order Reinforcement' towards another world to temporarily take care of a newborn carrier of Order, nicknamed 'Mortal World Angel']

[Preparing teleportation, please wait for five seconds]

[5]

[4]

[3]

[...]

Lin read these lines of text in surprise, the frosty expression on her face also melted away like snow.

She glanced at the vision and mouthed the words: "You... must survive"

A flash of light.

She vanished.

"No! The 12-winged seraph had disappeared!" Wraith Lord Fate Obstruction exclaimed.

The other two Wraith Lords were also shaken.

Even Renedol's expression had changed.

—on the current battlefield, the 12-winged seraph was the strongest fighting force they had, if she disappeared, then there wouldn't be anyone capable of stopping that monster!

In that instant—

Extreme pain was suddenly inflicted on all three Wraith Lords' bodies at once.

The three Wraith Lords were still shaken from what they saw and were now suddenly struck by immense pain, so their minds couldn't react in time.

Is it attacking me?

This same thought appeared in all three Wraith Lords' minds.

This was also the last thought that they ever had.

At the same time he activated the Demon Dragon's Bloodkin ability, Gu Qing Shan had also brandished the Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

In a fraction of a second!

A blinding flash of a blue sword phantom filled the grand hall like moonlight that only lasted as long as a bolt of lightning.

The color of blood was reflected on top of the blue moonlight before both disappeared.

"NO!"

Reneedol shouted.

Deity of Fate Clotho stopped chanting and pointed her hand towards Gu Qing Shan.

“Fate——” she shouted.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly turned his gaze towards her.

——Huang Quan Divine Skill, Iris Sword Technique, [Forgetting River Severance]!

Clang clang clang clang!

Clotho was struck by numerous sword phantoms through the roof of the grand hall disappearing without a trace.

Three dull noises were then heard.

The three Wraith Lords’ bodies collapsed on the ground.

Their bodies were still enveloped in countless layers of shining defensive techniques.

But all of them were useless.

———their gazes were attracted by the abrupt change in situation, their bodies were eroded by the Demon Dragon Bloodkin ability, their minds were shaken by the giant eyeball’s attack, they were completely unable to predict that the real Death God was silently standing next to them.

With a slash of [Law Breaker], their death was set in stone.

Three heads rolled on the ground and swiftly vanished into the void.

「 Offering... 」

A hoarse female voice whispered.

The desolate sound of drumming resounded.

Gu Qing Shan brandished a sword clad in frigid sword qi and turned to Reneedol.

“You are not Cang Wu Zhang, I’m definitely going to kill you today!” Reneedol shouted.

Gu Qing Shan shrugged and held the Samsara Wicked Mask up against his face, replying to her: “I was originally no match for you”

He pointed at the sky and continued: “But it’s coming for you now—— shouldn’t you be running away?”

Countless desperate screams resounded in the sky.

The angels were being reduced to dust and ash one after another, completely erased from this world.

Reneedol had also calmed back down and scoffed: “I’ll still have plenty of time to flee after killing you”

The Deity of Fate Clotho reappeared next to her, staring straight at Gu Qing Shan together with Atropos.

Boundless starlight gathered in Reneedol’s hand into a scepter.

Heavy darkness converged around her body to form a dress armor.

“Who exactly are you? What... grudge do you hold against me?” she questioned.

Gu Qing Shan stood still, but his swords manifested one by one behind his back while his killing intent gradually gathered to form a terrifying presence.

“The debt of the Age of Immemorial will be settled right here and now” he softly spoke.

Reneedol was surprised, then realized: “So it was you, Rhode...”