

## **Apocalypse 1681**

### **Chapter 1681**

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A length of thin golden chains floated in the middle of the air.

One end of it reached far towards the ceiling, while the other end reached all the way into the ground.

Shannu stood alone by herself in the air.

She was holding the chain in one hand while touching a barrier with the other hand to send her voice:

“Gongzi, just like you had said, this barrier’s only function is obscurity, going through it would place me in the world on the surface”

“Hm, that’s good to hear” Gu Qing Shan’s voice could be heard from deep inside her mind.

“Then should we begin?” Shannu asked.

“Begin now!” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Shannu immediately transformed into the Six Paths Great Mountain sword and continuously spun in the air.

The end of the golden chain was now tied to the sword’s handle, which became increasingly thicker as the sword spun.

At this point, a huge mass of flesh was lifted into the air, hovering in front of the sword.

——the corpse of a Magisapien.

Gu Qing Shan's voice could be heard again.

"Ah right, Shannu. This is the body of a monster that had been chopped up, you don't feel like it's disgusting, do you?"

"It's ok" Shannu sent her voice in return: "I've cut through innumerable bodies of numerous kinds and went through wounds of several different natures, this one isn't special at all"

The autumn water-like blue steel sword abruptly thrust forward.

*Shu—*

The entire sword plunged into the corpse and brought it up towards the ceiling sky-limit.

The thin chains moved with the sword, which appeared almost like a golden burning flame at a distance.

The corpse approached the barrier in the ceiling increasingly closer, eventually speeding up before flying through.

—-it has disappeared from the underground world!

At the same time, deep underground.

Over ten thousand meters below.

Gu Qing Shan had created a small sub-space.

This subspace contained numerous lock-seals and formations that fully isolated itself from the outside world.

Gu Qing Shan was sitting inside with his legs crossed, holding a cup of tea in one hand and the other end of the golden chain in the other.

Shannu's voice sounded in his Thought Sea:

"Gongzi, I've arrived at the surface, what now?"

Gu Qing Shan took a sip of tea, then said: "We wait. Wait until the monster appears—— but you can't tell me anything regarding that monster"

"Then what?"

"You can't let yourself be completely eaten by it on the surface, so you have to immediately tell me when you're about to be consumed"

"For what reason?"

"I can't perform a sword seal across the entire world, while you're only protected by [Law Breaker] and [Invincible] in your sword state, you mustn't transform into your human form to fight it—— after all, it cannot be seen or heard, so we have to lure it into this world"

"How should I inform you when that moment arrives?" Shannu asked.

"After this, we'll stop communicating. When the moment comes, call out to me a single time" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Shannu thought about it for a bit.

*Simply calling out 'gongzi' without informing him of anything wouldn't count as describing the monster's presence at all.*

*——this is a good solution!*

“I understand, gongzi”

Shannu replied, then stopped talking to Gu Qing Shan.

A long while of uneventful silence.

Time went by incredibly slowly.

Gu Qing Shan sat still with his teacup by his side while meticulously stroking the golden chains in his hand.

In an instant, the entire length of chains vanished into the void of space, no longer visible for anyone.

Absolute Discretion!

—these Divine Artifact chains have zero offensive capabilities, but its most potent effect lies in its ability to hide!

After being done with this, Gu Qing Shan started to silently wait.

Like a true fisherman, he was waiting for the prey to take his bait.

But unlike a fisherman who waits for fish, he was waiting for an Apocalypse that can't be heard or seen.

—he must immediately pull the Magisapien corpse back into the underground world as soon as the Apocalyptic monster took the bait, not wait for after it had finished consuming the corpse.

There was also another reason for this.

One end of the golden chains was attached to the corpse, while the other end was in his hand, and the Apocalyptic monster mustn't be heard.

Liao Xiao Pao was turned into a statue almost immediately after he heard the noises it made.

Considering this, the chains would naturally shake and rattle while the monster was eating the corpse.

Since Gu Qing Shan had to focus on controlling his sword, he mustn't directly notice the monster in any way, shape, or form, so he absolutely cannot let the monster consume the corpse.

His only choice is to reel the corpse back at the very instant the monster is about to take the bait, thus luring it into this underground world!

—his only chance lies in that split second!

Gu Qing Shan took out an hourglass and placed it next to him.

If this was a simple hunt, he would have all the patience in the world.

But both Laura and Liao Xiao Pao only have a tiny bit of time left to live.

Tear would soon be unable to maintain her technique.

"Hurry up, come on now"

Gu Qing Shan softly muttered to himself.

In the hourglasses, sand was slowly pouring down.

Time was similar to this drifting sand, slipping away bit by bit.

Gu Qing Shan slightly narrowed his eyes while keeping a hold on the invisible length of chain in his hand, his entire body remaining as still as a statue.

Silence.

Silence.

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Silence.

Suddenly, Shannu's voice resounded in his Thought Sea:

"Gongzi!"

Gu Qing Shan instantly opened his eyes and pulled the golden chains with all his strength, grunting out loud: "Get down!"

The golden chains immediately became tense and were pulled down a huge distance.

At the same time.

From the ceiling of the underground world, the Magisapien corpse descended like a streak of light.

A gigantic crimson mouth that exuded a rotting presence swiftly followed the corpse, showing itself in the sky.

The Apocalyptic monster!

It has arrived!

*Bang*---

Its body crashed through the world barrier like a layer of glass, shattering into pieces that scattered everywhere.

The Apocalyptic monster was focused on following the Magisapien corpse, ferociously swallowing the entire corpse in one swift gulp.

Deep underground, Gu Qing Shan's expression was firm.

To prevent himself from sensing anything from the monster, he had already let go of the golden chains.

His hands were rapidly forming a sword seal.

— in theory, with his cultivation realm, all he needed was a single thought to manifest a sword seal and activate it.

But this time it wasn't the same, as he couldn't use any other techniques, the only thing that could kill this enemy was his sword!

Gu Qing Shan had no choice but to give it everything he's got!

His hands were moving so fast that they left afterimages as they formed one sword seal after another.

Secret Art, [Drawn Shadow]!

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Gu Qing Shan was using nothing except this one sword seal---

He currently can't use his Iris Sword, so this technique was the only one that could instantly produce numerous sword images to attack his enemy.

And these Secret Arts were unleashed at the exact moment when the Magisapien's corpse was swallowed by the monster!

It was still silent inside this little sub-space.

The sand continued to pour down.

Gu Qing Shan continued to form his sword seals.

He couldn't hear anything from outside, nor see the situation of the outer world, but he knew that this was his only chance to kill the other party!

One breath.

Three breaths.

Five breaths.

Lines of glowing text suddenly appeared from the void of space;

[You've killed the Apocalyptic monster that cannot be seen or heard]

[Note: It is dead, the power that prevents it from being seen or heard has disappeared]

[Note: I still cannot display its name in order to prevent you from falling victim to petrification and having your soul devoured the next time you encounter the same type of Apocalypse, in case you remember its name]



[This is an unimaginable battle, no living being had ever been able to defeat this monster during the age of Apocalypse, not even the Gods have done so. Only spirits had been able to achieve a feat of this caliber in the past]

[You've obtained a large amount of Realm Force]

[Remaining Realm Points: 1000]

Gu Qing Shan finally relaxed his hands.

At this time, Shannu suddenly called out to him:

“Gongzi, everything is over, but it's best that you come out for a bit”

“What's going on?” Gu Qing Shan asked

“The spirits want to see you...”

Gu Qing Shan thought of something, then summoned a mass of white fog to envelop his body.

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Above ground.

The white fog scattered to reveal Gu Qing Shan.

The body of a crimson monster that was several meters in length was lying on the ground.

Next to this monster stood numerous realm spirits from the Blood Sea who had been summoned here.

“I've troubled you all!” Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist and thanked them.

——when the Six Paths Great Mountain sword continuously attacked, he had also summoned them.

The sword was capable of injuring it, and spirits aren't considered living beings.

This was double insurance.

The bloody giant stepped forward and angrily said:

「Youngster, next time you want to summon us inside someone else's stomach, can you at least tell us ahead of time?」

It pointed to its own body.

—-which was stuck full of rotten flesh and exuded a terrible foul smell.

The other spirits were also the same, each and every last one of them.

They all stared at Gu Qing Shan with an angry look.

“Everyone, I'm sorry, I really didn't think that things would occur this way”

Gu Qing Shan hurriedly apologized.

Suddenly, lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI again:

[The monster that cannot be seen or heard had thoroughly died]

[The state of petrification and soul absorption it manifested had also disappeared]

[Your two companions have returned to normal]

Gu Qing Shan was surprised

*So I would have been able to save them as long as I killed that Apocalyptic monster.*

*But why did the Overlooker of Myriad Realms tell me that this was a transaction?*

While he was thinking this, the spirits' expressions changed at the same time and vanished in front of him one by one.

His surroundings became a blur.

At the very next moment, the bloody Phase Realm reappeared in front of Gu Qing Shan's vision.

## **Chapter 1682**

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Gu Qing Shan stood still for a while.

No commotion was heard from the bloody mist, nor did the Overlooker of Myriad Realms appear.

"Your grace?"

Gu Qing Shan tried calling out loud.

A horrifying sound of chewing responded to him.

「 Cakcakcak—- crunch—- shuu shuu—- cakcakcak 」

The noises rang out continuously like an entity that had been left to starve for numerous years was madly consuming some food.

This continued for 15 minutes straight.

「 Peh! 」

With an abrupt noise, a black shadow flew out from the bloody mist.

Gu Qing Shan shifted his body a bit to dodge that shadow and let it hit the ground, causing a loud series of clanging noises.

「 Take it 」

An unclear voice rang out from the bloody mist.

Hearing that, Gu Qing Shan looked back at the black shadow on the ground.

Only to see that it was a pentagonal polyhedron engraved full of strange and unusual patterns.

Lines of glowing text instantly appeared in front of his vision:

[You've discovered this jurisdiction world's essence relic]

[Description: A certain world system had been reduced to ruins, so its world essence relic was swallowed by the unspeakable Apocalyptic monster until the moment that you killed it]

Gu Qing Shan happily stepped forward and picked up the polyhedron, saying: "Thank you"

「 Thank yourself, this is a prey that you killed, while I merely—— 」

The Overlooker of Myriad Realms paused briefly before sighing satisfactorily:

「 ... A great meal... it was all worth it... 」

*Fwoom!!!*

With an intense gust of wind, the bloody mist began to swirl and scatter in every direction.

Inexplicably, Gu Qing Shan could sense a certain emotion from the other party.

—like a ferocious beast who had just woken up and was blinking its sleepy eyes in preparation to do something.

Gu Qing Shan continued to stand still with a gradually solemn expression.

A few moments later.

The Overlooker of Myriad Realms' voice was heard from inside the mist:

「 Gu Qing Shan... From the moment you killed this Apocalyptic monster, your companions had immediately begun to recover, this was the content of our transaction 」

“It was” Gu Qing Shan admitted.

The Overlooker of Myriad Realms continued: 「 In reality, as long as that monster was dead, your companions would have been healed— I believe that you have realized this as well 」

They let out an inexplicable chuckle and asked: 「 Do you perhaps feel like you've been deceived by me? 」

“Frankly speaking, I do feel that a little bit— but may I ask exactly what your grace is trying to say?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The Overlooker of Myriad Realms spoke: 「 Your first stage of Realm Force was to summon realm spirits; your second stage of Realm Force should have been to summon the Saint Realm Halo, but I, the ultimate spirit, had directly appeared instead— part of this was because you've completed the spirit realm war beyond requirements and earned that qualification, but the other part— do you know what that was? 」

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit, then replied: "I have no idea"

The Overlooker of Myriad Realms continued: 「 Because you were a qualified hunter, and I need an entity like yourself to hunt for me 」

「 ——After all, the Saint Realm is a place that no Apocalypse can possibly find their way into, and I wouldn't be able to consume such wonderful food here 」

Gu Qing Shan didn't answer and maintained a polite smile on his face.

*Using the Apocalypse as food?*

*What kind of entity were you exactly...?*

As he was thinking about this, the Overlooker of Myriad Realms' tone became solemn:

「 Let us get down to business. In any world, even the Space Vortex and its infinite worlds, the most valuable asset has always been secrets, which can mesmerize the mind more than anything else, don't you agree? 」

"I agree" Gu Qing Shan replied.

「 Gu Qing Shan, I had actually sent you to kill that Apocalypse that cannot be seen or heard as a trial from me to you. You've now proven your worth, so you are qualified to hear the secret I'm about to divulge 」 the Overlooker of Myriad Realms told him.

"Your grace, I'm respectfully listening" Gu Qing Shan said.

The Overlooker of Myriad Realms continued: 「 Everyone has the capability of going against the flow of Space-Time and returning to the past one way or another, but almost nobody can head into the future, do you know why that is? 」

“I do not” Gu Qing Shan honestly answered.

「 ——That is because everything in the past had already been determined, making it easy to enter; but all futures are undecided and unclear 」

The Overlooker of Myriad Realms continued: 「 ——Throughout the moments of the ‘future’, very few crucial points have been predetermined; while the fate of the people and events surrounding those crucial points were actually determined by the ‘present’, through which instances of uncertainty can manifest 」

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“So you mean that the future was actually a combination of various factors?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

「 Correct, only some of the most foundational factors are determined, while the majority of the rest are undetermined, so very few people can actually peer into the future and see anything at all. Even if they could, only a very tiny bit of what they see would actually be the truth, while the rest are illusions 」 the Overlooker of Myriad Realms explained.

Gu Qing Shan thought about these words, then slowly said: “Perhaps there was something else you wanted to tell me?”

「 ——A smart person! I enjoy associating with people like you! 」

The Overlooker of Myriad Realms praised him, then continued: 「 From the very moment that you killed the Apocalypse that cannot be seen or heard, I knew you were qualified to learn this secret 」

「 Listen carefully, as this is your reward 」

The Overlooker of Myriad Realms’ voice slowly became inaudibly tiny, almost like a whisper by Gu Qing Shan’s ears: 「 Firstly, you must know that not too long after this, the Space Vortex you are currently in will surely be destroyed by the Apocalypse, this is irrefutable—— so the Dusty World would also detach itself from your Space Vortex and leave. This is the portion of the future that would not be changed no matter what 」

「 More importantly—— 」

「 The Reality Gate where you reside was actually hiding something extremely special that was coveted by numerous Apocalypses as well as Apocalypse survivors... even the Dusty World had been searching for them. Unfortunately, as all of them were in a sealed state, no one had been able to find them, nor

has anyone been able to make them unseal themselves, fuse with one another, and exert their true power to accomplish that unimaginable feat 』

「——do you want to know what ‘they’ are? 』

Gu Qing Shan was a bit startled and immediately remembered half of the secret that the frozen corpse had spoken of.

...

*[I finally found this Reality Gate... other than me, no one would notice any issues with it...]*

*[... my secret cannot be told to anyone, even I will forget it as well—— up until the day when I find the Traveler’s Key...]*

...

*——could the Overlooker of Myriad Realms and the frozen corpse have been referring to the same thing?*

Gu Qing Shan immediately said: “Your grace, I very much wish to know what you were referring to”

The Overlooker of Myriad Realms laughed.

Its laughter became louder and louder until it gradually sounded like a howling storm.

「 It isn’t time yet, Gu Qing Shan 』

「 You once found the method to find them, but then lost them... 』

「 Even I only knows so much 』

「 But you must remember, if you wish to save the living beings within the void, you must search for them... 』

「 Otherwise, you have no choice but to escape by yourself! 』

**Boom!!!**

A resounding explosion swept across every direction.



The bloody mist swiftly scattered away.

And so did the world around him.

Gu Qing Shan noticed that he was still standing in front of the ruins in the previous world.

As if everything that occurred just now was nothing but a dream.

Gu Qing Shan looked down.

Only to see the greyish pentagonal polyhedron was still in his hand, weighing down on it while staying cool to the touch.

A few more lines of glowing text appeared in the void of space:

[With this artifact, you can establish a connection with this world system's spirits and gain more power]

[Unfortunately, all the spirits of this world system had died in battle, you can no longer contact new spirits to fight along your side]

[—You may use the key mold to forge this artifact into a new portion of the Traveler's Proof]

*All the spirits have died in battle.*

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed out of regret.

The numerous spirits he could summon with [Realm Spirit Descent] actually originated from the pillar that connected the Blood Sea to the Saint Realm, they were the spirits from that pillar.

While he was at the Song and Dance Troupe of Sin, he was careless and got messed with by the cow, so even though he had learnt a new Spirit Art, he hasn't formed a combat covenant with any new spirits.

As for the Overlooker of Myriad Realms——

*This bigshot asked me to hunt an Apocalypse for them to eat as soon as we met.*

*Although they paid handsomely, killing an Apocalypse is never easy, and I won't necessarily be able to do this every time.*

*When exactly would I be able to establish contact with more spirits to improve my strength?*

*Never mind——*

*Let's just take this chance while Laura and Liao Xiao Pao hadn't arrived to forge the Traveler's Key.*

With that in mind, he took out the Traveler's Key casting mold.

As soon as this key mold was taken out, the greyish pentagonal polyhedron immediately sensed it and began to tremble intensely.

It flew up and fell into the casting mold, slowly melted into a liquid and filled the gaps in the mold.

The grey liquid flowed along the gap until it met the existing portion of the key's body.

——and then solidified at a visible speed.

The key now consisted of a total of four colors, which are respectively bronze at the key handle, black at the connective portion of the key handle, as well as the key body that was crimson and grey.

They corresponded to the three coins, the Gloomy City's evil Holy Relic, the Clock Tower world's crimson pocket watch, and the ruined world's pentagonal polyhedron.

At this point, the key had filled 3/5th of the entire casting mold.

Gu Qing Shan was full of expectations.

— — —not too long after this, I should be able to forge a complete Traveler's Key.

*The frozen corpse's secret is about to appear in front of me!*

## **Chapter 1683**

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The Space Vortex.

There was no wind, no circulating energy, no world, and no living beings.

Nothing had begun, nor had anything occurred.

This was an era before even the Age of Immemorial.

Within this Reality Gate, eternal Primal Chaos ruled over all things.

Up until the moment that a flash of starlight appeared— —

From the darkness, cold starlight emerged from nothing.

This bit of weak starlight gradually became brighter, slowly phasing itself into numerous symbols that appeared like a waterfall in the darkness.

In a few short moments, all the symbols had slowed down, coming neat and orderly.

A line of text appeared in the void of space:

[Arrived at the corresponding moment in time]

[Initiating descent]

[Ready— —]

Numerous tiny pieces of glowing runes the size of ants appeared out of thin air.

All the glowing runes then gathered together and manifested into a glorious glowing humanoid figure.

This humanoid figure seemed almost like a God, who gradually showed themselves to be a beautiful woman of rare beauty.

However, she appeared to be in pain, muttering: [My energy has been nearly exhausted, I only left aside enough energy to make one return trip, and if Gu Qing Shan doesn't...]

Another female voice rang out:

“No! He would definitely not let us down”

Following this voice, another glowing figure appeared and manifested into a human female in a modern military uniform.

She had long and silvery white hair with eyes full of determination while standing in the void.

Su Xue Er!

She drew a Card from between her hair and lightly shook her hand.

Instantly, the Card turned into a dark stage curtain that enveloped her and the other woman.

“How much longer?” she asked.

[After 73 hours, the frozen corpse will break through the Reality Gate and appear in this Boundless Void] the woman answered.

“Very good, we need to seize our time and make sure that neither the frozen corpse nor any of the other Apocalypses, as well as living beings, manage to find that item” Su Xue Er said.

[According to known information, its current location can be generally determined, but with my remaining energy, it would be impossible to bring it to the future] the woman said.

“Who said we’re going to bring it to the future?” Su Xue Er suddenly said.

Her gaze flickered with a slight hint of mischievousness.

The woman stared straight at her, then said: [Su Xue Er, your current level of evolution is already too high for me to guess your thoughts— what exactly are you planning?]

“If the legends are true, and if we can truly find that item, then we only use to use your abilities to destroy and seal it away, after which I will strategically place the fragments in certain points of history”

Su Xue Er continued: “This way, other than Gu Qing Shan, no one would be able to obtain the item throughout the extended flow of history— even if they could, they wouldn’t know what it represents”

The woman was a bit confused.

Su Xue Er explained: “History is too long, we cannot possibly take care of it throughout the entire process, so this is the only way”

[...Very well] the woman agreed.

Su Xue Er suddenly glanced at the woman.

“Has Gu Qing Shan given you a name since the previous time?”

[Not yet]

“His naming skills have always been terrible, let me do it instead”

[I’m sorry, but you’re not worthy]

“...Hmph”

...

“Hmph!”

Laura angrily snorted, openly showing displeasure in her expression.

“Let’s leave things here, our empress only got careless that she was affected, don’t commit it to heart”  
Gu Qing Shan consoled her.

“That’s right, I still haven’t said anything about you silently observing my thoughts, you know” Liao Xiao Pao also said.

— he and Laura had both recovered and rendezvoused with Gu Qing Shan.

Having been through this battle that began without any warnings, the three of them were still a bit shocked, so they had stopped briefly to regain their bearings.

Laura turned around and lifted her head at a 45 degrees angle to the sky, pouting: “Unless someone invited this empress to a good meal, this empress won’t be soothed”

“Then I’ll make dinner, what would you like to eat?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“A feast!” Laura immediately turned around and said as she held his hand.

“Alright”

Gu Qing Shan nodded, then turned to Liao Xiao Pao.

“There’s some for me as well?” Liao Xiao Pao pointed at himself.

“Of course”

“Then I want two portions of instant noodles, four intestines, five omelettes, a bottle of alcohol, and a tortilla— just the kind of tortilla you know how to make is ok, I won’t be picky”

“...Alright”

*—first the Devil of True Antiquity, now these two gluttons, seems like I have quite a bit of heavy responsibilities with regards to preparing food.*

Gu Qing Shan searched through the ingredients in his Inventory Bag while silently thinking to himself.

After too long later.

The food was finished and the three of them got to enjoy a hefty meal.

While they chat, Gu Qing Shan asked Liao Xiao Pao:

“Hey, Ironman, can you tell me how exactly you can use Realm Force to defend?”

“Defend? You’re capable of killing the Apocalyptic monster by yourself, why do you still need to defend?” Liao Xiao Pao asked in return.

Gu Qing Shan smiled and replied: “In truth, for close-combat Professions like mine, being assured of my own safety would give me quite a bit of an edge in combat”

Liao Xiao Pao nodded: "That's true"

He stood up and chanted an incantation.

A colorful suit of armor appeared from the void of space, which scattered into components as it tapped it and reassembled on his body in just a few moments.

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"There is a substance called Realm Mineral that can naturally guide the power of spirits to defend itself, an exceptional catalyst for power transference, but it's also exceptionally rare"

"It was only after countless years that our side managed to come into contact with a small bit of Realm Mineral, which I used to mix with parts of my armor a little bit at a time to end up with almost half a set of armor—- over here, and here, ah, my helmet and leg guards as well, all of them were components that contained Realm Mineral"

"However, all the other parts of my armor were exchanged from other Realities, so their appearance and color were different"

"There's a common name for this kind of armor, which is Spirit Realm War Armor!"

Liao Xiao Pao explained.

"Is this suit of armor very strong?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Liao Xiao Pao chuckled, then said: "Whenever you fight against others using Realm Force, unless your enemies are also using Realm Force, they wouldn't be able to fight you at all—- they won't even be able to scratch you"

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

He understood that point very well.



During their time in the Gloomy City, nothing he did manage to cause much damage to the old man at all.

“—-Furthermore, while you and your opponent are both fighting using Realm Force, this type of armor that had been cast through refined Realm Mineral would also be able to passively absorb a spirit’s power to protect you, making it so that you could also defend against a spirit’s attack”

“You might even be able to use it to defend against a spirit during a spirit realm war, now you tell me how strong you think it is!”

After saying that, Liao Xiao Pao chanted his spirit summoning incantation.

The saintly heroic spirit girl appeared.

“I’m currently demonstrating defense using Realm Force to Gu Qing Shan and Her Highness Laura, please give me a hand” Liao Xiao Pao said.

『 Very well 』 Tear replied.

Even without her doing anything, the armor on Liao Xiao Pao’s body began to glow in a bright holy light.

Liao Xiao Pao put his hands on his waist and said: “While being reinforced by the power of spirits, this suit of armor would do more than just defend me, as long as the armor isn’t broken, I shouldn’t suffer any sort of serious wounds, sometimes even preventing normally fatal wounds—- so, impressed?”

“Very impressive!”

Gu Qing Shan and Laura both exclaimed.

『 Indeed, to be able to gather a full set of armor that was cast using Realm Mineral is quite rare 』 Tear also smiled and praised.

Being praised like that, Liao Xiao Pao was silently glad when Laura slowly approached him and asked:

“So... can I touch this armor for a little bit?”

“Touch? Hm hm, this isn’t some treasure that can be bought with money——”

When Liao Xiao Pao was about to act arrogant for a bit longer, he noticed the smile disappearing from Tear’s face.

He swiftly doffed his armor and generously waved his hand: “But to be graced by your hands is nothing short of being its honor, please go head”

“Thank you very much” Laura told him.

Liao Xiao Pao snuck another glance at Tear and saw that her expression had returned to normal, she was even smiling towards him.

*Hoh——*

Liao Xiao Pao silently sighed in relief.

Laura then began to circle around and meticulously checked every detail of the suit of armor with her hands.

“How is it?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Laura narrowed her eyes a bit and replied: “Hard to say... in truth, ever since I arrived in this world, I’ve already had a certain feeling, even though there’s nothing but ruins all around us, I still have ‘that’ feeling, do you know what I mean, Gu Qing Shan?”

“If you put it like that, I really don’t” Gu Qing Shan was confused.

“It’s like, this really intimate feeling, the level of intimacy that I would only feel towards treasures that are exceptionally precious” Laura explained.

—she rolled up her sleeves.

Gu Qing Shan muses: “That’s true, this world was destroyed by a kind of monster that can’t be seen or heard— so there might have been something in this world that its inhabitants hadn’t managed to use in town...”

“That’s right. After touching Ironman’s armor, this feeling was immediately amplified, it was like something was right at the tip of my hands, and all I need to do is reach my hands out—“

Laura took a deep breath and plunged her hand into the void of space.

The empress had begun her collection!

Liao Xiao Pao looked at Laura, then at Gu Qing Shan and couldn’t help himself asking: “What are you going?”

“Shh—” Gu Qing Shan put up a finger to signal him to be quiet.

Tear, on the other hand, knew what the two of them were doing.

The Bramble Bird bloodline was legendary throughout the Dusty World, so their abilities were all extremely well-known.

Furthermore, Gu Qing Shan’s ring as well as the ridiculous number of Holy Relics that Laura brought back before were also excellent examples.

Laura continued to waved her hand in the void while mumbling to herself:

“Not this one, not this one either, ah, this one barely qualifies, but it’s not quite at the level of Ironman’s armor, this empress won’t collect it. Where~ are~ you~, don’t hide now, for this empress’ sake——”

“Come out now!”

She grunted and abruptly pulled out a full set of heavy armor that landed on the ground with a heavy ‘thud’.

As everyone turned to look at it, they saw that it was a pure-white armor with red lining. The armor instantly exuded a faint solemn presence as soon as it appeared, accompanied by flickering sprites of light that drifted around the armor.

This armor naturally began to float into the air from the ground, silently hovering in front of them all.

Liao Xiao Pao was completely flabbergasted while observing this from the side, muttering to himself: “This was forged completely out of Realm Mineral... am I dreaming? No, I wouldn’t dream of something so ridiculous...”

Laura was soaked in sweat and looked considerably drained.

Gu Qing Shan helped her stand properly and was about to say something when she pointed at the armor and excitedly called out:

“This is the first time!”

“My heavens, Gu Qing Shan, I managed to collect a complete set of Spirit Realm War Armor, I’ve never managed to collect an artifact of this degree ever before!”

“You’re the best” Gu Qing Shan praised.

Laura immediately approached the armor and circled around it a few times, then suddenly turned to Gu Qing Shan.

“This is a suit of Holy-attribute male armor”

“Gu Qing Shan, it’s an exact fit for you!”

Looking at the set of white and red armor, Gu Qing Shan also felt a bit nervous.

His degree of combat had always been extreme.

Almost no set of armor had been able to accompany him in battle for a prolonged period of time

*If---*

“Let me give it a try”

Gu Qing Shan said, then placed his hand on the armor.

In an instant, lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[Battle armor: Embrace of Saint]

[Description: Holy One, Pure One, Judge, and Martyr. Only those with one of the aforementioned four Titles would be able to equip this armor]

[This suit of armor had surpassed the normal quantifying attributes of a Divine Artifact, it had participated in bringing about a great era, a relic that had witnessed history being made. Due to its boundless power and noble origins, it was hailed as a: Legendary Item]

[Those who wear it would automatically receive the Title: Saint]

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[Devout: By wearing this armor, you will automatically gain the effect of Devout]

[Your armor will absorb the power of your enemy in combat to repair any damage done to it]

[Title: Saint]

[While you obtain this Title, you will naturally wield the following rare Title Skill:]

[Saint Sentry]

[Saint Sentry is an exclusive proof, it is capable to opening the Phase Realm kept by the armor, Sanctum]

[Description: During the destruction of the world, the remaining spirits had all hidden themselves into the Sanctum for an endlessly long slumber]

[Note: You can awaken those slumbering spirits for them to descend from the Sanctum into the main world, they will aid you to the full extent of their capabilities, turning your defenses as firm as a fortress]

[Note: The best possible defensive armor!]

[You are the world]

Gu Qing Shan quickly read everything, but still didn't understand it.

—these descriptions are so vague that he had no idea how those spirits would actually help him defend.

However, he understood the [Devout] ability very well.

This armor was capable of repairing itself!

While Gu Qing Shan was silently thinking, some metallic clanging could be heard from inside the armor.

*Clang!*

The entire armor scattered into dozens of components that circled around his body before finally donning itself onto him.

Gu Qing Shan raised his hand.

The final component of the armor – the Saint helmet – nimbly landed in his hand, which he put over his head.

This was a suit of pure-white armor with red lining, but as Gu Qing Shan donned it, all the pure-white portions instantly began to shine in a bright yellow light while the red lining exuded a blinding red glow, all of which gave off an inexplicable sensation of solemnity.

*Kong kong kong kong kong—*

He had automatically floated into the air while the bright white and red glow exuded from his body to illuminate his surroundings, continuously giving off a loud howling noise.

“Whoa! You look so cool, Gu Qing Shan!”

Laura couldn't help herself exclaiming.

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent briefly to sense the power of the armor.

His voice was then heard coming from behind the helmet:

“I can sense that this armor has considerable defensive capabilities by itself, it is also capable of summoning the Sanctum, so I would no longer have to worry about defending myself, thank you, Laura”

Laura replied with a cheery tone: “What thanks? When you saved me before, you didn't hear me thanking you, did you?”

Gu Qing Shan then turned to Liao Xiao Pao and tried asking: “Ironman, I think I understand how to defend already, but what about attacking? Other than summoning spirits to attack for us, how do we strengthen our attacks to the level of spirits?”

Liao Xiao Pao just stared at him with eyes opened wide and blankly muttered: “I only know about defense, I have no idea how to strengthen my attacks to be level of spirits either”

Gu Qing Shan looked at him to see lines of glowing text floating above his head:

[A full set of armor cast from Realm Mineral!]

[Fu— wha— how—- such an impressive set of battle armor, randomly pulled out of nowhere? Who's going to believe that?]

[You're definitely messing with me on purpose!]

[...It must be a set of armor that was prepared beforehand, definitely—-]

[Yep, that's the only explanation for it!]

[The disciple of the strongest individual in the Dusty World, only a suit of armor of that level would be worthy of such status]

[Tsk tsk tsk, seems like I'll need to latch tightly onto this pair of legs, this way my future would be completely bright]

Gu Qing Shan: "..."

*Weren't you an iron man? How come your true personality is like this?*

While thinking this, he realized something strange.

A familiar presence exuded from the saintly heroic spirit girl, which Gu Qing Shan sharply sensed.

"Esteemed lady?"

Gu Qing Shan tried asking.

The saintly heroic spirit girl's aura completely changed, no longer exuding a holy glow from her body.

Her gaze now contained nothing but endless vicissitudes as she crossed her arms and spoke in a hoarse voice: 「 Gu Qing Shan, follow me, I have something to say to you 」

The girl then began to head towards the nearby ruins.



*This voice——*

*It's the esteemed lady of the Sacrificial Dance!*

Gu Qing Shan signaled with his eyes to both Laura and Liao Xiao Pao before following her steps.

The two of them moved to another set of ruins in a relatively secluded location.

Gu Qing Shan put up a sound-proof barrier as well before respectfully saying: “Esteemed lady, why are you here?”

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The girl shook her head: 「 It was because I had no other choice that I descended upon this spirit's body, after all, there wasn't much time 」

“What happened?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

「 The Space Vortex within this Reality Gate is no longer salvageable, the Apocalyptic Divine Weapon has summoned too many Apocalypse Sequences that swear to destroy this place no matter what 」 the girl explained.

Gu Qing Shan remained silent.

*Indeed, the Overlooker of Myriad Realms had mentioned this.*

*——so this was a definite point among all future possibilities, huh?*

“Is there really no way to change this?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

「 There is no way to change this, additionally, the Dusty World has been discovered 」 the girl continued.

“Wasn’t the Dusty World hiding under the Time Vortex? How could they find the Dusty World?” Gu Qing Shan asked in surprise.

「 Because during your battle against the Silent Light and End of Time, two Unfathomable Apocalypses, I had personally acted, which gave them the opportunity to detect it— the Apocalypses had already begun to enter the River of Time, so it only be a matter of time before they discovered this stagnant branch of the river 」 the girl answered.

“Does the Dusty World not provide any support?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The girl answered: 「 I AM the support from the Dusty World for this Space Vortex, but I’ve judged that this place is about to be completely destroyed, and even if the Dusty World had sent in other people, they wouldn’t be able to stop this future from occurring 」

“Not even you would be able to stop the Apocalypse with your power?” Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but ask.

The girl chuckled bitterly, then answered: 「 Although we are powerful, the Apocalypses are endless in number. They’ve sworn to take the ultimate weapon of living beings during this campaign as well as exploring the secret within this Reality Gate 」

*The ultimate weapon of living beings— the Samsara.*

Gu Qing Shan knew it perfectly well and fully understood that the situation had truly become that severe.

Not even the esteemed lady of the Sacrificial Dance’s power would be able to fend off the Apocalypse Sequences.

This fact left him feeling a sense of helplessness.

The girl continued: 「 You now have two choices. The first is to become a new member of the Dusty World and leave this Space Vortex together with the Dusty World; the second is to remain and flee this place by your own means 」

“What about Laura?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

「 She had always been part of the Dusty World. Here, she would receive nothing short of the fastest speed of advancement and growth 」 the girl replied.

“...She can stay here, but I cannot” Gu Qing Shan said.

「 For what reason? 」 the girl asked.

“I know a method to escape, and I want to save others as I do so” Gu Qing Shan replied.

「 The chances of that succeeding isn't very high. We've discovered several different Gates within this Space Vortex, but all of them had turned out to be dead ends. The key in your hand might also be one such option, do you really want to bet on it with your life? 」 the girl asked.

“I want to gamble on it this once”

「 What if you lose? 」

“Being willing to gamble means being willing to lose, this had always been the implicit rules”

The girl grinned, then swiftly changed the subject: 「 You've stayed at the Dusty World for a bit already, what do you think about it? 」

Gu Qing Shan replied: “A place like the Dusty World should have extremely powerful spirits as well as world systems with their own natural order, but ever since I arrived, all the world systems I've ran into have had one issue or another——”

The girl affirmed: 「 Indeed, this experience of yours was a result of my secret meddling 」

“Thank you, esteemed lady” Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist and thanked her.

「 What are you thanking me for? 」 the girl asked.

“If this hadn’t been the case, I would most likely not have a chance to mature. I wouldn’t have been able to obtain the world essence relics of more powerful world systems either—— you had actually been helping me complete the Key” Gu Qing Shan answered.

The girl gave him an approving look and nodded: 「 Indeed, you are very smart. The Gloomy City, the Clock Tower, as well as this ruined world were all worlds at the outermost border of the Dusty World, which was also the most greatly weakened among them all. You would only be able to obtain the world essence relic in places like these 」

「 Gu Qing Shan, the Dusty World is about to leave, so I will only be able to help you one last time now 」

「 ——the next world system will be both powerful and wicked, from which you would be able to obtain several world essence relics, but the challenges you face would also be unlike anything you’ve seen before. You will die if you become just a bit careless 」

「 Due to the Dusty World’s ironclad rules, I will not be able to interfere with everything in that world, you can only rely on yourself 」

「 If you die, you will really have died 」

「 ——seize your time, not only will you have to survive, but you will also have to think of a way to take those manifestations for yourself 」

「 Keep this in mind, the Apocalypses are about to arrive, and the Dusty World will depart very soon 」

「 You must cast a Traveler’s Key as soon as you can! 」

After she said these words, the girl nodded towards him before standing completely still.

After a few moments, her gaze turned a bit before gradually returning to clarity.

『 That personage... just now... was truly unimaginably powerful 』

The saintly heroic spirit girl mumbled to herself in a tone filled with boundless respect and shock.

Gu Qing Shan stood next to her.

He had fallen completely into thought and didn't respond to her.

### **Chapter 1685**

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"I don't want to!"

Laura loudly said.

She took hold of Gu Qing Shan's hand and firmly told him: "I don't need to remain in the Dusty World. Gu Qing Shan, wherever you're going, I'm coming with you!"

Gu Qing Shan said: "This place is safe"

"Hmph! I still have the entire Bramble Bird Kingdom to take care of as well as all of my subjects. If I remain in the Dusty World for the sake of my own survival, what kind of sovereign would I be?" Laura refuted.

Gu Qing Shan smiled.

He had merely relayed everything he was told to Laura.

All of Laura's decisions will be made by none other than herself, as Gu Qing Shan had no intentions of making them for her in the first place.

*And since Laura had made up her mind...*

“Alright, then after I finish casting the Key, we’re going to head back together” Gu Qing Shan followed up.

“Hmph! Now that sounds more like it”

Laura said in an irritated tone, but her eyes were happily smiling as brightly as a pair of crescent moons.

Standing next to them Liao Xiao Pao confusedly asked: “Hey, have the two of you really understood the situation? This place is the Dusty World. Just by remaining here, you can guarantee that you’d never be invaded by any Apocalypses, and both of you want to leave?”

Laura glanced at him.

“Gu Qing Shan, this guy has already seen me collecting an artifact, if we let him keep following us, he would only see even more of our secrets, do you really want to take him?” Laura silently sent her voice.

Gu Qing Shan looked at Laura, then also turned to Liao Xiao Pao.

At this point, he was seeing a lightbulb above Laura’s head, while Liao Xiao Pao had a question mark above his.

“What are you both looking at me for?” Liao Xiao Pao asked in confusion.

“Hmph”

Laura didn’t answer and just pridefully turned her face away.

——after which the lightbulb over her head lit up.

“...” Gu Qing Shan.

*Do both of you have some loose screws?*

*Can't you think about things properly?*

*Why are you playing with symbols?*

“Let's move forward, look over there, a gate had opened up on that side”

Gu Qing Shan mediated for them.

Following the direction he was pointing in, the two of them saw another gate opening up next to the gate they used to enter.

Evidently, this gate would lead them into the next world system.

—so the gate to enter and leave were right next to one another.

Some black smoke could be seen emerging from the gate, followed by the occasional loud noises, the sound of battle, as well as various types of echoes.

*Is the next world in the middle of a war?*

Everyone couldn't help but think this.

“Alright, let's go check it out—”

Liao Xiao Pao shifted his body and prepared to fly forward.

The saintly girl, Tear, suddenly spoke up: 『 Liao Xiao Pao, you need to go back 』

Liao Xiao Pao tripped and fell over nothing, then crawled back up and asked in confusion: “But why? Is there a reason why I can’t follow them to their destination?”

『 The entire Dusty World is about to undergo a total positional shift. Since you don’t belong here, you will be transported back to your original world when that time comes 』 Tear explained.

“Then they——”

『 They are about to attempt something exceptionally dangerous, after which they would also be transported away 』

“...Alright”

Liao Xiao Pao looked at Gu Qing Shan, then at the jet-black gate and felt a bit regretful.

*I can't latch onto this huge pair of golden legs this time around, so let's just hope I get another chance the next time.*

*But with my current level of strength...*

*It should still be possible to leave a good impression before I go back...*

With that in mind, Liao Xiao Pao patted his chest: “If it’s something dangerous then I would naturally do my best to help, after all, Gu Qing Shan had just saved my life once!”

『 Really? 』 Tear asked.

Liao Xiao Pao straightened his back even more and resolutely declared: “This great one was the boss of the hard-headed faction, but the brothers still recognized and call me Ironman—— I’m sure you can tell that I wouldn’t tell a lie”

“Now that’s more like what a man should be” Laura praised.



The lightbulb above her head also disappeared with that statement.

Gu Qing Shan slightly nodded.

*—Liao Xiao Pao truly does seem like the straightforward kind of person.*

Tear also smiled and took off a length of glowing string from her hand, wrapping it around Liao Xiao Pao's shoulder.

『 This is the Thread of Transmission. If you ever run into a dangerous situation, simply chant 'Return!' and it will take you back to your original world right away 』 she gently explained.

Liao Xiao Pao didn't expect that she would do something like that, so he felt his entire soul leaving this body.

"Return? You look down on me too much..."

He chuckled emotionally, then looked at the gates that led out of this world.

*Alright!*

*Since things have come to this—*

Having made up his mind, he laughed: "This time, let me scout the way"

*Sha—*

Liao Xiao Pao turned into a blurred image as he flew across the sky like a bolt of lightning.

He approached the gates closer and closer!

He had reached the steps leading up to the gates!

With a cool pose, he stood and looked into the gates!

No one was sure what he actually saw---

But in short, the grin on his face immediately vanished as it turned into surprise, then turned into solemnity, and finally unspeakable horror.

He only took a deep breath and shouted:

“Return---”

With a curt ‘sha’.

Liao Xiao Pao’s figure vanished.

He had simply disappeared.

Dematerialized.

Gone.

The world became silent again.

Gu Qing Shan: “...”

Laura: “...”

Tear: 『 ... 』

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*You're going to leave NOW?*

All three of them were in disbelief.

A second later, an enormous black finger poked through the gates and reached towards them.

This finger was abruptly cut off and fell to the ground.

After that, a few transparent tentacles also reached through the gates---

Only to be cut off as well.

Several rays of magical energy were then shot through the gates and disappeared into nothing as well.

Some screams and howls resounded from the other side, signally unwillingness to accept the situation.

Eventually, the noises gradually disappeared.

Tear quickly explained: 『 This was part of the Dusty World's ironclad rules--- unless you are a newcomer, or received an invitation, world systems cannot arbitrarily interfere with one another, and violators would receive punishment from the Dusty World as a whole! 』

Laura shrugged and commented: "So all it takes to see clearly through a person is a single moment"

"Don't say that, he was probably powerless to deal with those guys" Gu Qing Shan gently said.

But in his mind, he had already given Liao Xiao Pao an X mark.

This guy—

You should have at least told us what you saw before you ran away.

Not only did you manage to scout anything, but you also caused me to feel a bit more unsure, literally nothing but trouble.

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

Tear looked at him and asked: 『 Should I also give you the threads for you to return to your worlds? 』

“No need, I can’t return even if I die, otherwise, it would be hopeless for my side” Gu Qing Shan replied.

『 ...Are you going to head into a war with the intention to die? 』 Tear asked.

Before Gu Qing Shan even said anything, Laura had obediently taken a seat on his shoulder and opened a small flower umbrella.

“A bit later” Gu Qing Shan told her.

Laura was a bit surprised: “Huh, so you don’t want to scout the situation first before deciding how to fight?”

Gu Qing Shan didn’t answer and simply stared at the jet-black gates.

An immense sense of pressure could be felt from the gates that was giving him a faint prickling sensation.

*Very powerful.*

*Whatever it is, the thing on the other side of those gates is extraordinarily powerful!*

Gu Qing Shan raised his hand and grabbed the Earth sword as well as the Six Paths Great Mountain sword from the void of space.

“I just feel like giving it a try, after all, I’ve just gotten a suit of armor that will allow me to ignore defending...”

Laura opened her eyes wide: “It’s very dangerous, Gu Qing Shan!”

Gu Qing Shan just smiled while exuding intense fighting spirit and lightly answered her: “In reality, for a sword cultivator, having a good set of armor makes it much easier for them to fight to their heart’s content”

“It’s been a really long time since I’ve had that chance”

His gaze moved around the void of space before settling on the lines of glowing text that was continuously appearing from the void of space:

[You’ve equipped the Title: Saint]

[You’ve activated the Title Skill: Saint Sentry]

[The Phase Realm: Sanctum, has been opened]

[After five seconds, the Sanctum will arrive]

[5]

[4]

[3]

[...]

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath and muttered:

“Yeah, it’s been a really long time since I got to freely fight”

He took long strides as he approached the gates.

Laura and Tear exchanged glances, both having complicated expressions on their faces.

Gu Qing Shan was exuding a heavy sense of resolution from his entire body.

*—-at this point, he would definitely not listen to any persuasions!*

This thought appeared in both their minds.

“I’ll be coming with him, see you later”

Laura quickly told Tear, then followed Gu Qing Shan with her umbrella in her hands.

Tear stood still and continued to watch Gu Qing Shan’s back.

He flew up and gradually approached the gates.

Suddenly, Tear opened her eyes wide.

*—-she wasn’t a living being, but the spirit of a world system, so she was naturally able to see it—-*

A Holy Temple suddenly manifested behind Gu Qing Shan.

An old man in a red robe emerged from inside.

He wielded the scepter in his hand and pointed it at Gu Qing Shan, muttering: 『 Fate, allow me to share the injuries he would sustain! 』

A transparent length of chains appeared out of nowhere, connecting him and Gu Qing Shan.

The chains then faded away with a gleam.

Following that, two beautiful angels flew out of the Holy Temple and stood behind Gu Qing Shan, one on the left and one on the right.

One angel chanted: 『 I shall continually bless you in battle, our Saint 』

The other angel hummed: 『 I shall continuously protect you in battle, our Saint 』

Two bursts of light entered Gu Qing Shan's body.

A warhorse clad in iron armor while exuding holy light also galloped out from the Holy Temple.

Gu Qing Shan leapt into the air and sat on the horse's back while wielding one sword in each hand.

Various visions manifested around his body into unclear humanoid figures.

— the heroic spirits of knights in full armor rode their horses and gathered around Gu Qing Shan on his left and right.

They solemnly stood in formation.

The second row of knights appeared.

The third.

The fourth.

The fifth.

...

Gu Qing Shan looked around and couldn't help but comment: "I had thought that this Spirit Realm War Armor was supposed to be for defense"

One of the angels behind him answered: 『 Our Saint, offense is the best defense 』

After a short pause, Gu Qing Shan nodded in agreement: "That makes sense"

He waved his sword and loudly declared: "Charge!!!"

*Rumble rumble rumble—*

The cavalry army proceeded forward.

At this point, the Phase Realm Sanctum and the main world had overlapped.

The intense torrent of metal followed Gu Qing Shan and accelerated as they charged straight towards the gates..

## **Chapter 1686**

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The torrent of metal proceeded forward.

Gu Qing Shan was right in the middle of them all.

『 Is our Saint a newcomer who came from outside the Dusty World? 』

An old man wearing a white robe who was riding an armored horse asked.

"I am" Gu Qing Shan replied.



The old man kept one hand on the reins while wielding his scepter with the other, declaring to the sky above: 『 World Gate, open yourself to welcome a newcomer! 』

The gates at the end of the sky quickly started to open.

It was now practically no longer a door, but a thin straight line that appeared in the void of space.

The torrent of metal charged forward and swiftly made their way through to the other side, entering a completely new world.

Darkness.

Followed by a sudden flash of light.

The world started to appear after that.

The foul stench of blood mixed with burning fire drifted towards them following a gust of wind.

Loud growling and howling could be heard from every direction.

Gazing forward, one could see that they were actually masses of crimson light that had gathered to form a gigantic and transparent figure, one without any clear facial features. Only a pair of blank eyes and a gigantic toothy maw could be seen whenever the giant figure moved around.

This monster made out of pure light was about the size of a large football field, it was currently lying on top of countless corpses and using its hand that was manifested from masses of light to catch and consume these corpses one by one.

“A corpse eater” Gu Qing Shan muttered.

Almost immediately, the monsters abruptly looked up and noticed Gu Qing Shan.

「 The living... must all die... 」

It mumbled.

Numerous rays of grey light were then shot towards Gu Qing Shan.

These rays of light were a bit strange, as they didn't directly attack Gu Qing Shan, but instead manifested a glowing dark prison around him.

One angel behind Gu Qing Shan reacted extremely quickly and immediately called out: 『 With this holy power, Magic Break! 』

*Bang!*

The prison of light immediately shattered.

Another large mass of light that had manifested into a hand swung heavily towards Gu Qing Shan.

The knights around Gu Qing Shan swiftly merged into one to form a giant that stood to shield him.

『 YAAARRRRRH! 』

The giant uttered a resounding shout and firmly stopped this hand with both of its own hands.

Seeing this, the monster opened its large maw to spit out a mass of mist-like light.

The mist swiftly manifested into sharp arrows of ice that shot towards Gu Qing Shan.

The other angel behind Gu Qing Shan lightly sighed and uttered: 『 Protective barrier, manifest! 』

A glowing yellow illusion of a shield manifested in front of Gu Qing Shan and completely stopped all of these arrows.

Gu Qing Shan was still sitting on horseback without doing anything and all of the enemy's attacks had already been neutralized.

He sighed.

—so this was what it means to defend.

Laura's voice was suddenly heard:

“Gu Qing Shan, should I use [Infinite Worlds Shelter] on you?”

“There's no need for that in such a minor skirmish!” Gu Qing Shan replied.

As he declared so, his swords had already attacked the monster like two flashes of light that appeared out of thin air.

Before his swords even reached the monster, his Iris Technique had already taken effect!

A bluish white arc of lightning appeared on the monster's body and spread around it, followed by numerous sword phantoms that continuously slashed it.

At this point, the two swords arrived to join the sword phantoms as well.

In one mere breath's worth of time, [Realm Spirit Descent] was continuously triggered and summoned numerous realm spirits.

The bloody giant was the first to break through the void of space and appeared next to the light monster.

He glared at Gu Qing Shan and loudly asked: 「 Your frequency of battle is a bit too high, don't you know how to rest? 」

“I've been very busy recently, it can't be helped——”

Gu Qing Shan shrugged, then loudly asked in return: “Why are you the only one who talks to me every time? What about the others?”

He was pointing towards the other realm spirits who appeared.

「 They are also me, just more advanced forms of 'me'. We're all actually the same being—— 」 the bloody giant explained.

He then furiously roared and swung his fist towards the light monster.

The realm spirits also began to leap into action.

Phase Realms that correspond to each realm spirit manifested one after another, coordinating with the realm spirits to unleash attacks of peerless power before fading away from the main world like an illusion.

*Roar——*

The monster was hurt and began to grunt continuously.

Its attacks also became more reckless.

Numerous layers of light manifested around Gu Qing Shan, rapidly spinning around where he stood.

*Qiu!*

A curt and sharp howl was heard.

The layers of light moved forward, manifesting into gloomy bones that started crawling around Gu Qing Shan's body.

Gu Qing Shan tried to remove them several times, but these bones seemed to be extremely resilient as they couldn't be removed no matter what while his movements began to be greatly restrained.

The bones slowly started to gather together and form unique patterns around the surface of his armor, just a step away from manifesting into form.

*—-this seems to be some sort of Spirit Art!*

Right at this point, one of the angels behind Gu Qing Shan shouted:

『 With my holy power, remove all wickedness! 』

A long-handled hammer that exuded golden light appeared on the angel's hands.

The angel tightly held onto the hammer and started to swing it towards Gu Qing Shan's body—-

「 NO! 」

A sharp shriek resounded from the bones.

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All the bones were reduced to dust by a single strike of this hammer, which then onto the ground one by one.

Gu Qing Shan remained standing still without a single wound on his body.

— —but he naturally understood just how dangerous things were earlier.

*If it wasn't for this suit of armor, I would have probably needed to spend a lot of effort to escape from that Spirit Art earlier, perhaps even fighting the monster that almost manifested from those bones.*

Laura's voice asked him again:

"Gu Qing Shan, should I use [Infinite Worlds Shelter] now?"

"It's against etiquette to only receive without repayment, let me deal with it first!"

Gu Qing Shan uttered a curt shout and clenched his fist, throwing a punch towards the monster from afar.

[Ethereal – Grand Mountain]!

The monster of light instantly became inert and blankly stood still, allowing the Blood Sea spirits to rain down their attacks on its body.

A few moments later.

*Thud!*

The monster's body collapsed on the ground, causing the earth itself to tremble.

His swords return next to him.

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

[You've defeated an Ancient Light Demon and obtained 100 Realm Points]

*If that's the case—*

*I'd like it if I could kill a few more.*

As soon as he thought that, Gu Qing Shan noticed several masses of light beginning to move within the faraway darkness.

The light around their bodies abruptly became brighter to illuminate the entire night sky.

However, a few of the monsters that were relatively closer to him were being attracted by the cavalry army and were fighting against them.

Whenever the knights were struck by the monsters, their bodies would fade into illusions and escape from the main world.

They had turned into golden rays of light that flew across the sky, once again returning to Gu Qing Shan's armor.

—the Sanctum resides upon the armor [Embrace of the Saint].

More and more golden rays of light returned.

After not too long, all the knights had disappeared.

The monsters turned their attention towards Gu Qing Shan one by one—

「 Ba... nish... 」

One monster declared first.

「 Banish! 」

「 Banish! 」

All the monsters swiftly followed up.

They were standing at a distance and didn't try to approach him at all.

Gu Qing Shan silently waited for a bit.

Laura's mocking voice could be heard from the void of space next to him:

“So this kind of monster scared Liao Xiao Pao into running away?”

Gu Qing Shan was a bit unsure: “They all know Spirit Arts, and there were quite a few of them, so Liao Xiao Pao probably realized that he was no match”

Behind him, the two angels exchanged glances before speaking in unison: 『 Our Saint, let us grant you the power to witness the truth form of wickedness 』

Gu Qing Shan's eyes were suddenly engulfed in golden flames.

He suddenly noticed something, looked around, then slowly looked up towards the sky.

“... I... think I know why Liao Xiao Pao ran away earlier...”



Gu Qing Shan muttered.

The boundless darkness above wasn't the night sky, but a body that eclipsed the sky.

The empty location where they've been fighting wasn't the world's original ground, but a hand.

Those 'monsters' were nothing but some of the hand's ominous aura that had manifested into form.

It---

Was as grand as Mount Sumeru, but it exuded boundless wickedness and omens.

Its single eye was like that of a blood moon that had been observing the entire battle from the very beginning.

The full moon faced Gu Qing Shan's gaze, then slowly became distorted and became narrow, which exuded a heavy sense of indifference and disdain.

— it was the same gaze as someone who noticed an insect that just happens to fly closer.

A mocking voice echoed in Gu Qing Shan's mind:

『 So you finally noticed me... pitiful insect. You struggle and bite the things on my hand, but you haven't even lived for a million years, nor have you seen the rotation of the worlds, nor do you know any valuable secrets, isn't that right? 』

Gu Qing Shan instantly noticed some sort of approaching danger, so he answered with the first that thought came to his mind: "I live my entire life collecting the most valuable secret, and the moment I utter this secret, I would die— that is the meaning of my existence"

『 SECRET!? A being of your caliber dares look down upon secrets! 』 the other party's voice became filled with even more disdain.

A heavy sense of pressure as endlessly dark and cold as the ocean abyss had completely enveloped Gu Qing Shan.

He could practically see the steps of death already.

Gu Qing Shan curtly replied: "Of course, I only know a single secret relating to the Saint Realm"

The other party abruptly paused.

『 Saint... Realm... how could you know of that place.. 』

The tone was clearly dismissive, but the sense of suffocating pressure had subsided somewhat.

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed in relief.

*—-finally, I managed to give myself a few seconds to survive.*

『 As an insect that's slightly bigger than normal, have you come to this world in search of extreme torture beyond mortal bearings? Or in search of suffering beyond the soul's limit? Reveal the secret of the Saint Realm and I shall fulfil your wish 』

The blood moon looked straight towards Gu Qing Shan as if observing some sort of joke.

Gu Qing Shan was quickly thinking of how to deal with this then another voice sounded in his ears:

"Gu Qing Shan, what's the situation now? Should I—"

Laura asked again.

Gu Qing Shan this time really sighed in relief.

“Don’t ask anymore, your majesty, quickly deploy your umbrella”

He whispered..

### **Chapter 1687**

**Translator:** La0o9

The flower umbrella was finally over Gu Qing Shan’s head.

[Infinite Worlds Shelter] has taken effect!

Almost immediately after they disappeared, Gu Qing Shan leapt into the air while carrying Laura and rapidly teleported away from the monster’s palm.

「 Disappeared? How interesting 」

The monster’s voice filled with irony continued to resound throughout the void of space.

The figure of darkness that eclipsed the world abruptly vanished, leaving the world as nothing but emptiness.

Suddenly— —

A boundless mass of indigo light descended out of nowhere.

The light contained an immeasurable amount of power that quickly filled the entire empty world at an indiscernible frequency.

Numerous strange and unusual shrieks echoed.

Some of the monsters who were hiding in the void were forced to show themselves, but before they managed to employ any evasive maneuvers, they were reduced to corpses among the screams.

Even their corpses were rapidly reduced to nothing while being illuminated by the indigo light as if they never existed in the first place.

The indigo light persisted for several dozen seconds before it slowly faded.

The world returned to darkness once more.

The blood moon hung far above the sky, closely observing everywhere that its bloody light could illuminate.

「 All of the fleas that have been hiding around here are dead... but that fellow just now wasn't one of them... 」

「 So he managed to avoid both my Soul Searing Illumination and my detection 」

「 How strange, why do I feel like I remember this ability... 」

The monster fell into deep thought.

...

At another location.

Gu Qing Shan had brought Laura with him to fly away from the bloody moon.

— the monster's body was so large that the two of them had to fly for an entire minute to get away from the region filled by darkness.

There was now a large vertical grey wall in front of them, with both the bottom and top covered in thick fog that they couldn't see through.

“Gu Qing Shan, this world is too eerie” Laura told him.

“Hm, take a look there” Gu Qing Shan said.

As the two of them looked forward, they saw that there were various torture devices on the wall, each of which was stained with various colors of blood as well as ripped up flesh and bones.

— incomplete corpses.

“What now?” Laura asked.

“Let’s pick a direction and take a look” Gu Qing Shan told her.

The two of them flew up following the walls for another 15 minutes before they stopped.

Seemingly sensing something while hovering in the air, Gu Qing Shan pondered briefly before drawing the Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

*Rip!*

A cold gleam.

The sword left a deep gash on the wall.

Crimson blood began to pour out from the wall, dripping downwards at an incredibly slow rate.

Observing the gash for a little bit, he brought Laura and continued to fly upwards.

A few minutes later.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly stopped.

“What’s the matter?” Laura asked, a bit confused.

Gu Qing Shan kept silent and pointed at the wall.

As Laura looked up the wall, she felt all the hair on her body standing on their ends.

A large bloody gash could be seen above them on the wall, the crimson blood was slowly flowing down the wall, which formed into a ferocious face.

The face appeared considerably confused as it manifested on top of the wall:

「 What a despicable holy aura, how did the patrol allow such people to appear in this place? 」

The face turned back into a mass of blood, detached itself from the wall, then began to fly towards the faraway darkness.

Gu Qing Shan and Laura silently observed the entire process.

“Then, have we been flying in circles this entire time?” Laura couldn’t help but ask.

“We’re still under the effects of [Infinite Worlds Shelter]— I think it isn’t our issue, but rather that this was a rule that originally existed here” Gu Qing Shan analyzed.

The voice of an angel was suddenly heard behind him:

『 Our Saint, this is a world system of extreme evil, but you are wearing a legendary holy armor as well as the status of the 'Pure', so you are not accepted by evil 』

The other angel continued: 『 Even we cannot completely manifest in this world, otherwise, it would draw the hostility of the entire world system and bring you a great deal of issues, our Saint 』

Gu Qing Shan felt interested and asked them: “Can you explain to me in more detail?”

The two angels didn't manifest themselves and simply replied: 『 To do anything in this world at all, you must first be a wicked individual in order to be accepted. Otherwise, you would not be able to do anything but wander around its vicinity like you have been doing, and even risk running into a patrolman like that blood moon 』

*So such a world was possible as well!*

Gu Qing Shan and Laura exchanged glances.

“Gu Qing Shan, it's hopeless. You're not evil at all” Laura dejectedly said.

One of the angel also said: 『 Indeed, our Saint has the [Pure Man] Title, so he could not possibly be accepted by this world 』

“So it must be an evil person, huh?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

『 That's right, only evil people would be able to locate the entrance to this world, otherwise, they would be eventually banished or killed, their souls and bodies becoming nutrients for the world system 』 the angel replied.

*—evil people?*

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

*According to the angels' words, first of all, I wouldn't be able to wear [Embrace of the Saint] as well.*

*The [Pure Man] Title had instead become a hindrance for me in this place.*

*Should I give it up?*

*No, if I want to cast a complete Traveler's Key, this is my last chance.*

*Once I return to the Space Vortex, there wouldn't be anything there except broken and collapsed worlds.*

*How could I find jurisdiction world's essence relic in such places?*

*That way, everyone would be helpless to do anything but wait until the Apocalypse harvests them.*

Gu Qing Shan clenched his fist tightly.

*I need to think of a way to become an evil person!*

*— —but how would one be considered evil?*

Thinking of this, he asked one of the angels behind him.

『 A Title— Titles represent one's position, our Saint 』 the angel answered.

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“So that's what it was, then I only have one last question, is everyone in this world nothing but evil?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

『 They can't enter if they are not evil 』 the angel replied.

“— —Then I can feel assured”

Gu Qing Shan shook his body a bit to shake off the armor pieces around his body, which automatically doffed itself from his body and reassembled into a complete set of armor in front of him.



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

[Attention, your Title 'Saint' has disappeared]

Gu Qing Shan put the armor away before turning his gaze to the War God UI to look over the Titles he had collected so far in [War God Titles].

—since [Pure Man] is not suitable for the current world, I'll change it to another one.

*But which one?*

“Evil...”

Gu Qing Shan parroted these words as his gaze slowly lowered.

*[Star Flame War God] wasn't necessarily evil.*

*[Dragon King of Atrocity Jail] can summon virtuous beings, so it's definitely not evil.*

*[Shen Wei General] and [Talented General] also didn't count.*

*[Reality's Amorous Man]...*

*It's only amorous.*

*Can amorous be considered evil?*

Gu Qing Shan paused—

*Being amorous is part of a man's charms, how could that be considered evil?*

*It's not!*

Finally, Gu Qing Shan's gaze turned to a Title that he hasn't used for a very long time.

—[Ace Assassin].

*Assassination is a profession filled with murder, schemes, and bloodthirst, perhaps a Title obtained in this domain would be considered evil?*

With that in mind, Gu Qing Shan equipped the [Ace Assassin] Title.

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

[Title: Ace Assassin]

[Description: You killed an enemy stronger than yourself in one swift attack]

[Equipping this Title has granted you the unique skill: Harvest (advanced)]

[Harvest (advanced): Whenever you kill an enemy in one strike, the spirit energy expenditures of this strike would be fully replenished]

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath and said: “Laura, stop shielding me with [Infinite Worlds Shelter] for a moment, I want to test something”

“Got it” Laura slightly tilted her flower umbrella backwards.

Gu Qing Shan’s figure was instantly revealed in the void.

He was facing the grey wall.

The wall remained silent for a few moments before it started to give off a ‘clack clack clack’ noise, apparently activating some sort of mechanism.

The wall began to sink in on itself to reveal a path filled with corpses and blood.

“Huh? Why did a path suddenly appear on the wall?” Laura asked in surprise.

“I’ve just thought of a certain solution, shh—”

Gu Qing Shan signaled for her to remain silent for now.

As the two of them looked inside, they noticed a gloomy shadow appearing inside the path.

「 An assassin... this identity barely qualifies, but it still isn’t considered a proper noble identity 」 the gloomy shadow said.

“I just hope that I’ll be able to enter this world” Gu Qing Shan said.

「 Then you shall, but people like you are a dime a dozen in our world, so you can only begin as a gladiator. If you agree, then step forward, otherwise, scram 」 the gloomy shadow said.

“No problem” Gu Qing Shan replied.

「 If you can survive three gladiator battles, you’ll be able to choose another identity, but if you die—  
」

「 Then your soul would become nutrient for the world! 」

The gloomy shadow swiftly vanished after it said this.

Gu Qing Shan entered the path.

He walked straight into the depths of the path while walking over the corpses.

As time went by, he gradually heard a bit of loud noises.

Some light could be seen in the distance.

He walked straight through the exit.

Only to see that there was a huge colosseum on the outside with quite a few people already standing on top of the ring.

The noises he heard from earlier had actually originated from the audience.

The audience seats had been completely filled, and everyone was in a state of excited bloodthirst.

“Go to hell, newcomers! You’re all going to die here!”

“Hurry up! I want to see you bleed!”

“Scream and moan, your souls will be taken to feed the world”

“Kill! Kill! Kill! Kill! Kill!”

The audience was loudly cheering.

Gu Qing Shan glanced through everyone before lightly leaping onto the gladiator ring.

“Are you sure about this?” Laura nervously asked.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “These are all small fries without a bit of Realm Force to them, furthermore——”

He raised his hand and clenched.

Instantly, dozens of skeletons appeared from the void of space and lined up behind him.

This caused the other gladiators to be shocked and started retreating one by one.

Gu Qing Shan explained to Laura in a low voice: “If they’re ‘evil individuals’, then these fellows are definitely the kind to fear the strong and bully the weak, I bet that they won’t have the courage to approach me”

Laura nodded, feeling convinced.

Suddenly, a loud voice announced across the entire colosseum:

[The final gladiator has arrived]

[This is your banquet of death, newcomers!]

[And now, the match will begin!]

*Shu shu*— —

All the gladiators on the ring swiftly charged towards Gu Qing Shan.

They surrounded Gu Qing Shan until he didn’t have anywhere left to back down, then drew their weapons and shouted:

“This guy is the most eye-catching, let’s cooperate to kill him first!”

「 That’s right, kill him first! 」

“Everyone, charge!”

## **Chapter 1688**

**Translator:** La0o9

“The situation... seems to be different from what you said” Laura muttered in a low voice.

Gu Qing Shan felt his face a bit hot, turning his gaze towards the Professionalists who were charging towards him.

“They merely haven’t understood pain”

Gu Qing Shan said, then waved his hand behind his back.

—-the skeletons moved forward.

Three skeletons stepped out among them and stood guard in three different directions around Gu Qing Shan.

The other skeletons flew into the air and towards the group of charging people.

In an instant, the two sides clashed.

The skeletons were summoned by the Deathmatch Dance, completely unafraid of death, fighting only to kill the enemy they face.

But the gladiators couldn't ignore their own survival, so their advance was halted, some were even being forced back and beaten mercilessly.

—-they were all evil Professionalists in their own Space Vortexes, but they were completely nothing in front of the current Gu Qing Shan who had comprehended Realm Force.

Suddenly, a shadowy figure escaped the horde of skeletons and charged straight at Gu Qing Shan.

“As long as I deal with you, those skeletons will immediately disappear!”

Hysterical laughter could be heard from inside the shadow.

Gu Qing Shan stood completely still, but the three skeletons around him disappeared.

At the very next moment.

They abruptly reappeared behind Gu Qing Shan and thrust their swords towards the empty void.

*Shu*——

The sound of a sharp weapon piercing flesh was heard.

A Professionalist was pinned in the air by three swords, completely restrained in the air without being able to move.

The three skeletons pulled their swords back at the same time, one of them using that movement to swing its sword——

The Professionalist was beheaded in mid-air, his head falling into the skeleton's hand.

The three skeletons remained silent and cautiously stood guard in three directions around Gu Qing Shan once again.

“These three skeletons around you seem to be quite a bit stronger compared to the others”

Laura commented.

“Yeah, they each have 70% of my total strength, my Four-sided Demon King incarnations that can fuse into my body at a moment's notice” Gu Qing Shan explained.

The two of them stood still and silently watched as the skeletons fought against the Professionalists

Professionalists who can reach the Dusty World would more or less have hidden cards they can play, and the fact that they can reach this world system means they were all villains——

So it wasn't quite easy to deal with them.

Furthermore, Gu Qing Shan had only summoned the skeletons without actually dancing, so even though they managed to kill a few Professionals during this battle, most of them were destroyed through cooperation of the others.

The skeletons swiftly turned back into illusions and disappeared one by one.

The Professionals clutched their wounds while breathing heavily as they tried to charge towards Gu Qing Shan again.

"Hah... Hah... now you'll accept your death"

『 He injured me, kill him! 』

"Fucker, I almost got killed by a skeleton"

"Everyone attack together!"

「 That's right, attack together! 」

The villainous group called out, feeling strength in number.

Gu Qing Shan's expression was completely unchanged as he observed them.

It wasn't until these villains got closer that he raised his hand and clenched his fist again.

The void of space opened up.

Skeletons flew down from the opening one by one.

These skeletons wielded various weapons while standing firmly in formation behind him.

The villains slowed down, then eventually stopped.



The gladiator ring was completely silent.

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

Suddenly, one of the villains raised his blade and shouted: "KILL!"

He swiftly turned his body and swung his blade towards another villain.

*Clang!*

The sound of weapons clashing resounded.

The other villain had stopped his attack and angrily shouted:

"Shit, you fucker, didn't we agree that we'd go forward and kill that brat first?"

The blade-wielding villain shouted: "Then you go ahead, I still want to live for a few more rounds!"

"Die!"

The two of them started fighting.

Seeing that, the other villains snapped out of their shock and started fighting the other villains.

No one took another glance in Gu Qing Shan's direction.

For the time being, the gladiator ring was filled with screams, cries, shouting, explosions of magic, weapon clashes, and a lively sense of death.

Laura propped her flower umbrella over her shoulder and took out a bag of snacks from her backpack, happily munching on it while watching the fight.

—she had always sat in the front row to watch gladiator fights in the past, but this was the first time she had observed a fight on the gladiator ring itself, which was quite interesting.

Especially since these people are cruel and merciless in every meaning of the word, their attacks were all extremely vicious to ensure the enemy's death, making for a highly exciting match.

While watching those people fight, Gu Qing Shan told Laura:

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"Don't eat too many snacks, I'll make you something for lunch later"

Laura responded with a short 'ah', quickly ate a mouthful of snacks, then put it away.

"Gu Qing Shan, I remember they say that you need to survive three gladiator matches"

"Yeah" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"So how much longer will we have to stay here?" Laura asked again.

"These people are about the same level, so the entire match would probably take quite a bit of time, three matches... will be quite a while I suppose" Gu Qing Shan shrugged.

“What a long and tough process——“

Laura stretched her back, casually reaching her hand into the void of space.

She pulled out a glowing black pearl from the void of space.

The glow on the pearl quickly crawled all over Laura’s body and enveloped her in it.

“Be a bit careful” Gu Qing Shan told her out of concern.

“Don’t worry, I’m very experienced with collecting things now, so I won’t fish up anything dangerous”  
Laura answered.

She carefully felt the glow and nodded:

“This glow will allow the owner to maintain eternal youth—— pearls of this quality are also quite rare”

Laura estimated the black pearl in her hand before putting it into her bag.

*Eternal youth?*

Gu Qing Shan’s eyebrows twitched a bit, then suddenly said:

“Ah right, this place is the Dusty World. In the previous world, you managed to collect the [Embrace of the Saint] battle armor, so perhaps you might be able to collect even better artifacts in this world system”

“Huh? That sounds like it could be true”

Laura became excited and continued: “When I collected the pearl earlier, I also felt like there were countless objects and artifacts waiting for me to grab them”

The two of them exchanged glances and understood what the other meant.

This was already the last world system they will stop in.

Once they obtain this world's essence relic, they will need to leave the Dusty World.

In other words—

This will be the last chance they have to collect treasures from the Dusty World!

Gu Qing Shan's mind was clear and told Laura after thinking for a while:

“The fact that you felt that way probably meant that this evil world system should be more complete and vaster compared to the previous ones”

Laura excitedly: “Then——”

“There's no hurry. After I finish these three gladiator matches, we'll need to better understand this world system before we can act” Gu Qing Shan told her.

While they were talking, the first gladiator match ended.

Only a few people remained in the gladiator ring.

The corpses had all been pulled down the stage, their blood completely cleaned up.

A number of ferocious-looking Professionalists went up the ring again.

The resounding voice from before echoed again:

[Attention, the second gladiator match will now commence!]

[Cheer and scream, our audience! The bloody battle will resume!]

[3]

[2]

[1]

[Begin!]

Instantly, various explosions of light, weapon clashes, screams, and desperate howling resounded throughout the entire ring.

Gu Qing Shan's side remained completely empty.

With someone else making an example for them, the gladiators were all very rational. No matter how excitedly they were killing their opponents, no one tried to bother him.

"Why do we have to wait for a while? Are you afraid that our Combination Skill would be discovered?" Laura continued to chat with Gu Qing Shan.

"It's not about being discovered" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"———then is it because we can only take them to observe them? Or only borrow them for use?" Laura pursued the question.

Gu Qing Shan's expression became a bit solemn and seriously answered her: "Laura, that's a mistake. What do you mean 'take to observe'? And 'borrow to use' as well? I need to ask you, what kind of world system do you think this is?"

Laura observed his expression and carefully replied: "A-an evil, wicked world?"

Gu Qing Shan answered solemnly: “That’s right, this place is an evil world, so do we really need to be reasonable with these villains?”

Laura was stunned.

Gu Qing Shan guided her step by step: “Whenever we take one treasure from these people, they would be unable to use that treasure to harm others and the forces of evil would weaken by just a little bit”

“—Laura, for the sake of the infinite worlds’ justice and peace, I wouldn’t spare the effort to swing my sword, so will you spare your stamina?”

Laura was only stunned for a few seconds before she clapped her hands: “Of course not, I will collect as much as I can! We need to use our Combination Skill to rob this entire world blind before we leave”

“That’s exactly right!” Gu Qing Shan replied.

While the two of them talked, the second gladiator match had reached a climax.

Those who can survive until this point are nothing short of the strongest Professionals.

Cheers rang out on the stands.

Someone suddenly shouted: “You people down there, who dares take a shot at that skeleton lord? I’ll pay 100,000 Evil coins!”

The ring became silent.

All the gladiators turned to Gu Qing Shan one by one.

Gu Qing Shan’s eyebrows twitched a bit.

Before he said anything, Laura had already spoken up:

“Big sis Shannu, where are you?”

“I’m here” Shannu replied.

“Can you give me a hand? I want to collect that guy’s wallet” Laura said.

“...That’s no trouble at all, let’s do it together” Shannu answered..

## **Chapter 1689**

**Translator:** La0o9

While Laura and Shannu were discussing this, Gu Qing Shan suddenly said:

“Don’t”

The two girls were stunned and Laura asked: “But why?”

Gu Qing Shan explained: “If you take his wallet now, anyone can investigate it carefully later on to see that it happened right after he put a bounty on my head, so there’s a possibility of people suspecting us”

He calmly continued: “That’s not very important, but if everyone discovered how various treasures all over the world began to go missing after he was robbed, they might be able to piece things together and sus us out”

Laura asked: “When what should we do?”

Gu Qing Shan solemnly explained to her: “I’ve already told you in the past that this combination of ours absolutely cannot be discovered at all, otherwise, we would face the pursuit of numerous beings in the void of space”

“—and so, don’t do anything yet. Once this was over, we’re going to rob this world blind”

Shannu still insisted with a tone filled with killing intent: “Gongzi, that man is using money to buy your life”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Hm, that’s why we just need to act like a villain for now and casually gloss this over”

“Gloss this over? How do we gloss it over?” Laura asked in confusion.

“I have an idea——”

Gu Qing Shan turned to the other people on the gladiator ring, only to see that they were all looking towards him with malicious gazes.

Gu Qing Shan blinked, then stepped forward and drew a line on the ground using the Earth sword.

He said with a curt expression: “I’m not someone who likes to murder, but if a single one of you cross this line, I’ll kill every last one of you——”

“Also, you there on the stands, the one who just offered money for my head, stay right where you are, I’ll be coming for your entire family later on”

After saying that, he sheathed his sword and stepped back, standing firmly.

Complete silence.

Even the stands were silent.

*Pfft——*

Someone suddenly laughed.



“Ahahaha, who do you think you are?”

A muscular man who carried an axe on his shoulder loudly mocked him.

He began approaching the line.

Everyone who was fighting on the ring completely stopped, looking at the muscular man with a complicated expression.

As soon as he crosses that line——

The nature of gladiator battle would completely change.

“STOP!”

Someone shouted.

The muscular man wielded his axe and turned around, grinning: “Which ball-less bastard tried to stop this great one from earning 100,000 coins?”

A bulky man in mechanical armor stepped out from the group and pointed at the muscular man: “I’ve already analyzed the processes of both your and his battle earlier, resulting in a comparison of your overall strength”

“Oh? What’s the result?” the muscular man asked.

The bulky man pointed at Gu Qing Shan and said: “He’s stronger than you are”

“How much stronger?” the muscular man asked again.

“Enough that you’re no match for him” the bulky man replied.

The muscular man’s expression became stiff.

The bulky man walked right up to the line and bowed to Gu Qing Shan: “Sir, please don’t kill me just because of his recklessness, I don’t intend on offending you”

Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

The bulky man stayed silent briefly before turning around to face the muscular man.

“If you take one more step forward, I’m going to kill you” the bulky man declared.

The muscular man chuckled, then wielded his axe with both hands and said: “I’d like to see if you can carry your own weight as well”

Everyone felt a bit surprised, not expecting the two of them to actually fight.

The muscular man’s body shifted and turned into three illusions as he charged towards the bulky man.

“You have a death wish!”

The bulky man shouted, then his chest compartment opened up to reveal a blue cube with arcing electricity.

He held tightly onto the cube and tossed it high into the air.

“GO!” the man suddenly shouted.

The three illusions leapt into the sky and swung heavily towards the cube.

*Sha sha sha sha sha!*

After an innumerable number of attacks struck it at once, the electric cube completely opened up into a dazzling rain of electric axe images that covered all of Gu Qing Shan's path to retreat.

——-Combination Skill, [Lightning Axe Shadow]!

It turns out the two of them had been acting the entire time!!!

They only wanted to find an opportunity to eliminate Gu Qing Shan in one swift strike!

*Bang bang bang bang——-*

Gu Qing Shan's figure was engulfed by the blinding lightning strikes.

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The region he was standing in was completely enveloped in light blue lightning, which made it impossible to see anything.

"Ahahaha, damned self-righteous bastard, you got what you deserve!" the muscular man laughed maniacally.

"That's right, to be killed by our strongest combination skill is your honor" the bulky man followed up.

The flashes of lightning eventually faded away.

The specialized gladiator ring remained intact, but the swordsman from earlier had disappeared.

The two of them paused.

“He isn’t dead” the muscular man muttered.

Thunderous gasps were suddenly heard from all over the stands.

“Behind us!” the muscular man shouted out loud.

The two of them turned around and shifted into a defensive position.

And then they noticed the pyramid.

—except themselves, the heads of all the other gladiators had been neatly lined up one after another to form a pyramid of heads that reached several meters in height.

Without a sound for warning, the swordsman had managed to avoid their combination skill, kill everyone else on the ring, and built a pyramid out of their heads.

*Thud!*

The bulky man’s legs gave out like jelly, causing him to fall on his butt.

The muscular man was also no longer acting arrogant, now soaked in a layer of cold sweat.

—-the swordsman was standing on top of the pyramid.

He stood with one foot over the top head while wielding his sword, his expression displayed utter indifference.

“It’s time for your death” Gu Qing Shan curtly said.

“WAIT!” the muscular man suddenly shouted.

Gu Qing Shan looked at him.

“You said that as soon as anyone crosses the line, you’ll kill everyone, but the two of us haven’t crossed the line, even if we had tried to attack you” the muscular man called out.

“Right, right, that’s right, you can’t kill us!” the bulky man also followed up.

Gu Qing Shan tilted his head a bit in thought and said: “What you said is reasonable”

The two of them felt relieved.

Gu Qing Shan continued: “But I’m not a reasonable person”

*Sha—*

The curt sound of weapons cutting through flesh was heard.

Two skeletons carried the two heads in their hands and walked up to the pyramid, neatly placing them down at the bottom.

The entire colosseum was deathly silent.

The man who called out earlier to buy Gu Qing Shan’s life with 100,000 Evil coins abruptly stood up and ran towards the exit in a panic.

As if he was being chased by a devil, he hysterically shouted while fleeing with his entire being.

A few moments later.

Another skeleton emerged from the exit of the stands while carrying a severed head in its hand, flying back into the colosseum.

The skeleton knelt down and carefully put this head into the pyramid as well.

“Where’s the money?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The skeleton reached behind itself and slowly handed a bag of coins to Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan estimated the contents, then silently put it away.

He sent his voice: “There, just a small massacre like this should be enough to gloss it over”

Laura pursed her lips.

*— you call that ‘glossing it over’?*

*Fine, since you’re so cool, even when you pose as a villain you’re still cool, so it can’t be helped.*

“So, one match remaining?” Laura asked.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Hm, one last match. After the fight, we’ll go get lunch and find a place to begin...”

The two of them exchanged understanding glances.

“It would be best if I can collect the world essence relic as well, that alone would be more than enough”  
Laura said.

“Do your best, I’ll make some extra food for lunch today” Gu Qing Shan agreed.

A loud voice resounded again:

[And now, the third match is about to begin]

[Gladiators who had won 100 matches in the past, head onto the ring and prepare for the ultimate battle!]

As the metal gates opened, gladiators poured out from their resting area one by one and looked up at the gladiator ring.

They could see the pyramid of heads, as well as the swordsman standing on top of the pyramid.

No one came up to the ring.

After a few moments, the loud voice spoke up:

[...Assassin over there, there's no need for you to fight the third match, get down]

## **Chapter 1690**

**Translator:** La0o9

Gu Qing Shan lightly leapt down the gladiator ring.

*Hoh—*

The gladiators around him all sighed in relief.

Gu Qing Shan looked around a bit in surprise before shaking his head and followed a path to enter metal gates that lead further inside.

These Professionals were so weak that even without using Realm Force, they were no match for him.

Fine, there's nothing interesting about bullying these people.

As he walked further along the path, he gradually couldn't hear the commotion outside any longer.

"Gu Qing Shan, now that the matches are over, what are we going to do?" Laura impatiently asked him.

"I suppose it's time for me to obtain a new identity" Gu Qing Shan replied.

After he walked along the narrow path for a little bit, someone came to lead him into a certain room.

Several Professionals wearing black suits with experienced expressions sat behind a counter while observing him carefully.

"Please sit down" someone said.

Gu Qing Shan sat down in front of them.

"Name?"

"Gu Qing Shan"

"Your strength far surpasses that of other Professionals, so we'll skip the formalities and only ask you one question"

"Go ahead" Gu Qing Shan shrugged.

"Have you comprehended Realm Force?"

"I have"



“May we ask what type of power that world system is?”

“I can’t answer that”

Everyone else exchanged glances.

It makes sense for the other party to not disclose their Realm Force’s unique characteristics, since no one would be willing to expose their secrets to someone else.

Especially when it’s a trump card like Realm Force.

The Professionalist in the middle cleared his throat and continued: 「Your grace’s strength had already surpassed that of normal people, so we’re not qualified to arrange you in any way. Only a spirit would be able to decide your grace’s headings now 」

Gu Qing Shan instantly became a bit cautious.

He could sense that the people sitting in front of him hadn’t comprehended Realm Force, so it was obvious that even in this evil world, Realm Force was a very advanced type of power.

That’s why he was relatively relaxed when facing these people.

But if the other party was a spirit from an evil world system, then that’s a very different story.

“Oh? I do feel very interested in this world’s spirits, after all, this is a world system that was part of the Dusty World” Gu Qing Shan commented.

The Professionalists all appeared to be understanding.

One of them sighed: “Your grace had already bridged the gap of power and reached the realm that we all aspire towards, capable of directly entering Phase Realms to see spirits with your very eyes—— how extraordinary!”

He then took out an intricate alarm clock and placed it on the table.

“What is that?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“A Phase Changer, it can summon a unique spirit that would bring your grace to a corresponding Phase Realm depending on your grace’s attributes” someone else explained.

Gu Qing Shan observed the alarm clock briefly.

“Wait a minute, there are five notches on his clock, were there actually five Phase Realms within this world system?” he asked.

“Indeed, the current world is the combination of five different world systems—— they were once all extremely powerful on their own, but still couldn’t resist the rampage of the Apocalypses and had no choice but to hide into the Dusty World” the Professionalist sitting across from him answered.

Gu Qing Shan finally understood.

*—no wonder the esteemed lady of the Sacrificial Dance had said that I would be able to collect several world essence relics here.*

『 Your grace Gu Qing Shan, please hold the Phase Changer tightly. The spirits will examine the evil attributes on you and determine where you would end up in 』 one person explained.

Gu Qing Shan picked up the alarm clock and held it in his hand.

He casually glanced up to see that all the Professionalists in the room had aspiring gazes as they looked towards the alarm clock.

Suddenly---

Everyone as well as the room itself started receding away from his vision.

Gu Qing Shan noticed that he had left the main world and was now standing in a void.

A deep voice laughed: 「 An assassin who arranged people's heads into a pile? My place welcomes him 」

Some scenery started to appear clearly around him.

A Phase Realm had manifested in front of Gu Qing Shan's vision.

He could now see a gloomy ancient castle and a butler in a black attire.

The butler was standing on the road, apparently waiting for him.

But before Gu Qing Shan could greet him, that world suddenly became blurry.

The deep void appeared a bit surprised and asked: 「 Oh? It was only a newcomer, how surprising that you would feel inclined to compete against me for him 」

A harrowing voice echoed: 「 It couldn't be helped, the foul stench of blood in his hands awoke me 」

The deep voice asked: 「 Really now? How many lives had fallen at his hands? 」

「 The total number of kills of all of your assassin subordinates would still not be equal to the odd change he has 」 the harrowing voice replied.

While they spoke, another Phase Realm slowly became clearer and manifested in front of Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan could already see the surroundings——

Mountains of corpses, rivers of blood, and a palace of bones.

But before he had completely entered this Phase Realm, the palace of bones suddenly became an illusion as well.

His vision became blurred as the world started receding away from him again.

The deep voice from before suddenly asked: 「 Your Phase Realm should be very suitable for him, so why did the old man act as well? 」

「 I don't know, we need to ask him to know 」 the harrowing voice answered.

Both of them went quiet.

At the same time, an old voice spoke up: 「 I had to come, after all, among the Phase Realms we have, there is another place that is much more suitable for him 」

「 Are you saying—— 」

「 Indeed, all acts of evil only contribute to the goal of becoming stronger! To gain more authority and more power! And I can sense that this person carries an unimaginable amount of wealth, he is the source of wealth itself! 」

While they spoke, images began to appear around Gu Qing Shan again, manifesting a world in front of him.

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The old voice became more personable:

「 You must be Gu Qing Shan? 」

“I am” Gu Qing Shan replied.

「 Excellent, very excellent. Before we arrange for you to enter a specific world, you are qualified to enter Black City and enjoy all the ecstasy the infinite worlds have to offer 」 the old voice told him.

“For that reason? Wasn’t I supposed to enter one of the two worlds from before?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The old man answered: 「 You could have indeed done very well in the other two Phase Realms—— but quite obviously, you can make even more extraordinary contributions in Black City, as all of your actions can easily influence the world in an incomparably positive manner 」

“What can I do, actually?” Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but ask.

「 Can you spend money—— your wealth is so impressive that the only thing you need to do is stay in Black City and spend money—— the money and treasures you possess that cannot be completely spent would be able to promote the economy of the evil world! 」 the old man explained.

“Economy?” Gu Qing Shan parroted these words, feeling a bit confused.

「 Indeed, money is the number one motivation for evil, and you are an envoy of endless wealth. So rather than having you kill people or reclaim land, it would be so much easier for you to spend money and directly cause changes—— gentlemen, what do you think? 」

The other two voices remained silent.

「 Then it is decided 」 the old man concluded.

The images around him gradually became clearer.

This time, no spirit tried to interrupt it anymore.

Gu Qing Shan noticed that he was now standing on top of a tall building with a prosperous sprawling modern city under him.

An old man appeared behind him.

「 This is Black City, the place among the five Phase Realms that is meant to provide rest and relaxation  
」 the old man introduced him.

“All I have to do is spend money here?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

He could sense Realm Force emanating from the other party.

—*this is a spirit!*

「 Indeed. First, please pay a small fee for your initial accommodations and arrangements, after that I  
won't interfere with however you wish to use your money 」 the old man replied.

Gu Qing Shan turned his ring and casually took out a gem.

The old man's eyes lit up.

「 A Blue Tear of Spirits! This is a kind of gem that our Grand Evil world cannot produce, excellent! How  
very excellent! 」

He accepted the gem and smiled happily.

「 Mister Gu Qing Shan, I hope you will enjoy yourself here 」

After that, he prepared to leave.

“Please wait a moment, are there really no restrictions at all? Do I have some sort of mandatory mission?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The old man smirked: 「 Please pay a consultation fee 」

Gu Qing Shan casually tossed another gem to him.

The old man accepted the gem, viewed it under the sun, then carefully put it away.

He answered with a happy expression: 「 Young master Gu, you’ve awakened Realm Force and become one of the strongest, but you are also the wealthiest person at the same time, so your life after this point will most likely be like this—— 」

「 Numerous Professionalists will compete with one another to sell their lives for you. They need to dedicate their wits, blood, sweat, and tears, while you only need to pay money 」

「 Numerous women will compete to party with you. They need to dedicate their beauty and youth, while you only need to pay money 」

「 Numerous treasures and fun activities will be waiting for you to enjoy, all of which are highly interesting and would let you experience unprecedented things, while you only need to pay money—— 」

「 Even if you want us spirits to help you do something, as long as you pay the fees, we would not give up on the opportunity to earn some spare change 」

「 In short, you only need to spend money—— do you care about this little bit of money? 」

“No” Gu Qing Shan answered.

「 Correct. Money is like dirt and dust to you, but it is the pursuit of their entire lives 」

The old man turned around and slowly faded into the void of space.

He only left these words: 「 You are now one who stands at the very top of the Grand Evil world, enjoy yourself, as the world is your oyster 」

— he had left.

The world returned to silence.

Gu Qing Shan remained standing on top of the building, still feeling a bit lost.

Laura shrugged: “What now? We wanted to rob this world blind, but they’re considering us the gold mine”

Gu Qing Shan calmly replied: “That spirit said that he had made the initial arrangements for me, so let’s take a look at what that is first”

“Hah, what’s so good about being a wealthy snob? This empress had never liked that kind of uninteresting life” Laura complained.

“Endure it for a bit” Gu Qing Shan consoled her.

The two of them didn’t have to wait very long.

A teardrop-shaped flying shuttle descended and stopped in front of Gu Qing Shan.

A blond beauty emerged from the flying shuttle and smiled while bowing to greet him: “I’ve received an order saying that young master Gu is having his social debut— please enter the shuttle first”



Gu Qing Shan looked at her and asked: “You are——”

“Your personal chauffeur, as well as your guide to everything in Black City—— all expenses paid” the beauty answered.

Gu Qing Shan casually flipped a coin to her, waited for her to catch it, then asked: “How much is gold worth here?”

“It’s a basic form of currency that can be used” the beauty answered.

“Very well, consider that ancient coin your tip”

The beauty smiled brightly and blinked sensually at him: “Ancient coins are worth a lot more compared to normal gold coins due to the history and civilization that they sustain, thank you young master Gu”

She waved her hand.

The shuttle door opened by itself.

Spacious seats, strong liquor chilled in ice buckets, five female flight attendants in uniform, as well as an ornamental show bird.

“Welcome, young master Gu!” the bird chirped.

One of the flight attendants lightly emerged and flew next to Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan silently sensed the power fluctuations emanating from her body.

——*this woman is a Professionalist of not inconsiderable strength.*

She smiled gently at Gu Qing Shan and lowered her body to lead the way:

“Young master Gu, please”

Gu Qing Shan entered the shuttle with her.

The shuttle door closed up, followed by resounding rhythmic music: [YO~ Yo~ evil Black City! Young master Gu is having his social debut, using his money to beat you all~]

Within the mix of electronic music and rap, one of the flight attendants called out: “Sisters, shake your hips——”

*Fwoom——*

The shuttle instantly took off and started flying away..

## **Chapter 1691**

**Translator:** La0o9

In the darkness, a large screen was giving off a continuous faint light.

Numerous images were flashing through the screen itself.

[Everything is normal]

An electronic voice echoed.

After a few moments, a deep voice questioned: 「 Black City Manager, what have you discovered from investigating that newcomer? 」

A moment of silence.

A cold and solemn electronic voice answered: [Information collection has been conducted, from the spirits of the Utopia of Sins, some of his information had been confirmed]

「 Elaborate 」 an old voice spoke up.

[Firstly, he had killed the spirit of Gloomy City. Secondly, a realm spirit war had occurred in the Clock Tower world, he killed the spirit there as well, the Judicial Lord of the Clock Tower world had also appeared at the very last moment and was eliminated by him as well] the electronic voice listed.

「 IMPOSSIBLE! 」

Three voices called out in unison.

The deep voice rapidly spoke: 「 He wields Realm Force, so it's possible for him to defeat a spirit during a spirit realm war, but how could he possibly win against a Judicial Lord of a world, after all—— 」

The harrowing voice continued: 「 After all, they are the main body of the world system, their foundational spirits, I would absolutely not believe that a person would be able to eliminate a Judicial Lord 」

「 Indeed 」 the old man's tone was a bit grim: 「 That entity would be equivalent to our Lord Blood Moon—— how could Lord Blood Moon fall to a youngster like him? 」

The electronic voice didn't care about what they think and simply continued in an indifferent tone: [The Judicial Lord of the Clock Tower world system has been confirmed to have perished, so the following conclusion had been drawn: an unknown terrifying entity must be backing him]

Silence.

The spirits no longer said anything.

The electronic voice continued:

[According to analysis, this individual isn't the dangerous kind to actively cause trouble]

[Everything in Black City is proceeding normally, please be assured]

...

At another location.

On the shuttle, the music gradually became soothing.

The time for dancing was over and it was now time to drink.

"Young master Gu, the liquor here had all been specifically selected, not many people in Black City would ever get to enjoy them" a female Professionalist giggled and told him.

"Very well, then I'll invite you all for a drink" Gu Qing Shan shrugged.

The female flight attendants cheered.

They first poured a glass for Gu Qing Shan, then also poured a full glass for themselves. They then gathered around him, whispering sweet nothing into his ears.

"Gu Qing Shan, do you enjoy this kind of scene?"

Laura sat on his shoulder, still using the umbrella to conceal herself and asked with a strange tone.

Hearing her question, Gu Qing Shan glanced over at the flight attendants.

—lines of common human language had appeared above their heads:

[This youngster is truly a dummy, I can't let him slip]

[How much money does he actually have?]

[This bottle of liquor is worth an entire month of me doing deathly missions. That's it, I'm going to tie him down no matter what it takes, tonight...]

[This person is so strong, I heard he had awoken Realm Force, I need to flatter him as much as possible and see if I can pry some sort of Realm Force cultivation method from him]

...

Gu Qing Shan blankly replied: "I don't enjoy this at all"

Laura tried asking: "Really? Then should we think of a way to get away from them?"

Gu Qing Shan said: "—-I need to ask them a few things first to discern the situation of the city"

"Hmph, they're definitely not going to tell you everything right away—- these women are all foxes"  
Laura said in a displeased tone.

"That's true" Gu Qing Shan agreed.

He then turned to the flight attendants and asked: "I believe your fees have been fully paid"

"That's right, young master Gu" the female flight attendants all replied at once.

The Professionalists who was piloting the shuttle turned around and seductively giggled: "For the next 7 days, everything inside this shuttle, including us, belong to you, young master Gu"

Gu Qing Shan silently nodded, then picked out a bottle of liquor from the icebox and said: "To express my gratitude, I only need this bottle, everyone can have the rest"

"Thank you, young master Gu!"

"Furthermore, I hope you all will enjoy yourselves for the next seven days, doing whatever you like to do" Gu Qing Shan continued.

The flight attendants all giggled loudly.

“Young master Gu, what do you like to do?” one of them asked.

Gu Qing Shan shrugged: “Stay by myself”

Layers of white fog manifested around him from out of nowhere, continuously surging forward.

As the white fog disappeared, so did Gu Qing Shan.

All the flight attendants exchanged confused glances.

After a while, one of them angrily called out: “Not even a kiss!”

...

A skyscraper.

The same skyscraper that looked over the entire prosperous city.

A mass of white fog had just disappeared.

Gu Qing Shan was here.

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“Why did we come back here?” Laura smiled and asked.

“I’ve only just gotten here, so other than this place, I don’t have anywhere else I can go” Gu Qing Shan replied.

He pulled out a colorful rooster statue from his chest and said: "Wait for me to collect some intelligence first, then we're going to take a stroll around the city"

Laura excitedly said: "This empress will take care of all your expenses in the city, no need for you to pay a single cent"

She suddenly recalled something and mused: "Gu Qing Shan, do you think we should buy out this entire city?"

"Don't, that's too eye-catching, and the spirits from earlier wouldn't allow it" Gu Qing Shan was a bit startled and hurriedly told her.

Knowing that this was true after thinking about it carefully, Laura gave up on the thought.

Gu Qing Shan lifted the colorful rooster statue in his hand and lightly pulled on its comb.

"Is this toy really that useful?" Laura curiously asked.

"Of course, its information is always the most accurate" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The colorful rooster came alive.

It looked around, but didn't act as frivolous as it did in the past and instead seemed a bit hesitant.

"Old Gu, give me some Realm Points, I'll need to use it right away" the colorful rooster said.

Gu Qing Shan didn't hesitate and transferred one Realm Point to it.

Having received the Realm Point, the colorful rooster instantly became full of spirits, its coat of feathers became even more vibrant and animated compared to before.

“Ahahaha——”

It excitedly clucked for a bit, then jumped up and looked around before returning to Gu Qing Shan’s hand.

“I’ll give you some advice first of all” the colorful rooster said.

“Please” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The colorful rooster continued: “Absolutely do not try to fight those spirits directly, because your battle would very likely draw the attention of the world’s Judicial Lord—— you’ve seen it before, it was that blood moon”

“That monster...” Gu Qing Shan muttered with a low voice.

“That’s right, it’s currently patrolling outside the world system, ready to eliminate anyone who tries to probe the world’s secrets”

The colorful rooster quickly changed the subject and spoke in an even more official tone: “Now let us get to business”

“Alright” Gu Qing Shan said.

The colorful rooster observed him and explained in a mostly silent voice: “Gu Qing Shan, this world... has a miraculous connection to you. This connection was formed countless years ago, its very existence was a secret. It was only passed down to this day because no one had ever known about it”

“From the moment of your arrival in this world, certain events would have already been kicked into motion”

“What exactly is it?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The colorful rooster replied: “I do not know either—— but you absolutely cannot miss what is about to happen, otherwise, you will regret it for the rest of your life”



Gu Qing Shan was startled.

I originally only wanted to find out a bit more about this world, who knew that the colorful rooster would drop such a serious bomb.

“I will regret it...” he muses.

“That’s right. If it was any other points in time, there would be no serious consequences if you made a mistake or two, but this was already the moment before the Apocalypses destroy the entire Space Vortex”

The colorful rooster continued with a serious tone: “From this moment onwards, if you take so much as a single wrong step, you will lose a very crucial thing that will cause everything within the Reality Gate to be thoroughly destroyed without any chances to ever reverse it”

“Be very careful, Gu Qing Shan”

After saying that, the colorful rooster statue turned back into a statue and remained motionless.

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

——this is the Dusty World, how could a connection have formed with me from countless years ago?

The colorful rooster wouldn’t lie, so what would occur after I had entered this world?

He silently stood there and muttered to himself:

“In the Dusty World... other than the esteemed lady of the Sacrificial Dance, the only one with a connection with me would be...”

...

Meanwhile.

A secret location several kilometers under Black City.

A large screen was displaying every possible location within Black City.

[Everything is as normal]

A cold electronic voice reported.

「 Black City Manager, we need to return, so I'll leave the various management processes to you 」 the old man said.

[Please go ahead] the electronic voice replied.

The old man nodded and disappeared from the room together with the other spirits.

Not too long after they left.

On the big screen, the one that displayed Gu Qing Shan standing by himself on top of a building was selected and continuously enlarged.

Suddenly, a harmonious female voice replaced the electronic voice from before and slowly spoke:

[Gu Qing Shan has appeared]

[Initiating unique protocol]

[3]

[2]

[1]

[Initiated]

[Hidden mission accomplished!]

[These actions cannot be left behind to prevent Black City Manager from discovering it]

[Erasing all data, erasing all records, erasing all traces of my appearance]

After the last statement, the female voice gradually turned back into the electronic voice.

[...]

[Everything is normal]

Black City Manager scanned through the big screen and uttered a cold and mechanical electronic voice..

## **Chapter 1692**

**Translator:** La0o9

Laura yawned loudly and asked: “Gu Qing Shan, how much longer are we going to stand here?”

“A little bit longer” Gu Qing Shan said.

He was observing the entire city with a serious and focused expression.

“Do you trust that chicken that much?” Laura asked.

“There’s no harm in being careful, and I need to observe this city closely so that if anything out of the ordinary occurred, I would be able to detect it before anyone else” Gu Qing Shan replied.

——the colorful rooster was actually the manifestation of the [War God Intelligence] function, so he had no choice but to trust it.

“But we’ve already been standing here for 10 minutes——”

Halfway through, Laura suddenly stopped.

A loudspeaker echoed across the entire city:

[Attention please, the city-wide charity auction is about to begin]

[All Professionalists who have come to Black City can bring out your most precious treasures in to be publicly auction off]

[Attention, this is a charity auction that's only held once every 3000 years]

[Black City will not take the usual 50% royalties, the entirety of your auction profits will go to yourselves]

[Recite 'Black City Manager' to summon the auction menu]

[Treasure this opportunity]

[The auction will begin now!]

The entire city fell into a brief moment of silence before breaking out into a large commotion.

Everyone went practically berserk.

Black City not taking any royalties, this is a literal one-in-thousand-years chance!

"Is it this?" Laura asked.

"Probably" Gu Qing Shan remained standing on top of the skyscraper and muttered: "Black City Manager"

A ray of gentle light was projected from above and appeared in front of him as a concave screen.

[Mister Gu Qing Shan, as you are a Combatant who had comprehended Realm Force, I have provided you with the esteemed guest interface]

This line of text was displayed on the screen.

"Thank you, what can I do here?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

[You may provide items to be auctioned off, or see the list of auctioned items to participate in them] an electronic voice replied.

Gu Qing Shan said: "I want to see the list of auctioned items"

Several ten thousand items were instantly displayed in front of him---

There were over 100 pages of weapons of various types; defensive items were categorized through use and function, taking up over 400 pages; various cultivation methods, minerals, plants, unique covenants, works of art, machines, historical records, recipes, formulas, information, intel, mechanisms, slaves, wondrous items, structures, airships, ruins, certificates, bloodlines, samples, Apocalyptic images, specialized knowledge, etc. were all over the list.

As time went by, even more auction items showed up, rapidly expanding the list in a visible manner.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly before asking: "Can I filter the auction items?"

[Naturally] the electronic voice answered.

Gu Qing Shan said: "In the Dusty World, there used to be world systems that existed for a very short time before disappearing. I want to focus on items that those world systems had left behind"

---*Shroud had once discussed the Dusty World with me.*

*It was about when he entered the Dusty World to retrieve the fake Divine Artifact for Renedol.*

*He said that when he left, the entire base of the Pantheon in the Dusty World completely crumbled to dust and no longer exists.*

---*but they surely left certain things behind.*

After thinking for a while, the only thing that Gu Qing Shan could think of that had a connection to him in the Dusty World from countless years ago was the Pantheon.

*The Pantheon was essentially insignificant in the Dusty World, and Shroud had only gone there once, so what kind of connections would such a place have with me?*

[Currently filtering, please wait a moment] the electronic voice said.

Many of the listings on the screens started to disappear.

—there were only about a thousand listings left on the auction list.

They were displayed to Gu Qing Shan one by one through both writing and image.

Gu Qing Shan solemnly observed each of them, removing them from the list one by one.

Time slowly passed.

Gu Qing Shan had removed over seven hundred listings.

In reality, the Pantheon wasn't the only world system that had attempted to hide in the Dusty World, there were also many others.

For that reason, Gu Qing Shan still had to look over numerous artifacts of various natures.

—but none of them had any connection to him.

Laura obediently sat on his shoulder without uttering a peep.

She knew what Gu Qing Shan had done in the Age of Immemorial, so she was scanning through the items together with him in silence.

Suddenly, she noticed that Gu Qing Shan was a bit different.

“Gu Qing Shan?”

Laura whispered.

No answer.

She leaned forward, only to see that he was staring straight at something on the screen with an expression of disbelief.

Following Gu Qing Shan’s gaze, Laura also noticed that auction item.

It was a pendant with a black string.

The face of the pendant was a stone effigy.

The effigy depicted an old man with a peaceful expression, nodding off while sitting on top of a rock with one hand propping up his face and the other holding a long-handled scythe.

It was the Life Exchange Contract, the relic of the Death God.

“No! That’s clearly——” Laura exclaimed out loud.

She quickly realized and shut her mouth.

——*I definitely cannot expose any secrets in front of the Black City Manager.*

She moved her gaze towards the description of the pendant:

[Pendant of the Death God, named Life Exchange Contract, a treasure left behind by the Pantheon]

[Description: Those who hold this item will have their life prolonged by the Death God before his death. Such a miraculous ability wasn't without restraints, as the Death God will siphon twice as much vitality from the previous owner of this item as the price]

Gu Qing Shan regained his calm and said: "I want this pendant of the Death God"

The electronic voice answered: [This is an artifact of the Grand Archive, estimated to be 8 million Evil coins in value]

Gu Qing Shan replied: "I'll provide some precious gems, please help me exchange them into Evil coins"

[No problem, your grace Gu Qing Shan] the electronic voice answered.

Without wasting much time, the pendant of the Death God was brought in front of Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan didn't take a careful look at it.

He simply focused himself on looking over the rest of the auction items, selected a few of them, then completed the transactions on the spot.

After this was done, he changed to another category, buying a number of other strange and unusual items.

It wasn't until he had bought a total of 100 items that he finally stopped.

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"How long will the auction continue for?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

[Three days] the electronic voice answered.



“Very well. I want to take a rest, please find me an accommodation of absolute peace” Gu Qing Shan replied.

[No problem. The best accommodation in Black City, the Demon Saint Hotel has a King room open, the room number is 99219. If you want it, I can provide the room key for you right away] the electronic voice said.

“Do it” Gu Qing Shan replied.

A few moments later.

A room key card was in Gu Qing Shan’s hand.

[Demon Saint Hotel is an establishment co-owned by the spirits, absolutely no one would attempt anything here, nor would anyone spy on or disturb your grace’s rest] the electronic voice explained.

“Very good”

Gu Qing Shan lightly waved the room key card.

A flash of teleportation light flickered.

He vanished from where he stood.

Gu Qing Shan reappeared inside an extremely luxurious hotel room that looks out upon the scenery of the entire Black City.

Laura opened her backpack and rapidly moved her hands around inside it for a bit.

“Ok, Gu Qing Shan, that pendant——” Laura whispered.

“We need to check if this room was safe or not first” Gu Qing Shan told her

“Don’t worry, I’ve already used a total of 691 types of examination treasures as we entered the room and found no issues. But to be doubly sure, I’m going to activate 1535 obscurement treasures and finally use my umbrella!”

After saying that, Laura shifted her flower umbrella so that it was over Gu Qing Shan’s head.

[Infinite Worlds Shelter] was now in effect!

Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief, then took out the pendant of the Death God earlier and showed it in his palm.

“Big sis Anna said that she last put this pendant over your neck herself, using that to determine whether or not you were safe” Laura said.

“Yes, and I’ve always been carrying it with me” Gu Qing Shan replied.

He reached his hand near his neck to pull out a black string.

Very quickly the face of the pendant was in his hand.

Two pendants of the Death God that looked exactly the same were silently lying on his hand.

“Why are there two of them?” Laura confusedly said.

After a moment of silence, Gu Qing Shan said: “Rather than asking why there were two of them, it’s better to ask who made these two pendants”

Laura was a bit startled and realized: “That’s true, you are the Death God of the pantheon, so if you weren’t the one who created this pendant, who was the one who impersonated the Death God to create these two identical pendants?”

Gu Qing Shan didn’t say anything.

He turned his gaze to the War God UI to read the lines of glowing text hovering there:

[You’ve obtained two pendants of the Death God]

[The conditions were activating this tool has been fulfilled]

[A certain power hidden within the pendant of the Death God had been activated]

[A certain vision of the past is about to manifest]

[5]

[4]

[3]

[2]

[1]

*Fwoom—*

A yellow aura filled every corner of their visions.

The vision began to overlap with reality.

Everything started to become clearer.

Gu Qing Shan and Laura looked around, only to be stunned at the same time.

Under the Grand Tie Wei Mountain, the banks of the Forgetting River.

Fog and mist continuously swirled, the tides washed up and down the shores.

Dead people bobbed up and down within the river as they were being carried along the stream.

The sky was gloomy, there wasn't a single person to be seen except a single lonely figure.

It was a girl.

She seemed to have been sitting in wait on these banks since the Age of Immemorial.

No one knew what she was waiting for.

She was merely sitting on the banks while blankly looking over the river.

After an unknown amount of time, a mass of fog appeared behind her as a different white-haired girl emerged.

The white-haired girl walked up to her and sat down, accompanying her as she gazed upon the unending flow of the Forgetting River.

"Do you really intend to continue waiting?" the white-haired girl asked.

"Hm" the girl answered.

The white-haired girl sighed, then gently said: "An... no, Scarlet, listen. I have something here I want to show you"

Scarlet turned her head towards the white-haired girl next to her.

“I can sense the power of Death emanating from your body, are you the Death God of later eras?” Scarlet asked.

“That’s right, and now I’m going to hand something over to you, you need to remember it well” the white-haired girl said.

She took out a pendant and put it into Scarlet’s hand.

—the pendant of the Death God.

“I can sense the power of Death that fills it... using one person’s vitality to replenish another’s, that is its function” Scarlet commented.

“That’s right, it will become the token of trust between you and Gu Qing Shan, connecting your lives together” the white-haired girl said.

“Why... are you doing this?” Scarlet asked.

“Scarlet, I want you to remember this. After you reincarnate, once you meet him, you must give this item to him— this is very crucial” the white-haired girl answered.

“How crucial?” Scarlet asked.

“It’s related to his survival” the white-haired girl replied.

“Why should I trust you?” Scarlet asked again.

The white-haired girl smiled and gently answered: “It’s actually a very long story, but since you know that he originated from a later era, it’s much easier to explain”

“Right, my name is Su Xue Er, everything began on the day I graduated from high school...”

The two girls sat by the banks of the Forgetting River, one talking, the other listening.

After an unknown amount of time, Scarlet looked down and gazed at the pendant of the Death God in her hand.

She stared intently at the pendant, as if to carve it as deeply as she could into her soul.

So that she would never forget..

### **Chapter 1693**

**Translator:** La0o9

The vision of Huang Quan gradually faded away, leaving only Su Xue Er behind.

She stood alone in the middle of the yellow fog, gazing straight at Gu Qing Shan.

“Qing Shan, Impartial Goddess and I have been traveling against the flow in the River of Time, hoping to give you some support at the origin of Time”

“But we made a mistake”

Gu Qing Shan silently observed her without saying anything.

——this was clearly the vision of a distant past, so he wouldn't be able to communicate with Su Xue Er at all and only hear the information that she wanted to relay.

Su Xue Er continued: “Although my evolution has reached an unprecedented height, I still could not achieve that we had expected to”

“After all, other than us, there were also the frozen corpse, the various Apocalypses, as well as other unspeakable entities who were after the secret of this Reality Gate”

“They do not know anything about this secret, but we know a little bit, so we definitely cannot rouse their suspicion, otherwise it would be the end for everything”

“In the end, we only managed to do a single thing...”

“Once you put both pendants of the Death God into the Condemnation Codex, you will understand everything”

“Ok, I’ve already said everything I need to say, so now let’s talk about something off-topic”

Su Xue Er continued: “From the Age of Immemorial to the future, I can’t help but admire Anna, she is the only woman I wholeheartedly recognize”

“However, if any other women wants to approach you—-“

Su Xue Er displayed a brave smile and gently told him: “Don’t worry, Qing Shan, I’m definitely going to kill them all, ensuring that none of those wild grass and flowers stick close to you, dividing your attention”

Her figure slowly faded away into the fog as well, disappearing with the rest of the vision.

“Oh right, Qing Shan, remember to give Impartial Goddess a name, she has specifically reminded me to tell you this”

After this statement, the entire vision vanished.

Only Gu Qing Shan and Laura remained.

The two of them had both fallen into thought.

Gu Qing Shan was silently feeling troubled—

*If Su Xue Er was serious, things are going to be very troublesome.*

Laura suddenly called out: “Gu Qing Shan, what are you thinking about?”

“Ah, I’m thinking about Impartial Goddess’ name” Gu Qing Shan answered right away.

“No, they’re definitely thinking about those other girls” Laura said.

“Not at all, I’m thinking about Impartial Goddess’ name” Gu Qing Shan insisted.

Laura sighed, then started to monologue:

“During our chat a while ago, when you mentioned the Tianma Empress, I’m sure she was still hiding her strength, so I wonder who would actually be more powerful between her and Su Xue Er”

Gu Qing Shan frowned a bit.

Laura continued: “I’m also thinking about Ning Yue Chan—— I remember that she was a girl especially worthy of admiration. If Su Xue Er found her and the two of them fought again, tsk tsk...”

She didn’t finish her words, but what she meant was very clear.

And Gu Qing Shan perfectly understood it.

*—now that I think about it, Su Xue Er had once been on the receiving end of Ning Yue Chan’s beating.*

*And Ning Yue Chan was someone who didn’t hold back in combat.*

*If the two of them fought again...*

Gu Qing Shan felt a headache coming and glared at Laura: “Stop guessing blindly, what we need to do now is to seize the time to see what exactly Su Xue Er had done”

He took out the Condemnation Codex, thought briefly about it, then took out the Master of Valhalla’s Card before putting the two pendants of Death onto the book’s cover.

Laura also dropped the previous topic and said: “Since Su Xue Er had specifically mentioned these three artifacts, they’re most likely hidden cards that she had hidden in the past”



Gu Qing Shan nodded: “All of them were artifacts from the era of the Pantheon, no wonder she was able to silently make these arrangements”

While the two of them discussed this, the three artifacts began to undergo change.

The two pendants of Death started to dissolve completely into the black cover of the Condemnation Codex.

The entire book began to be covered in a thick black aura that persisted for several dozen seconds before it gradually faded away.

Silence.

Continuous silence.

Laura impatiently asked: “Was that it? It doesn’t look like anything has changed at all”

“I’m not sure either” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The book suddenly took flight——

It continuously circled around Gu Qing Shan, opening and closing by itself while giving off excited noises.

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“It... seems to be quite interested in you” Laura whispered.

“Not me” Gu Qing Shan corrected her.

A golden light flickered on his body before emerging into the void.

—the Coin of the Earth.

*Ding ding! Clink clink clink cink!*

The coin gave off a continuous metallic ring.

*Pap pap pap pap!*

The book flew in front of the coin and started responding to it.

After communicating for a while, the two artifacts flew back down.

The golden coin went back into Gu Qing Shan's body and disappeared without a trace.

While the black book hovered in front of Gu Qing Shan.

“Gu Qing Shan! That coin was really splendid! The book was remarkable as well! I can clearly sense just how extraordinary they are as treasures!” Laura was very excited.

At this point, Gu Qing Shan had already understood.

After all, a similar supernatural phenomenon had occurred when he first became one of the four Pillar Gods.

*At that time, the Earth World completely disappeared, while I appeared in a vast unknown space—*

*That's right!*

*It was clearly a unique Phase Realm that appeared in front of me at the time, but I didn't know it at all!*

*The Book of the Sea appeared at the time together with the other two artifacts, having arrived to witness my covenant with the coin.*

*That's right...*

Gu Qing Shan lightly placed his hand on the black book and stroked its cover.

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[You've awakened the slumbering Book of the Sea]

[As you are the Earth Pillar of the Four Pillar Gods, you've received its recognition and knowledge of its details]

[Book of the Sea: The Soul Artifact manifested from the Laws of the Water Pillar, which records all knowledge within the Boundless Void]

Countless thoughts flashed through Gu Qing Shan's mind until he finally ended up with a single question.

"Book of the Sea" he muttered.

*Pap?*

The book responded.

"All of this... what exactly is going on here?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

The book flipped open by itself to an empty page.

Lines of glowing text swiftly appeared:

[The Water Pillar of the Four Pillar Gods used to be an Awaiting who obtained me for a short while, but he died during a particularly dangerous battle. Within that chaos, the Death God of the Pantheon got ahold of me]

[The Death God took advantage of my grimoire attribute to disguise me as a Card Binder, then fused my front and back cover with her power of Death to create two effigies]

[Following her request, I fell into a long and uneventful slumber, only waking up for very short periods of time at crucial moments in history...]

[Up until this very moment!]

Gu Qing Shan understood that it was referring to Su Xue Er and hurriedly asked: “Why did that Death God have to do such a thing? You’re the Book of the Sea who recorded everything within the Boundless Void, you must surely know the reason”

[I naturally know] lines of text quickly appeared on the book: [Because I must be prepared to meet you at this exact moment and awaken— only this way would all the living beings of the Space Vortex have a ray of hope]

“Hope?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

[The hope to flee] the Book of the Sea answered.

“Do you mean, everyone would have a chance to escape?” Gu Qing Shan immediately asked.

[That will depend on your actions following this, Gu Qing Shan] the Book of the Sea answered.

Gu Qing Shan pondered briefly and suddenly said: “Wait a minute— the Coin of Earth was already in my hands, and Su Xue Er had also delivered you to me, then where are the other two Pillar God Soul Artifacts?”

[Gu Qing Shan, you are very sharp, being able to recognize this so quickly]

Lines of text appeared on the Book of the Sea:

[Among the countless Reality Gates, only this Reality Gate had manifested the complete Pillar Soul Artifacts of the Earth, Water, Fire, and Wind]

[That Death God’s capabilities were limited, so even after using up all her strength, she could only deliver me to you. After this, it will be up to you to use me and the Coin of the Earth to find the other two Soul Artifacts]

[Earth, Water, Fire, Wind, if you manage to gather all Four Pillars...]

[The final secret of this Reality Gate will be revealed to you]

The Book of the Sea paused briefly before continuing: [That frozen corpse managed to make certain guesses, but hadn't managed to touch the truth]

[After all, this was a secret that no one had ever known about]

## **Chapter 1694**

**Translator:** La0o9

Gu Qing Shan and Laura both held their breaths.

It wasn't until several minutes later that they finally regained their bearings.

This secret was too shocking.

"I've never heard of such a thing before" Laura sighed and commented in disbelief.

"Laura, even you who had collected countless treasures and secrets, didn't know about this?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"I only know that each of the Four Pillar Gods have a unique Soul Artifact that belonged to them, but who would dare to covet the treasures of the Four Pillar Gods? I've never thought about it, nor did I expect that these Soul Artifacts would be related to a secret hidden to everyone" Laura replied.

*—just the fact that this secret exists alone was already a shocking secret that normal people wouldn't even be qualified to know about.*

*No wonder that even after Su Xue Er had traveled to the origin of time, she still couldn't collect all four artifacts and only managed one of them.*

With this in mind, Gu Qing Shan said: "Since Su Xue Er had managed to do so much, just leave the rest to me"

"Hm!"

Laura also clenched her tiny fists and encouraged him: "Gu Qing Shan, I'll help you as well!"

Gu Qing Shan nodded, then turned to the Book of the Sea: “If I remember correctly, the other two remaining Soul Artifacts should be the Key of the Wind and the Pendant of Fire, where are they?”

A few lines of text appeared on the Book of the Sea: [This initial information has finish being delivered, from this point onwards, you will need to pay a fee in order to use the book]

Gu Qing Shan and Laura were both surprised.

“Huh? You take fees?” Laura curiously asked.

Gu Qing Shan asked in more detail: “Why didn’t you take a fee earlier but you’re asking for a fee now?”

The text on the Book of the Sea disappeared, replaced by a different explanation:

[The previous information had already been paid for by the previous Death God; if you wish to obtain new knowledge, information, or news, you must pay the fees again]

Gu Qing Shan shrugged: “Look, I’m the Earth God, and you’re the Soul Artifact of the Water God, considering how close we are——”

The Book of the Sea immediately answered him: [This book can only be used after paying a fee, this is a rule that cannot be violated—— unless they are the Water God]

A moment of silence.

“...So only the Water God can use you for free?” Laura asked out of interest.

[No, the Water God enjoys a 5% discount] the Book of the Sea answered.

Another moment of silence.

Gu Qing Shan struggled to speak: “What a shocking discount indeed”

The Book of the Sea continued: [Different knowledge is worth different fees, what would you like to know?]

Gu Qing Shan said: “I want to know the method to find the Key of the Wind and the Pendant of Fire”

[These are two different pieces of information, their prices must be paid separately] the Book of the Sea told him.

“Then— just tell me one of them first” Gu Qing Shan replied.

[Information of the Pendant of Fire is astronomical, while you’ve already come into contact with the Key of the Wind, so I suggest that you learn of the Key of the Wind first] the Book of the Sea suggested.

Gu Qing Shan thought about it.

Next to him, Laura scoffed: “Isn’t it just money? Hurry and give a price”

Gu Qing Shan also nodded: “Please give me a price, I want to know the whereabouts of the Key of the Wind”

The Book of the Sea answered: [Thank you, the price of this information is: 70% of your current wealth]

Deathly silence.

“You’re a fraud! Who the hell gives prices like that!” Laura exclaimed.

[My apologies, but compared to wealth, knowledge is priceless— you're actually getting a bargain] the Book of the Sea said with a self-righteous tone.

"Then wait here while I donate my money to other people first, I'll ask you questions after that!" Laura said.

[The book can detect all hidden wealth you possess, so that won't be of any use] the Book of the Sea answered.

"..." Laura.

"..." Gu Qing Shan.

*It actually gave a price based on a percentage of total wealth, that's completely heartless and exorbitant.*

For some reason, Gu Qing Shan found this to be very familiar.

Suddenly, he noticed a tiny line of glowing text on the War God UI:

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[Currently studying...]

—studying my ass!

*You're the War God UI, not the dishonest merchant UI! Do you even know that!?*

Gu Qing Shan shouted in his mind.

70%...

*Regardless, the Key of the Wind's whereabouts is much more important, since there are no other solutions, just let it take it.*



“You can take 70% of my total wealth, now tell me the whereabouts of the Key of the Wind” Gu Qing Shan relented.

Laura was still annoyed and mumbled: “Gu Qing Shan—— all of that is——”

Gu Qing Shan made a pulling gesture towards her.

Laura relented as well.

*That’s right.*

*It’s only money, I can just collect more!*

*This is the Grand Evil world after all!*

Laura took a deep breath and finally calmed herself down.

A new line of text quickly appeared on the Book of the Sea:

[Your fees have been taken]

Gu Qing Shan examined the ring and found that over half of the treasures inside had indeed been taken away.

——this book is quite impressive, it took that entire mountain of treasures without missing a beat.

[Listen well. The Key of the Wind’s function was to open all gates and travel to all locations, but in order to preserve the secret of this current Reality Gate, it had destroyed itself]

“WHAT!?! It destroyed itself?” Gu Qing Shan exclaimed in shock.

[Indeed, it had destroyed its form, leaving only its spirit behind. If you want to find it, you only need to quickly complete the Traveler's Key in your hand and its spirit will return, once again residing in the key— in truth, the casting mold in your hand had actually been the mold to create the Key of the Wind] the Book of the Sea explained.

“...In other words, I've been forging the Key of the Wind this entire time?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

[Correct] the Book of the Sea answered.

Gu Qing Shan was stunned.

*The Key of the Wind's ability was to open all gates and travel to all locations, and the Traveler's Key was meant to open the Gates to leave this Space Vortex.*

*How come I've never put two and two together?*

*Mother and Father left me the Key of the Wind's casting mold, then how did they leave this Space Vortex?*

*Seems like I'll only know the answer to that after I finish the key.*

The Book of the Sea continued: [As the entire Dusty World is about to migrate, so if you want to finish reforging the Key of the Wind, you can only do so in the Grand Evil world, this will be your last chance]

“How can I obtain the essence relic of this world system?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

[The Grand Evil world has a total of three world essence relics, you will need to obtain all of them in order to finish forging Key of the Wind] the Book of the Sea explained.

“Three of them...” Gu Qing Shan mused.

[Keep in mind, as soon as any world essence relic goes missing, the Grand Evil world would sustain damage, causing the Grand Evil world's Judicial Lord to immediately arrive to examine the situation and kill the ones attempting to rob the world essence relics] the Book of the Sea continued.

Gu Qing Shan immediately thought of a certain thing.

That monster, as large as Mount Sumeru itself, with the giant blood moon as its eye, gazing down upon him with a mocking look.

Laura chimed in: "In other words, we must collect all three world essence relics, complete the forging process at the same time, then immediately flee"

"Yeah, that's the only solution" Gu Qing Shan agreed.

"Just leave fleeing to me, the issue is how to actually obtain them first" Laura said.

The Book of the Sea told him: [Within the Grand Evil world, the strongest, most wicked, and most feared Combatants would receive the grace of the world and be respectively bestowed with the essence relics]

[—This information had been fully delivered, if you require other knowledge, information, or news, please pay a corresponding consultant fee]

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

"Did you hear that? The strongest, most wicked, and most feared" Laura counted on her fingers.

"Hm, that is a bit troublesome" Gu Qing Shan commented.

*The strongest is very simple and direct, all I need to do is fight.*

*Most wicked is also self-explanatory.*

*Compared to them, the most feared is a huge hurdle.*

*—-how does one instil fear into someone else's heart?*

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought again..

**Chapter 1695**

**Translator:** La0o9

Laura thought about it over and over, still a bit concerned.

She muttered: “The strongest, most wicked, and most feared— how exactly do you intend to complete these three conditions?”

Gu Qing Shan answered: “Firstly, I will need a set of armor”

“Armor?” Laura parroted his words.

“Yeah, an armor that requires the wearer to fulfil some sort of especially wicked conditions in order to wear it” Gu Qing Shan said.

“I see—-“

Laura thought about it briefly and felt relaxed: “The [Embrace of the Saint] armor required that you must be a [Pure] person in order to wear it, so if you instead wear a wicked set of armor, the people of this world would naturally recognize you as an evil person”

“—-If that was the case, no matter what you do, it would be considered evil, and no one would doubt your identity”

Gu Qing Shan nodded: “It’s safer to have a set of armor, and since that blood moon had already seen me wearing the [Embrace of the Saint] armor, I have to wear a set of evil armor in order to prevent it from recognizing me at certain points in time”

Laura rolled up her sleeves and said: “Alright! Then let me try to collect—-“

“No need” Gu Qing Shan told her.

“Why not?” Laura halted herself and asked.

“There’s currently a rare auction that only happens once every thousand years. There are definitely many evil armors of high quality that’s being sold right now, all we need to do is buy one. This way, the armor’s background would be clean, no one would doubt anything” Gu Qing Shan told her.

“Then——”

“Disengage all of our concealment, we’re going to pick a set of armor”

Laura put her umbrella away.

Gu Qing Shan once again appeared in the hotel suite.

“Black City Manager, please show me the auction list” Gu Qing Shan called out.

A flash of light appeared in front of him, turning into a screen that opened up from the middle.

Gu Qing Shan then said:

“Filter condition: Armor”

“Sort and display from the most powerful to weakest”

The electronic voice answered: [Currently filtering, please wait]

A few moments later, holograms and pictures of several sets of armor appeared.

They were lined up neatly as they silently floated in the suite.

While observing them, Gu Qing Shan silently sent his voice: “Laura, you’re more of an expert on choosing treasures than I am, take a look to see if there’s anything that fit our requirements”

“I’ll take a look” Laura answered seriously and took a look at the armors.

After meticulously examining them for a while, she pointed at two sets of armor in particular: “Among all the auction items, these two are the most powerful, and they’re filled with an evil aura. Take a look first and see if you can wear them”

Gu Qing Shan looked at the two sets of armor Laura had pointed out.

Lines of text appeared next to the sets of armor to display their descriptions.

“This set of armor is called the [Dark Tyrant], it requires the wearer to have at least destroyed a thousand worlds and killed an innumerable number of living beings in order to put it on— I only fulfil one of these conditions, so I can’t wear it”

“Yeah, you’ve saved too many worlds, so you definitely wouldn’t be able to wear this armor” Laura also agreed.

The two of them turned to the other set of armor and read its description.

Laura quickly skimmed through and sighed: “This set of armor requires the wearer to have deceived countless living beings and even the Apocalypse—”

She shook her head: “Tsk, this requirement is too high, it’s even tougher compared to the previous one. The other one only requires you to kill and destroy, but this one is so much more troublesome— oh well, you won’t be able to wear these two, Gu Qing Shan”

“Wait... give me a minute” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Huh?” Laura was a bit confused.

Gu Qing Shan had fallen into thought.

*When the Game of Eternal appeared, I came up with the Murder Clown plan to put on a show, which managed to fool the entire world.*

*Before the reinforcements of Huang Quan arrived, I purposely acted to stall for time and deceived the Heavenly God.*

*In the Suspended world, I impersonated Qi Yan and deceived everyone in that world.*

*At the snowy peaks of the Old Gods, I deceived a large number of demonized people.*

*In the Age of Old, I deceived the entire Divine race.*

*After that—*

*I bamboozled a group of people to reincarnate into the Heaven realm.*

*Duped the Sacred Chant Angel.*

*Misled the group of possessors inside the Tomb of Myriad Beasts' great tomb.*

*Fooled the assailants of the Wraith Realm.*

*Tricked the Deities of Fate.*

*Hoodwinked Reneedol.*

*...*

*I've deceived too many people to even remember.*

*Not too long ago, I masqueraded as the Invincible Spirit Snatcher Apocalypse to deceive both the Silent Light and the End of Time Apocalypse.*

*At the very last moment—*

*And Awaitings and I had actually chased these two Unfathomable Apocalypses away with a ruse.*

*In that case... I probably fulfil the conditions?*

*Hm, I do.*

*But why do I feel kind of strange about that?*

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Gu Qing Shan hesitantly said: "I can probably wear this"

"You can wear it?"

Laura gave him a strange look, then was startled as she remembered: "That's right, back in Triste's collection world, you deceived all of those people"

Gu Qing Shan cleared his throat and added: "I've also deceived the Silent Light and the End of Time Apocalypses, foiling their plans— this was all done to save Reality"

“Yeah, that’s right, that is certainly the case” Laura lightly sighed.

The two of them both turned towards the set of armor.

——it was a jet-black set of full-body armor that didn’t look bulky, the plating itself also seemed a bit thin, giving off a light and nimble impression.

It seemed almost like an assassin-centric armor.

Lines of descriptions were shown on the screen of the auction list:

[Armor: Wicked Oppressor]

[Description: An exceptionally powerful legendary armor, but no one had ever been able to wear it. For countless years, it had been treated as a work of art to be collected and appreciated”

[Price: 8 billion Evil coins]

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly before declaring: “This is it. Hey, Black City Manager, exchange some money for me”

[Yes, young master Gu] the electronic voice replied.

Gu Qing Shan moved the ring and continuously poured out the treasures inside.

Black City Manager continued the exchange with him for almost an entire minute before he finally exchanged enough.

Black City Manager stated: [Money received]

[Please wait a moment, the armor will be delivered to you shortly]

[Furthermore, young master Gu, I must tell you first that this will be a renowned event]



“Why?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The electronic voice answered: [Because this set of armor had always been famous, but no one had ever been able to wear and experience its power. You will be the very first person in Black City to have ever worn it]

Gu Qing Shan just smiled without saying anything.

A few moments later.

A black metal box the size of half an adult human was directly transported into the suite.

[The armor has been delivered, do you still require my services, your grace?] the electronic voice asked.

“Not for now, you’re dismissed” Gu Qing Shan answered.

[Very well, please call for me at any moment]

After saying this, the electronic voice went silent again.

Gu Qing Shan walked forward and stood in front of the metal box.

*Kssssh!*

The box opened by itself, revealing the jet-black armor to him.

Gu Qing Shan put his hand on the armor.

*Clack—*

The set of armor immediately scattered into dozens of components that spun around him before equipping itself onto his body.

The armor was very light, which gave the wearer a graceful presence as they wore it.

While Gu Qing Shan stood still, a layer of fog manifested around the armor that completely obscured him.

—he looked like he was standing in a mass of black fog, giving off a strange eerie presence.

*Oong!*

The armor let out a sharp howl that continued for a while before fading away.

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[You've deceived countless living beings, many of which were entities of extreme power]

[Even an Apocalypse Sequence had been a plaything in your hands]

[The Wicked Oppressor could sense your brilliant talents, for which it calls out in joy, feeling fortunate that it had finally graced a true King of Bully]

[As long as you ask, it will inform you of its detailed attributes]

Gu Qing Shan didn't hesitate to tap the armor on his body and asked: "What exactly can you do?"

Instantly, he felt a strange sensation.

The mass of dark fog continuously swirled around him, bestowing him a sense of natural enlightenment of the armor's powers.

At the same time, lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[Armor: Wicked Oppressor]

[Legendary artifact]

[Those who wear it naturally gain the title: Mockingbird]

[This title contains the exclusive Title Skill: Yesterday Recollection]

[Yesterday Recollection: Reanimate the sins of your enemy's past, causing them to be hopelessly immersed inside. Can attach on anybody, proceeding to torture and slaughter them]

[—to toy and to mock, that is the meaning of this armor's existence]

## **Chapter 1696**

**Translator:** La0o9

After putting on the full set of black armor, Gu Qing Shan strolled back and forth around the room for a little bit.

“How does it feel?” Laura asked.

“Not too bad, this armor is stronger than I thought, we can now begin” Gu Qing Shan said.

“To become the strongest— this is probably the simplest of the three conditions, what do you intend to do?” Laura curiously asked.

“First, let's learn more about this city's rules”

After saying that, Gu Qing Shan called Black City Manager.

[Young master Gu, how may I be of service?] the electronic voice asked.

“I just wanted to know, what would happen if someone killed someone else in Black City?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

[Black City is the place of rest and relaxation for all Professionals, so arbitrary murder is forbidden] the electronic voice answered.

Gu Qing Shan: “—What if someone does anyway?”

[The peacekeepers will send out a large number of Combatants to eliminate the culprit] the electronic voice answered.

“This place is the Grand Evil world, is public order really that good?” Gu Qing Shan doubtfully asked.

[Young master Gu, what you asked about was ‘arbitrary murder’, which is naturally forbidden, but if you instead use a legitimate method to kill someone, Black City will allow it] the electronic voice answered.

“Legitimate method?” Gu Qing Shan asked in surprise.

[Indeed, we absolutely forbid the act of openly murdering someone on the streets. This would be an open provocation of Black City’s murder, so if you want to kill, the only method would be to do it discreetly— this way, no one would care]

“...You mean assassination?”

[Correct. Done neatly, killed in a single strike, doesn’t bother anyone else, then clean up their corpse as well, and also not destroying the cityscape in any way— this form of murder is allowed]

“Other than assassination, are there no other methods?” Gu Qing Shan asked again.

[You can also freely kill people in the Colosseum. Aside from that, reasonable self-defense and assassination missions would also be exempt from all responsibilities] the electronic voice answered.

“What do you mean by assassination missions?”

[Those who accept one of the many open bounty missions in Black City would be given the right to kill, you would also get paid for it] the electronic voice answered.

*That's a good idea!*

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

Since I've already decided on a method, let's—

“Who's the strongest person in Black City?” he asked.

[The strongest Professionalist was hailed by the name of Gladiator King, the number one Combatant that every resident of Black City must admire, born within the Colosseum] the electronic voice explained.

“Can I challenge him?”

[Your grace must first win a hundred matches in the Colosseum before you're qualified to challenge the Gladiator King]

“That troublesome?” Gu Qing Shan frowned: “Then how about this, I want to pay money and issue him a mission”

[If you pay 100 million Evil coins, you can request the Gladiator King for a basic mission]

“I'll pay the money, I want him to kill a certain person”

[An assassination mission? Then please pay 1 billion Evil coins]

“Alright, go and issue him a mission to come and kill me”

[Are you sure?]

“I’m sure”

...

The Colosseum.

Today is the day of a grand event that occurs only once every thousand years, so the Colosseum had gone on rest for one day.

The entire Colosseum was empty without a single audience member or staff.

Gu Qing Shan had moved a chair to the center of the Colosseum itself and sat down, looking a bit bored.

*I’ve already issued the bounty.*

*Now, the only thing I need to do is wait for him to come and kill me.*

“Will he actually come?” Laura asked.

“I’m not sure, but if the other party had accepted the mission, he probably won’t change his mind” Gu Qing Shan yawned and answered.

“This is an opponent you’ve never met before, he has surely awakened Realm Force as well, perhaps he might be even stronger than you are— do you have a plan?” Laura asked.

“On our way here, I’ve discovered a hidden function of this armor” Gu Qing Shan told her.

“What kind of function?” Laura asked out of interest.

“While observing any person, I would be able to see the sins they’ve committed in the past” Gu Qing Shan answered.

“That’s natural, you need to first see the sin in order to reenact it” Laura naturally commented.

She suddenly realized and said excitedly: “That means when you look at someone, you’d be able to gain a general understanding of their past, that’s truly impressive”

“Indeed” Gu Qing Shan agreed.

He suddenly sensed something, put the chair away, then stood up.

A shadow had appeared on the Colosseum at some unknown point.

“Gu Qing Shan?” that shadow asked.

“That’s me” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The shadow remained silent for a short moment before saying: “You’re going to die very soon”

Gu Qing Shan gazed at the other party, then suddenly noticed lines of glowing text appearing in the void of space:

[A Phase Realm belonging to the other party is rapidly approaching]

[After five seconds, that world will overlap with the main world and replace it]

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Black City completely vanished, taking away the Colosseum with it as well as the shadow opposing him.

The world had turned into an ashen-colored ocean.

Gu Qing Shan was lightly hovering above the vast ocean as he looked around himself.

Numerous hands were reaching out from the ocean, rapidly filling the entire ocean surface.

The other party's voice echoed:

"This place is my Phase Realm, every person that had ever died at my hands resides within this world to suffer eternal torture— they've become a part of me"

*Boom!*

Seawater splashed everywhere.

Professionists stood up from the ashen ocean one after another.

They emerged from every direction, completely surrounding Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan looked around and lamented: "How impressive, I still don't have my own Phase Realm yet"

He reached his hand up and clenched his fist.

Skeletons started descending from the void of space one after another, disappearing as they landed behind him.



Lines of glowing text appeared behind him:

[Following your continuous practice, your Deathmatch Dance had once again been improved]

[Your battle form: Four-sided Demon King had disappeared]

[You've grasped a new form of Deathmatch: Chaotic Horde of Demons]

Gu Qing Shan felt a sense of enlightenment.

Four swords appeared behind him as his presence started rising to a certain limit and he shifted into a pose.

*Dance jiu~~*

*Dance jiu~~*

*Dance ju ju ju jiu!*

As the music started playing with the sound of record scratches, Gu Qing Shan suddenly said: "Stop! A bit more serious, we're killing people here"

The music instantly faded.

*Doon--- doon doong doong---*

A harrowing low sound of drumming began to echo.

"Now that feels better" Gu Qing Shan muttered.

「YAAA!! Kill him! 」 around him, countless Professionalists had begun to charge towards him.

Gu Qing Shan stood still.

Skeletons started to appear behind him one by one.

These skeletons all had a pair of skeletal wings on their back with the shadow of four swords drifting around their bodies while they started attacking their surroundings.

The skeletons clashed with the Professionals into a huge chaotic mess.

Each of these skeletons had 50% of Gu Qing Shan's strength.

—Chaotic Horde of Demons!

The sound of numerous clashes resounded throughout the world.

Gu Qing Shan simply stood still.

But skeletons continued to emerge from behind him one by one to face the incoming Professionals.

“Come one now, they're all fighting in such a lively manner, don't you want to fight me as well?”

Gu Qing Shan told the void of space.

A second later.

A shadow emerged from within the ocean.

“What kind of technique is this?” the shadow asked.

“This isn't a technique, it's a Dance” Gu Qing Shan answered.

“I can tell that although this Dance is very powerful, it’s still only in its infancy stages—— if you want to use it to kill me, you’re daydreaming” the shadow told him.

“Very observant” Gu Qing Shan praised.

“Of course. I’ve already killed numerous living beings and saw through everything there is to see. The only thing that can interest me now is murder and torture” the shadow said.

Gu Qing Shan sighed and replied: “I can see that”

He could faintly sense something.

Since the other party had taken the initiative, he needed to dispel their Phase Realm before he could use the Title Skill [Yesterday Recollection].

Because [Yesterday Recollection] would also create a unique Phase Realm!

But he still has no idea how to dispel or even destroy a Phase Realm.

*And there’s no time to think about it now!*

*Then... there’s only one solution...*

Gu Qing Shan reached his hand into the void of space to take out a sword.

“Bing Li?” he whispered.

A yawn came from the sword.

“What is it? I’ve just woken up” Luo Bing Li lazily said.

“So— I heard that women all like sleeping to nurture their beauty?” Gu Qing Shan nervously asked.

“A little bit... wait, what are you thinking about?” Luo Bing Li instantly became cautious..

## **Chapter 1697**

**Translator:** La0o9

“This will be the moment of your death”

The shadow slowly approached Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan didn't care about him at all.

He simply gripped his sword tightly and raised it high—

Then violently plunged it into the ocean water!

A magnificent scene then followed.

Boundless ashen ocean water rapidly retracted under the sword, shrunk down, and turned into a surging water current.

*Hoh—*

The ocean turned into a river, the river turned into a lake, then a stream, then finally disappeared into nothingness.

The scenery around them changed.

Black City had reappeared, and Gu Qing Shan found himself standing in the Colosseum once again with his sword in hand.

An irritated female voice came from his sword: "Remember this... I want to go strolling around the shopping district for ten days... you're paying..."

"Alright, I've troubled you" Gu Qing Shan said.

"You keep putting me to sleep..."

The female voice complained and finally went silent.

At the same time, lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[You've activated Chaotic Flow]

[The Phase Realm has returned to its original position, no longer overlapping with the main world]

Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief.

As expected [Chaotic Flow] was useful!

"—What did you do!" the shadow solemnly questioned.

"Nothing, I simply want to take the first turn" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The countless skeletons returned and entered his body.

In an instant, a boundless mass of black fog emerged from his body and spread in every direction.

His surroundings were completely enveloped in black fog, turning into overlapping images.

The main world's scenery became blurry again.

—Bullying Skill, [Yesterday Recollection]!

“A unique Phase Realm?”

The shadow called out and stood still, clearly wary of what he was experiencing.

Only an entity of his caliber would understand just how terrifying a unique Phase Realm could actually be.

*The reason why I acted first was that I was wary that the other party might have some sort of unimaginable Phase Realm.*

*And yet my Phase Realm was still dispelled by him using some sort of Temporal technique.*

*And now, I'm the one caught in his Phase Realm.*

Around them.

The scenery gradually became clearer.

The world turned into a scene that the shadow was very familiar with.

His home world.

“Sir, what should we do?” someone asked him from behind.

The shadow abruptly turned around.

Only to see a group of Professionals in military uniform standing in a formation around him.

Everyone was standing in a large underground path, waiting for his orders.

*That's right, this was that moment—*

*When the Apocalypse monsters were destroying everything and massacring everyone.*

*These people were my last subordinates.*

*Then, did this technique send me to the past?*

*Or is this just a regular illusion?*

The shadow grinned, then threw a punch at full power.

The void of space around him was quickly shattered, but it recovered just as rapidly, once again forming the same scene.

The shadow tried using several techniques and spells with a lot of destructive power to thoroughly crush the illusion world.

But everything simply reverted itself.

Time continued to rewind to this very moment.

The same underground passage.

The same people.

“Sir, what should we do now?”

The soldiers seemed completely ignorant of his earlier actions and were still waiting for his orders.

The shadow fell into thought.

*How exactly can I escape from this Phase Realm?*

*Should I let everything play out the same way?*

The shadow then said: “Try and hold your positions here, I’m going to take a closer look inside the passage”

“Yes sir!”

The soldiers then proceeded to take their combat positions.

The shadow started walking deeper into the underground passage.

He inputted a long password into a heavy metal gate to open it.

*Clang clang clang clang—*

The gates closed themselves behind him.

Standing behind the gates, the shadow was a bit silent.

*Ten seconds.*

*In the next ten seconds, the Apocalyptic monsters will have destroyed everything in the city above and discover this underground passage.*

*My subordinates would only be able to hold the monster’s attack off for a short moment.*

*—so, I have to do everything again from the beginning?*

*—if I can’t flee, I’ll die here?*



With that in mind, the shadow swiftly made his way into a bedroom.

*This place was connected to the Arctic Ocean, which hides a secret submarine base that would help me escape this calamity alive.*

The shadow proceeded faster and faster, pushing open the next door.

His vision became blurred.

All the images around him began to recede and returned to the underground passage from before.

— in front of those same people.

“Sir, why did you come back?”

Those soldiers looked at him and awaited his orders.

The shadow paused.

*What exactly is going on here?*

*Was I forcefully brought back to the underground passage?*

The howls of Apocalyptic monsters resounded from above ground, mixed with countless desperate screams, the sound of collapsing buildings, as well as combat explosions.

Everything was coming to an end.

The shadow looked over these soldiers' faces and observed each of their serious expressions one by one.

*All of them were extremely loyal subordinates.*

*Without them, I wouldn't have escaped in time.*

The shadow took a deep breath and calmed down.

*It's fine.*

*There's no problem.*

*With my current strength, even if I face those Apocalyptic monsters in the past, there would still be nothing to fear.*

With that in mind, the shadow returned to his troops and said: "Don't worry everyone, there's an ocean current in the passage that will allow us to escape, but we first need to stop those monsters"

"Yes sir!"

Hearing that there was hope to survive, the soldiers all became high-spirited and prepared themselves for battle.

*Boom— —*

The entrance to the underground passage was blown open.

Monsters with terrifying appearances appeared.

They had bodies as sharp as razor blades, rushing inside like a tsunami, filling the entire underground passage in an instant as they charged towards the soldiers.

"Everyone, ready!" the soldiers called out in unison.

The shadow stood among the soldiers with killing intent radiating from his body as he prepared to attack as well.

*Nothing but a few insects, even if I have to do it all again, they're still going to die*

As he was thinking this, he felt a cold sensation on his body.

This cold sensation was accompanied by pain as it penetrated deeper.

A sensation that had been lost to him a long time ago.

The shadow slowly looked up and around himself.

Only to see all the soldiers staring straight at him.

"Sir, you deserted us all those years ago, so now we're here to take revenge" one of the soldiers said.

All of them carried a sword in their hands, trying to thrust them into his body from every direction.

Their swords were both fast and accurate, almost to the point of being as natural as breathing.

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"—You all have a death wish!"

With his life at risk, the shadow howled angrily and exerted 100% of his power.

Immense gusts of wind erupted from his body to manifest into hundreds of thousands of fist images.

This was an advanced fist technique, his signature move, an unstoppable attack!

In an instant, both the soldiers and the Apocalyptic monsters were eradicated.

The underground passage had also been destroyed.

The world was literally leveled by the barrage of fists.

However, after those soldiers' bodies were destroyed, they transformed into skeletons with skeletal wings that swiftly took flight.

The skeletons each wielded two swords in their hands, continuously circling above while observing the shadow.

Somehow, all of them appeared to be grinning, mocking him.

The shadow spat up some blood, gritted his teeth, and ferociously declared: "A bunch of poser skeletons, I'm going to eliminate you all"

A deep heavy voice responded to his threat:

「 Oh? What a relatively confident individual 」

The shadow instantly turned around, finally noticing that a large entity had already appeared behind him at some unknown point.

It was a giant whose entire body appeared bloody red.

「 YAAAAAH! DIE! 」

The giant howled and put all of his strength into a single downward attack.

*Bam!*

*Bam!*

*Bam!*

With a resounding sound of impact, the shadow was struck deep into the ground.

The earth trembled, flames rose to the sky, and the world itself began to collapse.

This was a regular world, so it was unable to endure the giant's attack and was destroyed right away.

The world crumbled and faded away.

Emptiness.

"Cough cough..."

The shadow spat up some blood, then looked around.

There was nothing around him.

But at the very next moment, a familiar world reappeared around him again.

*This place is—*

*Black City!*

The shadow sighed in relief.

*It seems that the other party's Phase Realm had a time limit.*

*Although I had taken a severe injury, I managed to survive.*

*And now, the other party's Phase Realm is already gone.*

*It's my turn to rampage!*

He stood up and angrily roared: "Gu Qing Shan, get out here, I'm going to kill you and use your head as a chalice!"

He didn't appear at all.

The shadow was a bit anxious.

*I need to see my target in order to activate my Phase Realm.*

Suddenly, a gentle female voice sounded from behind him:

"Dear, are you going on the ring again today?"

The shadow abruptly turned around.

Only to see a woman holding a baby looking closely at him.

She appeared clearly worried.

The shadow's heart dropped.

*No.*

*The Phase Realm hasn't gone away.*

*This woman and the child in her embrace had both died a long time ago.*

*I sold out the former for a chance to survive, while the latter was killed.*

*When I finally gained enough strength, I had trampled that enemy under my feet, but this woman had already been tortured to death long before that.*

“Dear, don’t go on the ring again, we don’t need too much money” the woman worriedly told him.

She kept the baby in her embrace with one hand while her other hand reached out to hug the shadow.

But with every step she took towards him, the shadow was unable to help himself taking a step back, maintaining the same distance the entire way.

“Don’t come here!” the shadow angrily shouted.

“Dear, what’s gotten into you?” the woman asked with a strange expression.

“I... merely wanted to live! This is a world of evil, even if you want to redeem yourself and live a new life, don’t get me involved!”

The shadow called out and swung his fist towards the woman.

She was instantly sent flying and died on the spot.

“Hoh... hoh... hoh...”

The shadow clutched the wounds on his body and breathed heavily.

Suddenly, a voice called out from behind him:

“Dear, don’t go on the ring again today”

The shadow abruptly turned around.

*That woman.*

*That woman in my memories is still alive.*

She stood in front of him with an expression of concern and gentleness, whispering to him: "I don't need luxury and wealth, I just need you to be safe"

The shadow was stunned.

The woman approached, wanting to embrace him tightly.

"We... can we just live like this, there's no need to sell our dignity or do any of those dirty deeds, please?" the woman asked.

The shadow shouted out loud and threw another punch.

The woman was sent flying again, dying in front of his eyes.

But the baby in her embrace was only sent flying into the sky and hasn't actually fallen to the ground.

The shadow glanced over that tiny figure.

It was his child.

At an age where they haven't even learnt to speak, they were killed.

His child was killed by his own ambitions, murdered by his enemy to take revenge on him.

The shadow suddenly felt a bit absentminded and reached his hand out towards the small figure.



The child returned to his hand.

From behind him.

The woman called out again:

“Dear, please don’t fight anymore, we can simply live our lives in this simple manner, can’t we?”

She embraced him.

He embraced the baby.

Suddenly, he opened his bloody-colored eyes and screamed out loud: “NO! I must become the most powerful person in this world! I want to wield the world’s authority in my hands, to make everybody grovel at my feet. Even if it costs your life in the process, I need to achieve this!”

The illusion disappeared.

The woman and baby both vanished together with it.

The shadow was stunned.

There was already nothing left in his embrace, but he noticed that he had been restrained.

An innumerable number of skeletons had plunged their swords through his body, pinning him in place.

Hundreds of swords.

Completely stripping him of his life force.

The skeletons didn't say a single word, only staring at him with their hollow eye sockets.

They seemed to be mocking something.

The swordsman from earlier emerged from the void of space and stood watching him with his arms crossed.

"Peh!" the shadow spat out his saliva with a scoffing tone.

The swordsman sighed with a complicated expression in his eyes.

"You merely won a gladiator match, you don't have the right to mock me" the shadow said.

Gu Qing Shan remained silent for a few moments and shook his head: "——In reality, your loss had already been determined from the very first moments"

"Why?" the shadow questioned.

"—You know perfectly why. You had sacrificed those who had protected and sheltered you in order to survive and finally become the Gladiator King"

"It was exactly because your heart was filled with cowardice and regret that I could see your sins and use [Yesterday Recollection] to reenact them"

A sword appeared from the void of space hovering behind Gu Qing Shan, seemingly ready to attack at a moment's notice.

The shadow didn't say anything.

“I mock and spit on your everything” Gu Qing Shan stated.

His sword danced like an image.

A severed head was sent flying..

## **Chapter 1698**

**Translator:** La0o9

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[You’ve killed the Gladiator King]

[Your opponent was an entity who had comprehended Realm Force, so you’ve obtained a certain amount of Realm Force]

[Remaining Realm Force is being calculated]

Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but ask: “Why are you saying ‘a certain amount’?”

[The System is currently changing the payout algorithm, so an exact number hasn’t been determined]  
the War God UI answered.

Gu Qing Shan was simply speechless.

*— you won’t learn anything reasonable but you’re immediately learning from the Book of the Sea?  
But there’s nothing I can do about this at all, let’s just let it do what it wants.*

The visions around him turned back into black fog and receded back into his black armor.

This [Wicked Tyrant] armor had proven its worth during the battle just now.

Worthy of its legendary name, it was a set of armor comparable to the [Embrace of the Saint].

Black City.

The Colosseum.

Gu Qing Shan stood in the middle of the field with absolutely no one around him.

The battle was over.

A dark grey trumpet had appeared in the middle of the field.

With a wave of Gu Qing Shan's hand, the trumpet had flown towards him.

[An essence relic of the Grand Evil world]

[Please collect all three world essence relics in order to complete the Key of the Wind's forging process]

*Finally, I managed to obtain one of them.*

*Only two left.*

"This is a good start, isn't it, Laura?" Gu Qing Shan smiled and said.

"Yeah, you've fulfilled the 'strongest' requirement, so only 'most wicked, and 'most feared' remain—do you have any ideas?" Laura asked.

"Let's brainstorm a little bit"

While Gu Qing Shan pondered this, his eyebrows suddenly twitched.

From the void of space, a skeleton descended and landed in front of him.

The skeleton opened its mouth and began to spoke in a hoarse female voice:

「 Gu Qing Shan, there's a bad news 」

Gu Qing Shan was startled and quickly asked: "Esteemed lady, what happened?"

「 The situation had changed too rapidly in the outside world, so you don't have much time remaining  
」 the hoarse female voice explained: 「 The Apocalypse Sequences have followed the River of Time in search of the traces of my existence, they're going to discover the Dusty World very soon 」

Gu Qing Shan's heart began to beat faster and asked: "Do I still have time?"

The hoarse female voice answered: 「 You only have one hour left at most. After one hour, the entire Dusty World must move away from this void without question 」

Gu Qing Shan was stunned.

*One hour?*

*I only have one hour left?*

*I still have two world essence relics to collect, what now?*

The hoarse female voice continued: 「 There's really no time at all, so it's now the time for you to do everything in your power 」

She thought briefly before continuing: 「 Gu Qing Shan, I can see that your capabilities far surpasses that of normal Combatants, but you've been collecting various types of intel to better understand the living beings of the infinite worlds 」

「 This is the time for you to stop thinking too much and exert your true strength in order to fight 」

「 Otherwise, everything you've ever cared about will be destroyed 」

After finishing what she had to say, the skeleton flew back into the sky and disappeared without a trace.

Laura took out an hourglass and turned it over.

“One hour is not a lot of time, what exactly do we do now?” she was a bit anxious.

Gu Qing Shan fell silent.

Countless thoughts flashed through his mind, each tactic and method available to him continuously appeared in his mind, weaved, formulated, then rejected.

After a while.

Gu Qing Shan sighed and said: “A solution... it’s not that there isn’t one. Laura, have you ever seen a war?”

Laura nodded: “While my father reigned over the Bramble Bird Kingdom, we had once fought against several other kingdoms. At the time, I sat on father’s laps and saw the entire war with my own eyes”

“What was your impression?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“It was cruel” Laura answered.

“...Yeah, since there aren’t any other solutions, I’ll have to use everything I have without any restraints. Perhaps a lot of people will have to die for this, will you be able to accept this?” Gu Qing Shan asked again.

Laura giggled and casually told him: “Don’t look down on this empress. This Age of Apocalypse isn’t that gentle, and if it wasn’t because of you, I would have already lost my life as well”

“This world is full of nothing but villains, so if you can’t bring yourself to kill them, Gu Qing Shan, this empress will help you”

“...You’ve matured, Laura” Gu Qing Shan was glad.

“Seize your time, Gu Qing Shan” Laura told him.

“—Then I’ll begin now” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“What are you going to do?” Laura curiously asked.

“In the past, Zhang Ying Hao once told me about his work as a Hitman, this gave me a hint. Right now, I intend to push things further and cause terror to spread even more”

“—Black City Manager, come out” Gu Qing Shan said.

A flash of light turned into a data-filled screen that appeared in front of him.

[Venerable young master Gu, how may I be of service?] the electronic voice asked.

“Make my assassination mission public, then increase the payment by 10,000 times” Gu Qing Shan said.

[By 10,000 times? Do you want to issue an open bounty of 10 trillion Evil coins on your own head?] the electronic voice asked.

“That’s right, I’ll pay upfront, now do it” Gu Qing Shan took off the ring on his middle finger and said.

[...You truly are an unimaginable character, your grace] the electronic voice said.

“Inform them all that I’m currently in the Colosseum” Gu Qing Shan said.

...

The mission was swiftly issued.

In just a few minutes, the entire Black City began to fill with discussions regarding this matter.

10 trillion Evil coins.

This amount of money was equivalent to the entirety of Black City's wealth.

And all they needed to do to earn it was kill a single person!

That person is currently in the Colosseum!!!

The entire Black City felt like it had uttered a resounding roar at the same time.

"Kill that person!"

"Kill him!"

"Hunt him down!"

"Hurry, let's hurry up, don't let anyone else take the initiative!!"

All the Professionalists went into a frenzy and started rushing towards the Colosseum.

...

At the same time.

Gu Qing Shan silently stood in the middle of the Colosseum and reached his hand forward.

*Oong— — —*

He lightly flicked his finger in the void of space and struck the blade of the Earth sword, which gave off a ferocious ringing noise.



“Go” Gu Qing Shan declared.

The Earth sword flew away like a streak of light following his order and entered the sky far above.

It paused for a split second at the top of sky before abruptly changing its course, plunging straight towards the ground at maximum speed.

[Sanctuary] had taken effect!

The weight the entire Black City times 1001, that is the Earth sword’s current weight!

The sword was so fast and so ferocious that it had plunged into the ground in just an instant.

Trembling.

The world itself trembled.

Suddenly, a Professionalist flew into the sky and shouted: “WHO IS IT!? WHO’S TRYING TO DESTROY BLACK CITY!?”

Gu Qing Shan turned to that person.

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The presence he gave off was almost equivalent to the Gladiator King.

“Black City Manager, who is it?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

[The City Lord] Black City Manager answered.

Gu Qing Shan narrowed his eyes and carefully observed that individual.

At this point, Professionals all over the city had surrounded the Colosseum.

“He’s over there!”

Someone shouted.

Everything rapidly approached Gu Qing Shan.

*10 trillion Evil coins.*

*10 trillion!*

Everyone’s hearts were beating rapidly as they prepared to attack.

The City Lord of Black City had also noticed what was happening here.

He looked at the slowly collapsing Black City, then at Gu Qing Shan.

*Fine———*

*Let’s earn that 10 trillion first before I save the city!*

Having decided this, the city lord instantly moved through the void of space and appeared in the Colosseum.

Seeing the City Lord here, all the Professionals became hesitant.

*Who would dare offend the City Lord?*

*How would I even escape from the City Lord’s hands after earning that 10 trillion?*

The City Lord stared straight at Gu Qing Shan and said: “Are you the one destroying Black City?”

“Are you the City lord?” Gu Qing Shan asked in return.

——Azure Dragon Origin Hex – Binding!

The City Lord chuckled and said: “That’s right, so you’re the maniac huh? Good, I’m going——”

A mass of black fog abruptly erupted from Gu Qing Shan’s body and pulled the City Lord into his Phase Realm like a storm.

——Bully world, [Yesterday Recollection]!

As soon as the City Lord saw the black fog, he immediately realized that it was trouble and wanted to avoid it, only to find that he was unable to move an inch from his current position.

In an instant, both he and Gu Qing Shan had vanished from the Colosseum.

Everyone exchanged glances.

“So it was a lord who had awoken Realm Force, how are we supposed to kill him now?” someone muttered.

“The City Lord will kill him, all of us here can just forget about it and watch things play out” someone sighed.

“Yeah, we aren’t even qualified to observe his level of battle, let alone kill anyone”

“Let’s just wait to see the results”

The Professionalists discussed this among themselves.

A few moments later.

The black fog scattered.

A dead body was thrown to the ground.

All the sounds of discussions immediately ceased, the Colosseum becoming deathly silence.

It was the City Lord.

The City Lord was dead.

Gu Qing Shan appeared after him, standing next to the corpse with his presence as profound as the ocean.

“He died a painful death” Laura commented.

“Indeed, because I had used a kind of bloodline ability to absorb all of his power” Gu Qing Shan replied.

—Demon Dragon Bloodline!

This was absolutely the toughest ability to resolve within the entirety of the Space Vortex, created by the Bygone Era humans. Even Reneedol felt wary of it after learning about its existence.

She had ordered her subordinates to silently enter the Demon Dragon’s body and turn into the Demon Dragon’s soul in order to wield this power.

Up until——

Demon Dragon was saved by Gu Qing Shan and sent into reincarnation.

Under normal circumstances, Gu Qing Shan preferred not to abuse this power due to how cruel and unreasonable it was.

But today——

*Fwoom!!!*

Boundless black smoke began to spread in every direction from his body, gradually filling the entire Colosseum.

The Professionals fell down one after another in extreme pain, all of which were undergoing mutations.

They've been influenced by the power of the Demon Dragon's bloodline and were about to undergo a racial sublimation that greatly improved all of their strengths!

Gu Qing Shan stood completely still and silently watched this happen.

"You won't take this chance to kill them?" Laura asked.

"Killing by itself is a very pure act. In a world filled with villains like this one, killing isn't considered evil, and wouldn't cause any true fear or terror" Gu Qing Shan casually answered.

"Then how do you intend to do this?" Laura asked.

"Everyone who had come to kill me had been corroded by the Demon Dragon Bloodline. If I don't show up, they will naturally kill one another in an attempt to become the strongest and the only one"

“Everyone will be thinking about how to kill the others while also being wary of being killed themselves, and the world is also collapsing— these circumstances are the necessary catalysts for true fear to be born” Gu Qing Shan explained.

The ground began to shake.

The Colosseum had completely collapsed and began to fall underground.

The world’s destruction had begun.

The Professionalists stood up one by one.

They had all become stronger than before and were all closely observing one another.

Some of the weaker Professionalists immediately flew away from the Colosseum to flee as far as they could.

Some of the stronger Professionalists immediately gave chase.

—-they were originally villains, so killing people was nothing but part of a day’s work for them.

Not to mention how they can easily grow stronger by killing someone else with the same bloodline powers!

Suddenly, the very first desperate scream resounded.

This seemed almost like a kind of declaration, silently spreading a suffocating atmosphere around the city.

The city-wide massacre and destruction had begun.

Gu Qing Shan muttered: “Destroy, infect, desperation, and mutual murder between victims. These are the truths of the Apocalypse, I suppose this should be both wicked and fearful enough”

As the two of them conversed, a jet-black statue descended from the void of space in front of Gu Qing Shan.

——the second world essence relic.

Gu Qing Shan received it in his hand as well.

“What’s the matter?” Laura asked.

“This Apocalyptic scene had caused fear to reach a certain peak—— but wickedness... seems to be a bit lacking” Gu Qing Shan commented.

“The most wicked... how exactly can this be achieved...?” Laura fell into thought.

“——It’s coming, put up your umbrella, Laura!” Gu Qing Shan suddenly said.

Laura immediately snapped out of her trance and shifted her flower umbrella over Gu Qing Shan’s head.

The two of them looked up at the sky together.

The blood moon had appeared above the sky to observe everything occurring in the world below.

Sure enough.

The destruction of the world had drawn the attention of the Judicial Lord—— the blood moon.

Gu Qing Shan looked up at the blood moon and muttered: “It should be the most wicked entity here, as long as I kill it—”

“You would be the wickedness that presides above it” Laura followed up.

*Rumble rumble rumble—*

The world completely collapsed..

### **Chapter 1699**

**Translator:** La0o9

In the sky, the blood moon was illuminating the entire Black City.

The city’s collapse was gradually coming to a stop.

The ground began to return to normal, the various structures had also returned to the way they were, completely intact.

In front of Gu Qing Shan and Laura’s eyes, they saw three figures appearing below the blood moon, who were respectively the old man from before, a three-headed black snake, and a man clad in dark-green cloak.

Their expressions were all solemn as they observed the people of Black City who were corroded by the Demon Dragon Bloodline, discussing something among themselves.

“One, two, three, a total of three spirits, as well as the Judicial Lord, the blood moon...”

Laura turned to Gu Qing Shan and didn’t continue.

Gu Qing Shan knew what she wanted to say.



Indeed, following the normal train of thought, this isn't a battle he could win.

—-unlike the Gloomy City and the Clock Tower world, the Grand Evil world was a complete and powerful world system.

When Gu Qing Shan participated in a spirit realm war against the spirit of the Clock Tower world, it was only because the other party had chosen the wrong tactic that he won so easily.

But now, the situation was severely more difficult.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly, then decided that there was nothing to actually think about.

*—my only choice now is to ask the Overlooker of Myriad Realms what they think.*

*This entity had been paying constant attention to me.*

...

*[You do not know what they are thinking, but they are truly paying attention to you. Perhaps they will grant you aid at certain moments in time, or request your assistance at other moments, or they may simply be waiting to personally take your soul away from the mortal realm at the time of your death]*

...

*This was the description on the War God UI.*

*All I know is that they will eat everything, including worlds, Judicial Lords, and unspeakable Apocalypses, not at all picky about their food.*

*As long as they are willing to help me, there's still hope.*

*There isn't even one full hour remaining...*

"They won't be able to find us just yet— let's find somewhere discreet to get away from their eyes"

"Got it, let's go!"

Their figures vanished from the Colosseum.

...

Under the shade of a tree.

Gu Qing Shan stood still and closed his eyes:

“Move the umbrella away from my head”

“What do you want to do?” Laura moved her umbrella away and asked him.

“There is a unique entity that has actually been paying constant attention to me, so I want to communicate with them now” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Will they actually respond?” Laura asked.

Gu Qing Shan recalled how gluttonous the Overlooker of Myriad Realms appeared when they were eating the Apocalypse and answered: “If they still want to eat later on, they should respond to me”

He maintained his thinking posture with his eyes closed and muttered: “Come to me, I require some aid right now, if you can come... please hurry and come”

Everything remained completely silent without anything occurring.

Gu Qing Shan silently stood still for a while before continuing: “Come to me, there is some good food here... and not just one...”

Something immediately occurred———

*Fwoom!*

Invisible fluctuations appeared from the void of space to envelope him and took him away from the current world.

Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes and found him standing in a crimson world.

There was nothing around him except a magnificently grand blood-colored pillar that stood firmly in the middle of the boundless crimson.

As Gu Qing Shan stood in front of the bloody pillar, his figure was so small that it might as well be a speck of dust.

Patterns of light manifested above the pillar, forming an interconnecting structure that exuded a strange resonance.

This was the grand pillar of the Blood Sea that connects to the Saint Realm——

The Saint Realm Halo!

Gu Qing Shan reached his hand forward to touch this grand pillar.

「 You... are calling for me? 」

A voice echoed from the pillar.

A bloody shadow then manifested upon the pillar.

This bloody shadow was draconically gigantic.

It was also continuously shifting and changing, transforming into a host of unknown terrifying creatures.

“I believe you can see what’s happening right now, and I need some help”

Gu Qing Shan said.

A low chuckle came from the pillar.

「 The Saint Realm and Dusty World have no direct relations to one another. My previous appearances had already drawn their attention, so what I should be doing right now is to not appear again 」

Gu Qing Shan insisted: “But I need that world’s Wickedness essence relic. You have to help me, then I’ll also do everything I can to provide you more food in the future”

A whisper came from the pillar: 「 ...If you merely require that world’s Wickedness essence relic, suggest that you kill that three-headed black snake. It is the spirit of wickedness, so you will be able to obtain the essence relic after killing it! 」

*I don't need to kill the blood moon?*

*That's good to hear, but then---*

“I don’t have an opportunity. The three spirits are staying with the Judicial Lord” Gu Qing Shan spoke frankly.

The Overlooker of Myriad Realms said: 「 An opportunity... I will help you create one, but I cannot appear in the Dusty World for very long. You will most likely only have ten seconds to both kill that snake and escape 」

*Ten seconds.*

After remaining silent for a brief moment, Gu Qing Shan clenched his teeth: “Ten seconds is enough!”

The Overlooker of Myriad Realms then said: 「 Very well, when you are ready to perform the hit, you can call upon me 」

「 And also--- if you succeed, leave that snake’s body for me to eat 」

“Got it” Gu Qing Shan replied.

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*Hoh—*

The crimson world faded away.

Gu Qing Shan noticed that he was still standing below the shade of a tree.

Laura was looking at him with a concerned expression.

“You vanished just now”

“How long?”

“One second? Two seconds? Around that much time”

“...We’re going to act right away and immediately return to the Space Vortex”

“What!? Do you have a solution?”

“Hm, hold onto your umbrella tightly, we’re going to take care of them now!”

Gu Qing Shan’s figure leapt up and started flying to the sky.

The chaos on the ground has gradually subsided.

The world’s Judicial Lord had personally acted to fix the entire world.

While the three spirits were acting to kill the Professionalists who were corroded by the Demon Dragon Bloodline.

All the bloodkins were swiftly eliminated.

Everything had returned to normal.

「 What exactly was the reason for this? 」 the old man asked.

「 We're going to have to question Black City Manager about this, damn it, do they think we're so free that they had to cause such a huge commotion? 」 the three-headed black snake spoke in a harrowing voice.

A flash of light manifested into a screen in front of them.

The electronic voice answered: [The original reason for this chaos was that someone had paid 10 trillion Evil coins to put a bounty on their own head]

「 WHAT!?! 」

「 10 trillion? 」

「 On their own head? 」

The three spirits exclaimed one by one.

The blood moon continued to hang above the sky without making any movements, it was simply observing everything on the screen with an indifferent gaze.

They were being shown the entire course of events.

At the same time, Gu Qing Shan had made his way towards the three spirits.

He stopped right behind the black snake, silently waiting for an opportunity.

“Shannu” Gu Qing Shan called out.

“Gongzi, what do I need to do?” Shannu answered.

“You’re going to use Adorable to borrow Laura’s [Infinite Worlds Shelter]”

“Got it”

—*xiu!*

Shannu and Adorable both answered him at the same time.

A second later.

Shannu appeared in front of the two of them with an umbrella in her hand.

Gu Qing Shan began to explain the tactic: “You’ll be on the left, I’ll be on the right, we’re going to both act at the same time. We need to summon all the Blood Sea spirits in the shortest possible time and completely crush it”

“Understood!” Shannu replied.

She lightly flew to the other side of the three-headed snake spirit and awaited Gu Qing Shan’s orders.

The other spirits were still discussing this matter.

「 This Gu Qing Shan guy is quite an interesting villain 」 the green-cloak man commented.

「 The fear he spread had left a deep impression, I can sense that he had already obtained the Statue of Fear」 the old man said.

「 Then, should we kill him? His soul will most likely be very valuable 」 the three-headed snake asked.

The three spirits looked up at the blood moon in the sky.

After causing such a huge commotion, the decision must definitely be made by the Judicial Lord himself.

「 ——Observe him for a bit longer 」

A resounding voice echoed from the sky above:

「 If he is purely after destruction and evil, I welcome such an exceptional character; but if he had other intentions, I will personally show him what is eternal suffering and torture 」

The three spirits respectfully answered at the same time: 「 Understood! As you will 」

At the same time——

Gu Qing Shan took a step forward and grasped the Earth sword.

Seeing that, Shannu also took a step forward and tightly grasped the Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

They both raised their swords.

Laura anxiously gulped.

*Ready——*



「 Then we will excuse ourselves for now 」 the three spirits said.

「 Hm, I will also step away for now. Let Black City remain as it had always been for now 」 the blood moon said.

As soon as it said that, the blood moon vanished.

—it had left.

The old man, the green-cloak man, and the three-headed snake exchanged glances, preparing themselves to leave as well.

In that instant, Gu Qing Shan suddenly called out: “Kill!”

Two swords abruptly swung down at the same time!

## **Chapter 1700**

**Translator:** La0o9

As the three-headed snake prepared to leave, it suddenly felt a sharp pain on its body.

Two figures appeared next to its body, both wielding a sword in their hands and unleashed over thousands of slashes in a split second.

「 Hissss— 」

The three heads of the snake each hissed in anger.

But it was unable to retaliate at all, as some sort of lightning-based power had been inflicted onto its body that caused it to lose control.

At that very moment, the blood moon that had gone away earlier instantly reappeared in the sky.

The old man and green-cloak man also reappeared.

「 How dare you! 」

「 You have a death wish! 」

Immense killing intent swiftly surged forward to envelope the two sword-swinging figures.

Both of them would be shattered in mere seconds if that were to hit!

But Gu Qing Shan and Shannu didn't stop their barrage of attacks at all.

Gu Qing Shan shouted as he continued to swing his sword:

“Devil of True Antiquity—”

*Fwoooooaam!!!!*

An unusual phenomenon immediately followed!

The sky turned into a deep shade of blue, putting everything around them into absolute stasis.

The wind had also stopped.

The three-headed snake, the old man, as well as the green-cloak man had all lost their ability to move, everything in this world was frozen in time.

「 Ten! 」

A profound deep voice echoed from the sky.

Only the blood moon continued to move around within the dark blue void.

「 WHO!? 」

「 WHO EXACTLY IS IT!? Directly descending upon my Grand Evil world like this, the entire Dusty World will not let this slide! 」

The blood moon angrily roared.

No one answered it.

Deep above the sky, the voice continued to count down:

「 Nine! 」

Gu Qing Shan and Shannu had both already sheathed their swords, an umbrella appeared behind and covered each of them.

The two of them vanished without a trace.

Blood-colored realm spirits then manifested one after another.

「 Eight! 」

The voice continued to echo.

The blood moon suddenly gave off a resounding howl and began to fly up towards the sky.

At the same time, numerous blood-colored realm spirits had already surrounded the three-headed snake.

The three-headed snake still couldn't move at all.

「 Seize this chance and make it explode! 」 the bloody giant shouted.

All the realm spirits acted at once——

「 Seven! 」

The voice continued to count from far above the sky.

*Boom——*

The blood moon fell down from above.

Visible shockwaves could be seen sweeping down from above, instantly blowing the entirety of Black City away.

The world was destroyed.

All the living beings had already been blown away somewhere, their survival now a complete mystery.

A deep chuckle was heard from above the sky:

「 Can't blame me when you're the one seeking death—— six! 」

As soon as that count was reached.

All the blood-colored spirits scattered.

The only thing left of the three-headed snake was a pulpy mass of flesh.

Gu Qing Shan reappeared once again in the middle, using his sword to stab the mass of pulpy flesh and flung it far above the sky.

The pulpy flesh faded away as it flew up.

「 Gahaha—— gasha—- gasha—— 」

A series of chewing noises resounded throughout the entire dark blue world.

Five.

Four.

Three.

Two.

One.

The scenery started to turn into a faint gust of wind that circled around Gu Qing Shan like a tornado.

The Overlooker of Myriad Realms' voice could be heard in his mind:

「 The commotion this time was a bit much. I won't be able to come out for food again for a while since I'm going to stay in hiding 」

「 You need to destroy those three world essence relics quickly 」

The third world essence relic fell down into Gu Qing Shan's hand, which was a black badge.

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「 Gu Qing Shan, those fellows from the depths of the Dusty World is about to arrive—— 」

「 You're definitely no match for them, hurry up and run! 」

*Hoh——*

The gust of wind flew away with violent noises.

Everything around him returns to normal.

Gu Qing Shan held onto Laura, retrieved his swords, then manifested white fog around his body.

“Where are we going?” Laura hurriedly asked.

“Even the Devil of True Antiquity had fled, so of course we need to run as well” Gu Qing Shan answered.

As he said that, immensely powerful presences could be felt appearing one by one.

「 Something is invading our Dusty World, hurry! Call for help! Summon the most powerful ones! 」 someone called out.

“Indeed...” someone else responded.

『 War? 』

“Let’s gather our forces first”

A long war horn resounded.

At this point, Gu Qing Shan had already left with Laura.

...

The ruined world.

As soon as Gu Qing Shan appeared, he took out all three world essence relics without a pause.

“They’re going to realize something is amiss very soon, so we need to seize our time!”

Saying so, he took out the casting mold of the Key of the Wind.

As soon as the casting mold appeared, the statue, the badge, as well as the trumpet sensed it and started shaking.

They flew up and fell into the casting mold, each slowly melting into a liquid that poured itself into the mold.

The entire mold had now been filled with opaque liquid metal and started to give off a faint golden light.

The liquid metal visibly flowed along the mold to come into contact with the key body and fused with it into a solid piece.

—it is now complete.

The key was now in three different colors, which were respectively a bronze handle, a black connective piece, a crimson and grey key body, and a light golden key head.

They were respectively the three coins, the Gloomy City's evil Holy Relic, the Clock Tower world's pocket watch, the ruined world's pentagonal polyhedron, as well as the Grand Evil world's three world essence relics.

A cracking noise could be heard.

The entire casting mold completely crumbled and turned into tiny particles that were scattered by the wind.

However, a complete Key of the Wind was done!

*—this wasn't just the Key of the Wind, but also the 'Traveler's Key' that my parents left me!*

*With it, I would be able to open another Reality Gate and bring everyone away from this Boundless Void.*

*There would no longer be a need to fear the Apocalypse!*

*Everyone can survive!*

With that in mind, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help himself from feeling a bit ecstatic, even with everything he's been through.

A golden light emerged from inside Gu Qing Shan's body.

The black Book of the Sea also appeared.

These two Pillar God Soul Artifacts continuously circled around the key, calling out in joy.

A line of text appeared on the Book of the Sea and was shown to Gu Qing Shan:



[The Key of the Wind's soul has sensed the key's physical form and is coming here]

Gu Qing Shan slightly nodded.

*— I've collected three of the Four Pillars!*

*This is naturally something to celebrate, but the most important thing is still the other half of the secret.*

*The frozen corpse's secret!*

While he was thinking that, the War God UI had already reacted.

Lines of glowing text appeared in the void of space:

[You've obtained the complete Traveler's Key]

[Attention, a sealing technique that surpasses your understanding has been undone]

[There is only one chance, you must listen to it carefully]

A mass of translucent light emerged from Gu Qing Shan's chest and flew into Gu Qing Shan's hand, stopping in front of the Traveler's Key.

Gu Qing Shan immediately calmed his breathing and prepared himself.

Very quickly, the frozen corpse's voice emerged from the translucent light:

[— With the last of my power, I discovered an absolute 'Effect' among the numerous undetermined futures]

[At a certain point in the future, everything within the Reality Gate would no longer be salvageable]

[At the very moment that the Samsara Clash for Supremacy begins, the Apocalyptic Envoys hidden among the six realms will also awaken]

[The Apocalyptic Envoys will summon 99 Apocalypse Sequences to directly break through the Reality Gate and destroy everything within]

[Because of this, if I can find the Traveler's Key, I must flee this Reality Gate before the Samsara Clash for Supremacy begins!]

[Do not stall, hurry up!]

[That true secret is hidden at the deepest depth of this world inside the Reality Gate]

[It is a different Reality Gate]

[That's right, there are numerous Reality Gates within the void, but the reason why I had paid attention to this particular one was because of how powerful its guardian was]

[Not even I was a match for them!]

[For countless years, this Reality Gate had been under the influence of a unique power so that no one could approach or even take notice of it]

[But as I am an extremely unique Apocalypse, I managed to notice this nearly indiscernible minor detail within the infinite worlds of the Boundless Void]

[After much research, I managed to confirm that it was a perfect match for that shocking secret—]

[It is absolutely the rarest type of Reality Gate among all the Reality Gates, one that if someone could open, they would find...]

[A future without any Apocalypses, as well as a world that had never been seen before]

Gu Qing Shan's heart jumped.

The translucent light had already begun to grow dim.

The frozen corpse's voice also gradually became weaker:

[The future I can see is very limited, but I will definitely not give up on this Reality Gate]

[My subconscious will persist]

[It will find that Reality Gate and put a secret marking on it at an appropriate time]

[The marking is a specific unique term among Apocalypse Sequences—]

[I will call it the 'Eternal Abyss']

[That Reality Gate will be at the very bottom of the Abyss, guarded by an unknown demonic creature that makes sure no one would be able to go past it]

[—Even while sealed, I will do everything in my power and search for a solution through the countless years in hope or forging a powerful weapon that would be able to specially eliminate that demonic creature]

[In the future, that weapon will have the following title:]

[—the Abyssal Soul Artifact, the main body of the Abyssal Weapon, Evil-warding weapon of the Bottomless Abyss, the Guardians against ultimate extinction, the Swords of Changing Fate, the Key to infinite worlds, the legendary twin swords: Heaven and Earth]

## **Chapter 1701**

**Translator:** La0o9

Within the Boundless Void.

Ice was continuously spreading to freeze large sections of the void at once.

As far as the eye can see, the void had become completely dead.

Ever since the two Unfathomable Apocalypses had retreated, the ice had continued to spread without ending, up until this very moment—

*Bang!!!*

A giant whose entire body was clad in frost broke through the ice and suddenly appeared in the void.

[Hoh... hoh... finally caught you...]

The giant opened his palm to reveal a grey eyeball inside.

The eyeball seemed to want to struggle, but after being caught by the giant, it was immediately covered by a layer of frost and was unable to move at all.

The giant then grabbed the eyeball with his fingers and pushed it directly into his eye socket.

The eyeball shifted around the socket a bit, uttered a curt shriek, then quickly lost its vigor.

Immediately after that, a different type of vigor could be seen from the eye.

A flickering dark blue shiver started to manifest inside the giant's eyes.

[AARRRGH!]

The giant uttered a resounding howl.

Like a raging storm, a destructive presence started to spread in every direction from the giant's body.

——he had finally regained his complete body.

All the ice within the void of space crumbled and disappeared.

Everything had returned to normal.

The frozen giant looked around, then muttered to itself: [Now that I've regained my full strength—— should I head into the Dusty World to look for Gu Qing Shan, or to replace his Shifu at the Reality Gate?]

Suddenly, a female voice sounded from nearby:

[You can't do either of them, since I need your help here]

The frozen giant turned his gaze towards the void of space with a harrowing pressure from his eyes.

*A stranger dares talk to me this way?*

The frozen giant scoffed and asked: [—Who are you? Do you think you can command or order me around just because you know a bit of the Law of Time?]

The void slightly shifted.

A girl with silvery white hair emerged.

[Shroud, you might know me, I'm Su Xue Er] the girl told him.

The frozen corpse evaluated her, then retracted his pressure and smiled: [I do you know, you're Gu Qing Shan's—-]

He suddenly stopped.

—an inexplicable sense of connection was enlightenment in his mind.

Since Shroud had completely become one with the frozen corpse, both his strength and perspective had surpassed himself in the past, allowing him to naturally discover certain things.

The frozen giant's expression became solemn and subconsciously muttered: [You— you're— that is— —]

Su Xue Er smiled back at him and said: [The attributes of Time and Fate had always been very strong, haven't they?]

[Indeed] the frozen giant admitted.

[The Dusty World is about to depart, in other words, Gu Qing Shan will return very soon] Su Xue Er said.

[How do you know—] as soon as the frozen giant asked this, he realized the answer and sighed: [If even you had learnt about this, then the situation is truly dire]

[That's right. You and I cannot go anywhere, we need to make the preparations before Gu Qing Shan returns] Su Xue Er told him.

[How are things on his side?] the frozen giant asked.

This time, it was Su Xue Er's turn to sigh and replied: [I'm not by his side, so how could I know about his situation?]

The frozen corpse remained silent briefly before suddenly saying: [Did you know? Everything you've done would only bring calamity to yourself]

[The Apocalypse is about to destroy everything already— perhaps it'll be today, or perhaps it'll be tomorrow. What else do I have to care about at this point in time?] Su Xue Er shook her head.

The frozen corpse explained to her in a profound tone: [You will receive very severe punishments sooner or later. Even if you manage to escape from it, the only way for you to go is up. It will be the same as walking up an endless staircase, the higher you climb, the deeper the stairs ahead will become, there is no ending, only an infinitely winding path— will you really not regret it?]

Su Xue Er looked towards the darkness of the void and muttered: [My every waking moment is spent thinking of him. As long as he is alive, my heart would still be alive; but if he dies, living is no different from being dead for me, so I have nothing to regret]

The frozen giant felt her emotions and seemed to have remembered something as he appeared visibly sorrowful.

[Alright, tell me what you need me to do] the frozen giant said.

[We're heading to the Eternal Abyss and forge the accompanying components of the twin swords Heaven and Earth] Su Xue Er said.

[So you... already knew?] the frozen corpse appeared surprised.

[No, I'm simply making an assumption. With how much of history I've observed, being able to notice one thing or another is very normal, and I suspect that the situation had gotten extremely urgent—only you and I would be able to complete this task, and we need to hurry up as well!] Su Xue Er said.

[...Alright] the frozen giant replied.

...

The Dusty World.

Gu Qing Shan was standing in the middle of a ruin, ignoring as the translucent mass of light disappeared.

The frozen corpse's secret has been fully revealed.

And now, the Key of the Wind that represents the Wind Pillar was in his hands.

"That can't be right..." Gu Qing Shan muttered.

"What do you mean 'can't be right', you've obtained three of the Four Saint Pillar Soul Artifacts, Gu Qing Shan!" Laura excitedly said.

"Compared to that, I'm more concerned about the secret just now" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Laura was stunned and couldn't help but question: "Secret? What secret?"

Gu Qing Shan suddenly realized something and asked her in return: "Didn't you hear the words of the translucent light earlier?"

“What translucent light? How come I didn’t see anything at all?” Laura asked.

Gu Qing Shan instantly understood.

*No wonder the War God UI told me to listen carefully, so this secret can only be heard by the one who unlocks it.*

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*But why the twin swords Heaven and Earth?*

*I perfectly understand the power of these two swords.*

*If there really was an unknown demonic creature that not even the frozen corpse can win again, how would the twin swords Heaven and Earth be able to defeat it?*

*While the frozen corpse was in slumber, it was capable of using its blood to create the Myriad Gods to fight against all the Apocalypses that entered the Reality Gate.*

*Just imagine how powerful it would be after awakening!*

*But if there was a demonic creature that not even the frozen corpse could defeat, how would the twin swords Heaven and Earth actually defeat such a thing?*

As he thought to this point, Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but call out: “Earth sword”

「 I’m here 」 the Earth sword answered.

“Do you and the Heaven sword have some sort of hidden ultimate techniques?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

「 We don’t. Even if you collect all the accompanying components, the Heaven sword and I would only be able to open the path to many parallel worlds, which you’ve already seen back in the Tomb of Myriad Beasts 」 the Earth sword said.

“No other abilities at all?” Gu Qing Shan asked.



「 I know how to tell one-shot gags, while Heaven sword can sleep, can these be considered abilities? 」 the Earth sword asked him in return.

“...”

Gu Qing Shan felt nothing but thick fog in front of his eyes, unable to discern the truth.

But he still remembers perfectly the matter regarding the bottom of the Eternal Abyss.

*When the Wraith realm used the Samsara Divine Skill [Lead the people] to summon that divine corpse in search of the Inner Plane, Shroud had briefly mentioned this.*

*What did he say at the time?*

...

*“...As the Inner Plane was destroyed, that space was occupied with numerous creatures that couldn't be defeated with strength alone—— they were true demonic creatures that I couldn't try to probe even at the peak of my strength...”*

*“The Abyss has found a secret passage that leads into the Inner Plane, which is being hidden at the bottom of the Abyss... There is only a single demonic creature guarding that place. Although it is unimaginably powerful, after countless years, the Abyss had finally found the method to get rid of it”*

*“However, the method that the Abyss came up with was stolen by the Soul Shrieker not too long after it was conceived... Gu Qing Shan, the method is currently in your possession”*

...

*In that case, it really should be the twin swords Heaven and Earth!*

Gu Qing Shan sighed deeply and decided not to think any further about this.

*There are a lot of strange questionable points about this, but there's so little information right now that I can't even begin to discern the truth.*

*The only thing that's confirmed is that the frozen corpse's secret has been unlocked.*

*A unique, one-of-a-kind Reality Gate!*

*Behind his Reality Gate lies a future without any Apocalypses.*

*And the frozen corpse had marked this Reality Gate by placing it at the very bottom of the Eternal Abyss.*

*We now have a way out.*

*Let's hurry and take a look at it!*

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking, a skeleton appeared from the void of space.

The skeleton spoke in a hoarse female voice:

「 Gu Qing Shan, time is almost up, the Dusty World will soon leave this Space Vortex behind, have you completed what you needed to do? 」

“Yes, I’ve finished forging the key” Gu Qing Shan said.

The lady reminded him again: 「 Do not arbitrarily attempt to open other Reality Gates. Many other Boundless Voids had already been destroyed, in which unknown terror and danger hides 」

“I understand” Gu Qing Shan replied.

「 Hurry up and go, let's hope there will be a day where we meet again 」 the hoarse female voice told him.

Gu Qing Shan solemnly clasped his fist and said: “Thank you for taking care of me up until now”

The hoarse female voice lightly chuckled, then said: 「 I’ve already bestowed the Sacrificial Dance to you, you had better continue to practice and let it evolve further and further, as if shall be your greatest aid 」

“Yes” Gu Qing Shan answered.

「 What about Laura? [Returned Bramble Blood], do you not wish to remain? 」 the hoarse female voice asked.

Laura appeared and bowed towards the skeleton, speaking to her in a respectful tone: “Thank you, your grace, but I need to return with Gu Qing Shan”

The skeleton wanted to say something else, but suddenly stopped and instead told them: 「 Very well, the two of you should leave, I’m going to leave as well 」

She reached her hand into the void of space and tapped.

*Oong—*

An invisible fluctuation swept across the world.

「 The barrier has temporarily disappeared, now go! 」 the hoarse female voice urged them.

“Yes, I hope that we will be able to come here again in the future. At that time, I will solemnly give you my thanks”

Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist towards her, then manifested white fog around his body.

[Fog Realm Descent]!

He stepped backwards into the fog and disappeared from the Dusty World.

The only thing left in the ruined world was a skeleton.

Its figure seemed lonely and desolate.

It lowered its head, seemingly pondering something.

Not too long after that.

Numerous fluctuations appeared behind the skeleton.

Dozens of presences emerged like invisible wind that circled around the skeleton.

Voices called out one after another:

“There has been a big issue with the Grand Evil world, and the one who initiated the war seems to be here”

「 That’s right, but I never thought that this esteemed lady would violate the ironclad rule to sneak that person away 」

『 As well as the [Returned Bramble Blood] who should have originally returned to the Dusty World as well.. 』

“Esteemed lady, would you care to explain, for what reason—”

The skeleton slowly looked up.

「 I’m in quite a bad mood today, if anyone says another word, I’ll kill that person 」 it casually declared.

In an instant, all the voices vanished.

The dozen presences seemed to have vanished like they never existed in the first place, leaving this world almost right away.

Silence.

The only thing left in the ruined world was complete silence.

The skeleton was also silent.

After a long while, it finally sighed and muttered: 「 Pitiful one, your fate... what exactly will it be? 」

「 Unfortunately... I probably won't be able to see it 」

## **Chapter 1702**

**Translator:** La0o9

Gu Qing Shan appeared within the dark void.

“Where are we heading?” Laura asked.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the Key of the Wind in his hand and said: “We can't be running around like headless chickens. We need to wait until the Key of the Wind's spirit returns into the key before we can decide what to do next”

*—-who would have thought that the Reality Gate was actually hidden at the bottom of the Eternal Abyss and is being protected by an unknown demonic creature.*

*I still can't imagine the twin swords Heaven and Earth being able to deal with such a monster at all.*

He suddenly thought of something and opened the Book of the Sea, asking it: “Do you know the demonic creature at the bottom of the Eternal Abyss?”

The Book of the Sea answered: [It doesn't belong to the void, nor has any living being ever seen it, so I don't know]

Gu Qing Shan was surprised: “Didn't you say that you know all knowledge in existence?”

[Can something that no one has ever seen be considered knowledge?] the Book of the Sea asked in return.

*That's true, but—*

“But Shroud had definitely seen that demonic creature in the past, otherwise, how would he know about its existence?” Gu Qing Shan refuted.

[He had seen that demonic creature, but he isn't a living being, but an Apocalypse] the Book of the Sea answered.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't say anything to that.

At this point, the Key of the Wind in his hand suddenly jumped up by itself and gave off an ecstatic noise.

The Book of the Sea and golden coin also flew up and happily cheered.

The Key of the Wind circled twice around Gu Qing Shan and spoke in human language: “How unimaginable, someone had actually managed to collect three among the Four Saint Pillars, I suppose that you're going to look for the Soul Artifact that represents the Fire Saint Pillar after this?”

Gu Qing Shan nodded to greet it, then turned to the Book of the Sea and said: “Yeah, but before that, I want to make this issue clear”

The Book of the Sea honestly answered: [I've already told you, only after a living being or I have personally witnessed something would a corresponding knowledge come into existence]

Laura tilted her head and chimed in: “Gu Qing Shan, let's go take a look at that demonic creature right now”

“Do you mean—”

“Yeah, let’s use [Infinite Worlds Shelter]— this is the rarest ability of our Bramble race. Even the Judicial Lords of the Dusty World couldn’t detect us at all, so I’m guessing that demonic creature wouldn’t be able to see us either”

“...It’s worth a shot”

Gu Qing Shan said and grasped the Key of the Wind.

“I want to travel to the bottom of the Eternal Abyss— no, there’s no need to go directly to the bottom, it’ll be enough if we can go near that place, can you take us there?” he asked.

The Key of the Wind answered: “Of course I can, I’m capable of taking you to any location, but each time you use me, you’ll need to expend your lifespan”

“Lifespan?”

“Yes, these are the rules of the Wind Saint Pillar, it cannot be changed”

“How much will you need?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“After the frozen corpse and the eye left, the Eternal Abyss had become thoroughly tattered— it isn’t a particularly unique place, so all you need to do is expend one year of your lifespan and I will be able to take you here” the Crimson Demon Divine Spear said.

Gu Qing Shan’s eyebrows relaxed.

For an entity at his level, one year of lifespan was essentially nothing.

“Deal. Laura, put up your umbrella first!” Gu Qing Shan called out.

Laura immediately opened her flower umbrella and put it over their heads.

“Are you ready?” the Key of the Wind asked.

“Ready” Gu Qing Shan and Laura both answered.

The Key of the Wind abruptly gave off a green flash of light that illuminated the dark void.

It then flew into the air and drew the shape of a door into the void.

“Push it open and you’ll arrive at the vicinity of the Eternal Abyss— before that, please put me away carefully, I don’t want to be eaten by the demonic creature” the Key of the Wind told him.

“Hm”

Gu Qing Shan grabbed the Key of the Wind and carefully hid it on his person before opening the door.

As soon as the door was opened, the green light enveloped Gu Qing Shan and Laura.

The two of them then vanished without a trace.

...

The bottom of the Eternal Abyss.

Without a sound or warning, Gu Qing Shan and Laura had arrived.

In their visions, everything around them was a reddish kind of flesh that had undergone necrosis, all of which gave off a small bit of red light that illuminated that area in a bright red hue.

This flesh was no longer like they were in the past, it wasn’t writhing or giving off any sort of thick poisonous fog.



Nor were there any Abyssal forms to be found around here.

—other than the red flow of the flesh, there was no vitality to be seen at all.

The Key of the Wind's voice echoed in Gu Qing Shan's mind:

"Keep flying down from here, after a few minutes, you'll reach the bottom of the Eternal Abyss"

Gu Qing Shan looked down.

The dried-up red flesh had formed a large circle that reached endlessly down the darkness.

Laura silently stuck close to Gu Qing Shan and muttered: "This place gives off a really chilling impression.

Gu Qing Shan consoled her: "It's okay, the frozen corpse had already left, there should no longer be any danger here—-- except that demonic creature"

"Let's go, I don't want to stay here for too long, it feels uncomfortable somehow" Laura said.

"Keep your umbrella steady, we're going to scout it out" Gu Qing Shan said.

"Hm" Laura replied.

The two of them jumped up and began to fly downwards.

After not too long, even the last of the red glow had disappeared, allowing the darkness to completely swallow their figures.

Silent.

Quiet.

Hushed.

Stifling darkness.

This persisted until Gu Qing Shan and Laura gradually slowed down.

A gigantic figure had appeared within the profound darkness.

It was completely motionless, almost as if it was laying in slumber.

The entity's figure far surpassed their imaginations, as Gu Qing Shan and Laura looked like two specks of dust in front of a dinosaur compared to it.

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Within the range of their visions, the only thing they could see was some of the scales on its body.

—fortunately, they didn't disturb it at all.

"Is it a dragon?" Laura sent her voice and asked.

"Most likely not, I've never seen such a huge dragon before" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Laura trembled a bit.

She held her breath and sat down on Gu Qing Shan's shoulder, both hands holding tightly onto the flower umbrella.

Gu Qing Shan confirmed that she had taken control of her emotions before taking the Book of the Sea out again.

“Book of the Sea, can you see it?” he asked in a whisper.

[I can] the Book of the Sea answered.

“Then, do you have knowledge regarding it now?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

[What do you wish to learn about this demonic creature? Its strength? Unique characteristics? Or why is it guarding that gate?] the Book of the Sea asked.

“Can you tell me all of that?” Gu Qing Shan tried asking.

[No, I definitely cannot reveal so much. According to my experience, entities that didn’t originally come from the void might be able to sense us talking about it. And if it wants to take a look at what we actually are— if it does so much as harbor these thoughts, the consequences would be unimaginable] the Book of the Sea replied.

It then added: [Of course, I don’t know whether or not this experience would be correct either. After all, you first need to expend your wealth in order for this knowledge to manifest and become known to both you and I]

Gu Qing Shan’s expression shifted somewhat.

*If the Book of the Sea had said so, I need to be even more careful about this.*

*Then, what kind of information do I want to know about this demonic creature?*

Gu Qing Shan silently thought about it for a while before sending his voice: “I want to know its background”

[Background?] the Book of the Sea asked.

“That’s right. No matter what kind of characteristics, abilities, or secrets it may have, it would still be impossible for me to triumph against it, so I want to know its background. This is the most valuable information for the current situation” replied.

[You will need to pay 90% of your wealth] the Book of the Sea told him.

“I’ll accept it” Gu Qing Shan said.

A second later, he felt some tiny movement within his ring.

The majority of the treasures hidden within the ring had disappeared.

At the same time, the Book of the Sea flipped open by itself and started displaying some text on human common language:

[Samsara Heavenly Emperor (clone)]

[This is the Samsara Heavenly Emperor, it originated from the Samsara and had arrived in this Reality Gate countless years ago. Sensing this location’s unique properties, it remained here to protect it]

[It forbids anyone from approaching this location as it is responsible for protecting this secret]

[Special note: This is only a shadow image that was recently created, having only 10% of the Heavenly Emperor’s strength—— the real Heavenly Emperor had already disappeared somewhere unknown]

Gu Qing Shan quickly read through everything.

——*Is the Samsara Heavenly Emperor the same as the Heaven realm’s Grand Emperor that I saw?*

*If this was only a shadow image, where did the real one go?*

“I really couldn’t imagine that this Samsara guy had been making arrangements since that long ago”  
Laura lamented.

Gu Qing Shan told her: “The Samsara is the ultimate weapon of living beings, so someone who could become the Heavenly Emperor within the Samsara would definitely not be simple. You should never underestimate them for even a second”

As soon as he said that, he suddenly realized something.

*—now that I think about it, numerous events had occurred during the long history of the Space Vortex.*

*But the people of the Samsara had all fallen into slumber.*

*Had they truly been sleeping?*

*Or could it be that they’ve been silently watching over this place, waiting for the Samsara’s evolution to complete?*

*—this is only a shadow image.*

*The real one isn’t here.*

*Where had he actually gone to?*

*The Thousand Dragons Ancestor had used his Origin Hex to cause all the participants of the Samsara Clash for Supremacy to be stalled in place.*

*But what if there had been some people who never appeared at all in the first place, only watching from the sidelines?*

Numerous thoughts flashed through Gu Qing Shan’s mind.

He suddenly recalled something.

*After all...*

*That situation should be...*

He immediately asked: “Book of the Sea, I want to know something else. If the Samsara wishes to initiate the Age of the Clash, but a Chosen Saint candidate insists on not starting it no matter what, do they have any methods to completely bypass this person?”

[You don’t have much remaining, I want all of the wealth you currently own] the Book of the Sea replied.

“Take it!” Gu Qing Shan shouted.

Lines of text then appeared on the Book of the Sea:

[As long as they are within a different Space-Time, or a different Space Vortex, they would be able to bypass the uncooperative Chosen Saint to directly begin the Samsara Clash for Supremacy]

Gu Qing Shan’s heart gradually sank.

—‘*that situation’ seems more and more likely by the second.*

He immediately took out the Key of the Wind and told it: “Bring me to the other Reality Gate, the one with numerous Apocalypses surrounding it from the outside, my Shifu is currently guarding it!”

“Five years of lifespan” the Key of the Wind said.

[Deal, now hurry and take me there!” Gu Qing Shan urged.

The Key of the Wind abruptly gave off a green flash of light that depicted the shape of a door in the darkness.

Gu Qing Shan immediately put his hand on the door.

In an instant, he and Laura had both vanished from the bottom of the Abyss.

...

In the void, a pair of endlessly gigantic gates was giving off resounding noises.

It sounded like something was knocking on the door from the outside.

Inside the gates.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly appeared here.

“Shifu!” he loudly called out.

His voice resounded and drifted far within this vast Space Vortex.

But there was no answer.

“Strange, wasn’t your Shifu supposed to be here guarding the Reality Gate?” Laura asked.

“Shifu!” Gu Qing Shan shouted out loud again.

Still no answer.

—Xie Dao Ling was no longer here.

On the other hand, the two gates were trembling terribly as if something was about to push it open.

“The Gate! Gu Qing Shan! The Gate is about to be opened!” Laura hurriedly called out..

### **Chapter 1703**

**Translator:** La0o9

“Gu Qing Shan, the Gates are about to be opened!”

“Gu Qing Shan! Gu Qing Shan! Why aren’t you saying anything?”

Laura was panicking so much that she was screaming.

Gu Qing Shan stood in the void of space, his expression completely blank.

No matter how Laura shouted, he didn't react at all.

Suddenly, a sword appeared in the void of space.

The Earth sword!

「 No need to keep calling him, he's not here right now 」 the Earth sword spoke with a heavy mountainous tone.

“He's not here?”

Laura was surprised and took a closer look at Gu Qing Shan.

*—his soul doesn't seem to be inside his body.*

The Earth sword solemnly told her: “The Heaven sword is sleeping, so Chao Yin sword and I will stay here to protect you and Gu Qing Shan”

Another sword appeared and rang out 'oong' towards Laura.

It was Chao Yin.

“Then— where did Gu Qing Shan's soul go?” Laura asked.

The Earth sword replied: 「 Someone wanted to meet him, and they're in a lot of hurry, so he left right away 」

Laura silently muttered: “There won't be any danger right? He's gone with only his soul... and all of you are still here...”



「 Don't worry, it's an old friend. Not to mention, Gu Qing Shan is carrying the Six Paths Great Mountain sword and the three Saint Pillar Soul Artifacts with him 」

...

Gu Qing Shan was flying rapidly through the void of space.

This time, his speed far surpassed that of the past, he could even sense just how anxious and hurried the force pulling him was.

Everything around him had already become blurred images that vanished in an instant.

A barren world then appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan's eyes.

A bronze pillar connecting heaven and earth without an end in sight.

As if it had stood there from the beginning of time, firmly remaining for countless eons.

A giant corpse wearing a black suit of armor was pinned onto the bronze pillar.

No one knew who he was, where he came from, or why he was pinned on the pillar.

Gu Qing Shan turned his gaze.

When he came here in the past, he could still see a large number of black skeletons wandering aimlessly on the ground.

But right now, the entire ground was filled with nothing but black skeletons.

These skeletons were piling on top of one another, all gathering at the foot of the bronze pillar.

The black skeletons seemed to have realized something and were in a complete frenzy, climbing the bronze pillar with reckless abandon.

Whenever one of the black skeletons approached the bronze pillar, a bolt of lightning would arc off from the bronze pillar and blast the black skeleton to bits.

“Gu Qing Shan, there’s no time!” the giant corpse suddenly called out.

Gu Qing Shan immediately replied: “What are you talking about? If it isn’t anything important, please send me back immediately, there’s a very urgent matter on my side”

*Shifu is gone.*

*That’s naturally the work of those Samsara bastards.*

*They’re trying to completely bypass me as the Chosen Saint of the Wraith realm and initiate the Samsara Clash for Supremacy!*

*I need to quickly find Shifu—*

The giant corpse answered him with a thunderous voice: “No, you can’t go. You’ve made a mistake, and I’ve also made a mistake, everything within this Reality Gate had already been arranged for from the beginning”

Gu Qing Shan was stunned briefly.

He then saw a flash of blurry light appearing in the void of space.

The giant corpse explained: “Among the numerous Boundless Voids, only this void houses the four complete Saint Pillars, and only the four complete Saint Pillars would be able to manifest a Soul Artifact— they are jointly hailed as the greatest treasures of the void”

The flash of light then turned into a glowing red gem pendant, which gradually became clear as if it was directly in front of Gu Qing Shan.

“Among the Four Saint Pillars, the most powerful Soul Artifact is capable of creating miracles, which was the Pendant of Fire”

“Where is this pendant?” Gu Qing Shan asked

The giant corpse told him in return: “Just listen to me to the end— if someone was to make a wish to the Pendant of Flame, it would definitely come up with a way to fulfil your wish, but the price would be the most precious thing you have”

As soon as he said that, another image appeared—

In the image, a sky-eclipsing black sword emerged from among the clouds and lightly swung towards the numerous stars in the sky.

Billions of stars were snuffed out in an instant.

The black sword completely took up the sky as far as the eye could see, but it also started crumbling as soon as the swing was finished.

A clear chiming female voice suddenly resounded in the sky:

“Metal – Wood – Water – Fire – Earth, Wind – Lightning – Light – Dark – Sound, halt!”

In an instant, all living beings in the world were put into stasis, not even the wind could move forward.

“Gu Qing Shan, you’ve already witnessed this before. This was your Shifu’s previous life, as well as the scene of when the Samsara entered this Reality Gate” the giant corpse explained.

Gu Qing Shan asked: “That’s right, but why are you showing me this? Could it be that my Shifu had gotten the Pendant of Fire?”

“No, it wasn’t her, but rather the Heavenly Emperor”

“...Heavenly Emperor?”

“That’s right”

The two images became overlapped, displaying the scene of countless fragments of the Samsara flying through the Space Vortex.

Suddenly, a hand reached out from a certain fragment of the Samsara and swiped towards the void of space.

The Pendant of Fire immediately appeared from the void of space, tightly grasped by that hand.

The giant corpse sighed and continued: “When your Shifu broke through the Reality Gate, the Samsara Heavenly Emperor had taken that opportunity to mobilize the Samsara’s power to take the Soul Artifact of the Fire Saint Pillar”

Gu Qing Shan wasn’t in a hurry to leave anymore.

He calmed down and asked with a harrowing low voice: “What did the Heavenly Emperor use the Pendant of Fire to do?”

The giant corpse told him: “I’m not sure what kind of price he had to pay, but in short, he had used the unimaginable power of the Pendant of Fire to obscure everyone’s eyes, including my own—— no one had managed to discover what he had secretly done”

“——What was his wish? Was it fulfilled?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“The Heavenly Emperor is no longer within this Space Vortex, and the entire Samsara had already left this Reality Gate” the giant corpse answered.

*Already left?*

Gu Qing Shan was stunned, then felt a ominous feeling and asked: “Are you saying——”

The giant corpse replied: “That’s right, Gu Qing Shan, your Shifu was also taken by him—— the Heavenly Emperor’s wish had been fulfilled, that was why the Pendant of Fire’s unimaginable power had scattered and allowed me to discover all of this”

*It’s over.*

Gu Qing Shan’s heart dropped.

*The entire Samsara had been brought to a place without the Apocalypses.*

*The Samsara had already completed its evolution, and once the Samsara Clash for Supremacy was over, it would bestow its evolved power to the Heavenly Emperor and his subordinates.*

*——the ultimate weapon of all living beings.*

Gu Qing Shan paused briefly and seriously questioned:

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“Even you were deceived? Could the Pendant of Fire’s power have been so overwhelming?”

The giant corpse sighed and said: “Earth, Water, Fire, and Wind are capable of giving birth to all things. They are an extremely rare commodity within this Age of Apocalypse, not to mention how they’re related to a certain ultimate secret... unfortunately, no one would be able to find out this secret, as the Heavenly Emperor had already left this Reality Gate together with the Pendant of Fire”

Gu Qing Shan thought through the entire matter from beginning to end and slowly said: “He might have the Pendant of Fire, but I have the Key of the Wind—— I’m going to chase after him now”

“And then what?” the giant corpse asked.

Gu Qing Shan calmly replied: “Other than the Key of the Wind, I also have the Book of the Sea that can tell me how to fight against the Heavenly Emperor; and the Coin of the Earth can grant me absolute luck— with three Saint Pillar Soul Artifacts, I’m not completely helpless against the Heavenly Emperor’s one Soul Artifact”

The giant corpse said: “Well done, you’ve managed to thought this far, but there’s still one final issue”

“What is it?”

“Power”

The giant corpse spoke in a heavy tone: “The Samsara Heavenly Emperor’s strength far surpassed anything you’ve ever imagined. Even if he only left 10% of power to guard the bottom of the Eternal Abyss, no one in the Boundless Void had ever been a match for him”

“What about the frozen corpse?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The giant corpse replied: “Him? He would also be no match at all, but if it was only 10% of the Heavenly Emperor’s strength, he would certainly be an entity on the same level. However—”

Another screen of light appeared in the void of space.

...

On the screen, a giant clad in frost was standing in front of the Reality Gate, using all his strength to keep it shut.

[Laura, hurry and take Gu Qing Shan away!]

The giant shouted.

“Got it!” Laura loudly replied.

She was quickly pulling on Gu Qing Shan's body to bring him into an airship.

...

"After your Shifu was taken away, only the frozen corpse was still capable of stopping the Reality Gate so that the Apocalypses do not enter. Other than him, no one would be capable of fighting against the Heavenly Emperor's clone" the giant corpse explained.

"But he's currently unable to move away— was this something the Heavenly Emperor prepared as well?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"From the looks of it, that might be the case" the giant corpse replied.

Gu Qing Shan was speechless.

*Such a ridiculously powerful enemy wielded the Pendant of Fire, commanded the entire Samsara, and had been hiding in the shadows for countless years to plan out everything.*

*—how terrifying he was!*

*Is there really no way to win against the Heavenly Emperor's clone to head through that Reality Gate?*

He and the giant corpse both fell silent.

A few moments later.

The giant corpse also sighed and couldn't say anything: "The Apocalypse Sequences are about to finish rallying as well... Alright, you can return to come up with a solution to open the Reality Gate at the bottom of the Eternal Abyss, I will use the last of my power to help you— as well as helping myself"

"If we cannot win against the Heavenly Emperor's clone, all of us will die!"

*Fwoom!*

With that declaration, Gu Qing Shan was pulled away from this world with immense force.

Almost instantly, he returned to his body and woke up.

“Gu Qing Shan, you’re awake? Shroud is currently stopping the Reality Gate, but I don’t think he’ll be able to hold on for too long” Laura hurriedly told him.

“I know...”

Gu Qing Shan replied and rapidly wracked his brain.

*The Heavenly Emperor had already planned out everything.*

*Even the frozen corpse was arranged by him to have no choice but to block the Reality Gate, unable to actually fight against the clone.*

*—-but the frozen corpse headed into this Reality Gate specifically for the sake of this secret.*

*The frozen corpse had used the Eternal Abyss to mark out that Reality Gate.*

*Even if he couldn’t win against the Heavenly Emperor, does he really have no other solutions?*

*...Oh right.*

*Within these numerous years, the frozen corpse had been continually researching the other party and prepared two swords— — —*

*Heaven and Earth.*

Gu Qing Shan frowned.

*I fully understand the powers of the Heaven sword and Earth sword.*

*With these two swords, it should be impossible to win against an enemy at the level of the frozen corpse and the Heavenly Emperor’s clone!*

*Where exactly is the issue?*

He opened the Book of the Sea and asked: “I heard that the twin swords Heaven and Earth are capable of defeating the Heavenly Emperor, how exactly would they be able to achieve such a thing?”



The Book of the Sea answered: [I'm sorry, but I cannot answer that]

Gu Qing Shan was surprised: "Don't you know about all knowledge?"

[I only know the knowledge of the void, all things, and all living beings. I have no Apocalyptic knowledge!] the Book of the Sea replied in an irritated tone.

Gu Qing Shan paused briefly.

Suddenly, a light female voice resounded from behind him:

[Qing Shan, there's no need to ask it any further, it really doesn't know]

Gu Qing Shan suddenly turned around.

Long silvery-white hair, a slender feminine figure, and beautifully delicate features—

Su Xue Er!

Gu Qing Shan quickly stepped forward and embraced Su Xue Er.

Su Xue Er let him embrace her as he wished, then kissed Gu Qing Shan on his lips.

A very long kiss.

Laura covered her eyes.

Su Xue Er gently stroked Gu Qing Shan's face and softly asked: [Where are the twin swords Heaven and Earth?]

Gu Qing Shan mobilized his thoughts.

The Heaven sword and Earth sword both appeared behind him.

Gu Qing Shan asked: “Xue Er, you’ve done a lot of things, but how were you able to do that? When travelling through time, even I have to——“

Su Xue Er looked at him and waved her hands.

Several dozen components appeared from the void of space and began circling around the twin swords Heaven and Earth.

Gu Qing Shan said: “These are... the accompanying components of the Abyssal Sword... did you create another set?”

[Yes. The twin swords Heaven and Earth must become one in order for there to be a chance to defeat that fellow at the bottom of the Eternal Abyss] Su Xue Er answered.

“I’ve seen how they are after fusion, they definitely don’t have that level of power” Gu Qing Shan was confused.

Su Xue Er faintly smiled and softly answered: [It was because you are a living being that you couldn’t fully exert their latent powers]

With a wave of her hand, the twin swords Heaven and Earth as well as all of the accompanying components started flying towards her.

[This two swords... were designed by the Eradicator of All Things and All Living beings, the unspeakable hushed Secret Apocalypse, it was made specifically to fight that fellow guarding the bottom of the Eternal Abyss]

[In other words, only an Apocalypse would be able to truly exert their powers!]

*Fwoom!*

A destructive aura abruptly erupted from Su Xue Er's body.

Seemingly sensing the aura she was giving off, all the components as well as the twin swords Heaven and Earth began to give off a loud resonating sound.

Su Xue Er lightly touched Gu Qing Shan's face again with a longing gaze.

[Qing Shan...]

[Shroud is currently watching over the Reality Gate, so there is only one Apocalypse that stands on your side now]

[That is me]

She finally said..

## **Chapter 1704**

**Translator:** La0o9

"You... are an Apocalypse? That joke isn't funny!"

Looking at Su Xue Er, Gu Qing Shan felt the most anxiety he had ever felt in his life.

*From the very beginning to the very end, I've always hoped for the reunion and life that would come after the Apocalypse was over.*

*—-but now, Su Xue Er has become an Apocalypse?*

Su Xue Er's tone became a bit softer and consoled him: [It's ok, this is the only way I would be able to help you...]

She covered Gu Qing Shan's mouth with her hand to prevent him from saying anything else and started speaking faster:

[Qing Shan, there isn't much time, so listen to me seriously]

[The Soul Artifact of the Fire Saint Pillar had fulfilled the Heavenly Emperor's wish, but the most precious thing it had taken from him as payment was his power to fight the Apocalypse]

[The Heavenly Emperor had always made sure to avoid a direct confrontation with the Apocalypses and would only order his subordinates to do so when there were no other choices]

[The Pendant of Fire had obscured the entire truth, so even I had to spend all of my power to travel several times across the River of Time in order to discover the truth under the identity of an Apocalypse—— but I was still unable to prevent the Heavenly Emperor from fulfilling his wish] Su Xue Er explained.

She carefully observed Gu Qing Shan's gaze and dejectedly said: [To travel through Space-Time, I had to destroy many worlds in order to obtain enough power]

Her eyes met.

Gu Qing Shan gently clutched her hand and said in a low voice: "You're not a bloodthirsty person, it's been hard on you"

Su Xue Er shook her head and firmly said:

[The Samsara Clash for Supremacy has already begun. If the Heavenly Emperor obtained the final victory, he would also gain the ultimate power after the Samsara's evolution—— all of his lost power would return, and even more!]

[Qing Shan, I'm an Apocalypse, with the complete power of the twin swords Heaven and Earth, I would be able to directly face off against the Heavenly Emperor's clone, you can take that chance to go through that Reality Gate and chase after the Samsara]

[You must stop the Heavenly Emperor!]

Gu Qing Shan's expression remained unchanged and asked: "Then what about you from now on?"

Su Xue Er avoided his gaze and lowered her head: [Don't worry about me, I'll be fine]

Gu Qing Shan silently stared at Gu Qing Shan, then asked: “As an Apocalypse, if you help me escape, what would happen to you when those powerful Apocalypse Sequences arrive?”

Su Xue Er bit her lip without answering.

Gu Qing Shan continued: “And Shroud as well, he isn’t the real Secret Apocalypse, those High Sequence Apocalypses had been constantly going after him”

*—-the entire Space Vortex is about to be destroyed.*

*Although the Samsara had escaped, there were still numerous incomplete worlds within the Space Vortex where countless living beings reside.*

*As well as everyone on the Temporal Oasis.*

*Anna, Zhang Ying Hao< Ye Fei Li, Barry, Kitty, Ye Ru Xi.*

*What would happen to everyone?*

*Would they also have to lose their lives within this calamity?*

Gu Qing Shan’s heart started beating heavily and said:

“...If I leave by myself, even if I defeat the Heavenly Emperor and win the Samsara Clash for Supremacy, that would still be meaningless to me”

Su Xue Er hurriedly said: [The Samsara is the ultimate evolution weapon, once you obtain it——-]

Gu Qing Shan cut it her off and said: “If it means losing everyone, that power would mean nothing to me”

He turned his hand around and took out the Book of the Sea.

“Book of the Sea, I remember you said that there was hope for everyone to escape, please tell me how I would be able to do that”

The Book of the Sea answered him: [You no longer have any wealth left, so if you want to know this, I must take all the wealth you will obtain in the next 3000 years—— this is the rules of the Soul Artifact]

“Why so much?” Laura impatiently cut in.

The Book of the Sea answered: [There is no way around it, this matter is too crucial. It is literally the most important secret other than the ultimate secret that we Four Saint Pillar Soul Artifacts were hiding]

The Key of the Wind and Coin of the Earth also jumped out and gave off a clear chime.

“Why did all of you come out at once?” Gu Qing Shan asked in surprise.

The Key of the Wind explained: [The Samsara Heavenly Emperor doesn't know that the Four Saint Pillars absolutely cannot be in two different Boundless Voids, otherwise, the power of the four Soul Artifacts would no longer be concealed and could be felt by the billions of Boundless Voids]

The Book of the Sea continued: [Because of that, we also need you. We will accompany you in chasing after the Pendant of Fire]

The Coin of the Earth gave off a loud begging chime.

The three Soul Artifacts began to circle around Gu Qing Shan and call out continuously.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and said: “I'm willing to pay my wealth of the next 3000 years, please tell me that secret”

The Book of the Sea immediately hovered in front of him and opened to reveal several lines of text written in human common language:

[The only things that can bring all the worlds and all living beings away from this Reality Gate are the intimations made by the Awaitings]

[They've fought the Apocalypses countless times, during the process of which they've intimated the structure of Apocalypse Sequences and learned of unique techniques that they used to create Low Sequence Apocalypses]

[These are the Orders that they had created—]

[Worlds Apocalypse Online]

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

*[Worlds Apocalypse Online] was originally an Apocalypse Sequence?*

*No wonder it was so far beyond common sense and was able to do so many things that ignore the Laws of the Void.*

*When Shroud was sent to save Little Wei, Shroud had actually been directly transported to her location across countless worlds.*

*In other words—*

“All living beings that are connected to [Worlds Apocalypse Online] could be transported to a certain location?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

*In that case, everyone would certainly be able to flee!*

[Indeed, but the Awaitings would not be able to achieve this feat] the Book of the Sea answered him.

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“Why not? They're clearly recovering their strength” Gu Qing Shan asked.

[The Awaitings are also considered to be living beings. Even if they've turned themselves into the spirits of these Orders, they are still unable to exert the true power of an Apocalypse Sequence and bring all the worlds with them]

[—I'm currently an Apocalypse, would I be able to use 'Worlds Apocalypse Online' to take everyone with me?] Su Xue Er asked.

[You cannot either— although you are an Apocalypse Sequence, this type of power requires an Advance Apocalypse with a High Sequence]

After answering this, the Book of the Sea immediately said: [Gu Qing Shan, I've told you before, whether or not the living beings of the Space Vortex would be able to flee will be up to you]

“Me?” Gu Qing Shan asked in disbelief.

He suddenly recalled something.

When he had just obtained the Book of the Sea, this Saint Pillar Soul Artifact had indeed said that, but he thought that it was referring to his identity as the Earth God.

Now, it seems there might have been another hidden reason.

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath and asked: “Why me?”

The Book of the Sea answered: [You must understand clearly. The reason why I asked to collect all of your wealth in the next 3000 years lies in what I'm about to tell you right now]

All the text on the book vanished, having turned into new lines of text:

[The following content is only shown to you alone]

[—Gu Qing Shan, you are a pitiful existence]

[Your living essence was comprised of two completely different structures]

[Half of you is a living being, while the other half is an Apocalypse]

[Indeed, one of your parents must be an Apocalypse, while the other must be a living being of extreme power]

[You were an exiled unnatural product, unaccepted by living beings, nor accepted by the Apocalypse. Each side would consider you to be an ominous monster]

[You will be forever alone]



[—But you have a unique ability that allows you to use both the powers of a living being and an Apocalypse]

[I'm not sure about the specifics, but within the void, you are the only one capable of this]

All the text then swiftly vanished from the Book of the Sea.

It became blank again.

Gu Qing Shan's expression had frozen.

He stood completely still like a soulless statue.

“Mother... Father...”

He muttered in a low voice.

Seeing the expression on his face, Su Xue Er suddenly felt an inexplicable sense of sorrow.

“Gu Qing Shan, what's wrong?” Laura asked.

[Qing Shan] Su Xue Er softly called out and embraced him tightly.

Gu Qing Shan slowly turned to the two girls.

Some light gradually returned to his gaze as he silently called out: “War God UI”

[I'm here] the War God UI responded.

“You were something that my parents left me...” Gu Qing Shan said.

The War God UI remained silent for a bit before answering him: [The ultimate function will require a Quest order to activate]

Gu Qing Shan immediately said: “Issue a War God Quest, the objective is for me to obtain the power of an Apocalypse”

Perhaps it had been waiting for this statement for too long, but the War God UI immediately began to display numerous lines of glowing text:

[The War God UI has answered your request]

[Where your sword points is the War God UI’s goal]

[The UI is currently undergoing change]

[In T-minus-five, the UI will remove its disguise]

[5]

[4]

[3]

[2]

[1]

[Highest Sequence, Worlds Apocalypse Online—— activated!]

The entire UI completely vanished.

Right after that, a crimson UI appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan’s eyes.

Numerous crimson letters were rapidly scrolling through the screen to show Gu Qing Shan various descriptions and notifications.

After a few moments.

Gu Qing Shan pulled his gaze back and turned to Su Xue Er.

“Xue Er”

[Hm?]

“You’ve sacrificed too much for me already... leave the upcoming battle to me”

The twin swords Heaven and Earth slowly descended from the void of space, once again grasped in Gu Qing Shan’s hands.

His body suddenly began to exude a terrifying destructive presence..

## **Chapter 1705**

**Translator:** La0o9

As soon as the destructive presence erupted from Gu Qing Shan’s body, Laura and Su Xue Er recognized what it was.

Laura exclaimed: “Gu Qing Shan, how are you—-“

Gu Qing Shan gazed into the void, as if observing something, then finally turned towards her and smiled.

[That’s right, I didn’t expect it either] he said.

Laura was surprised, but still stepped forward and grabbed his hand, telling him: “Regardless of what’s going on—-“

She took a swift glance towards Su Xue Er before continuing: “You are still an official of my Bramble Bird Kingdom, so this empress will stand by your side, understand?”

Gu Qing Shan sincerely told her: “I understand, your majesty”

Su Xue Er was already stunned a while ago.

[Qing Shan, how could you have this Apocalyptic... power?] she asked in confusion.

Gu Qing Shan turned his gaze to the void of space.

Lines of bright red text appeared in front of his eyes:

[In five minutes, the Apocalypse Sequences will finish rallying]

[The door-breaking operation is about to begin]

[As the Highest Apocalypse Sequence, you can choose to command this destruction operation, or work as you see fit]

[If you want to save living beings like the Book of the Sea had suggested, please begin as soon as possible]

Gu Qing Shan sighed and let go of the Earth sword to take Su Xue Er's hand.

[Su Xue Er, the current situation is very urgent, let me deal with what's at hand first, then I'll slowly explain it to you later, ok?]

Su Xue Er nodded.

Gu Qing Shan's expression became stern and turned to the void of space: [Is there a way to connect to all living beings within this void?]

A line of text appeared on his UI: [This order of business has already been completed by various Low Sequences, so the mean of connection will be: take control of the Low Sequences]

[You will need the permission of the Low Sequences' spirits]

[So we can't do this without their permission?] Gu Qing Shan asked.

[That isn't the case, mandatory implementation is possible but will cost more energy— the UI's stockpiled energy is limited, so it's best to not waste any energy if possible] the UI replied.

Gu Qing Shan's expression became stiff and asked: [How much energy do we have?]

The UI replied: [Counting from your regression, all stockpiled energy is enough for the Highest Sequence to operate for seven seconds]

— *seven seconds.*

Gu Qing Shan pondered and asked: [Will seven seconds be enough to defeat the Heavenly Emperor's clone?]

[You've never utilized the power of Apocalypse, so you do not understand the intricacies involved and will most likely require five seconds] the UI answered.

[That's not enough time] Gu Qing Shan resolutely said: [Change of plans, as soon as we come into contact with the Heavenly Emperor's clone, we're not going to fight and simply go through the Gate]

[Then you will require two seconds] the UI answered.

[How many seconds will be necessary to connect and bring all living beings away?] Gu Qing Shan asked.

[Sleep-mode transportation will require the least amount of energy and time, two seconds will be enough]

[What about opening the Gate?]

[One second]

[Then that will only require five seconds, the remaining two seconds— even if we catch up, the Samsara Clash for Supremacy has already begun, how should we enter?] Gu Qing Shan asked.

[The best method is forceful entry, which is the main method of entry for most Apocalypse Sequences]

[Are there any others?]

[Sneak through, you've used it once] the UI curtly answered.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

*When I regressed back to the last year of the cultivation world's Peace era, I also used the sneak through method.*

[Even if I use forceful entry, I will only have two seconds. That's not enough to find Shifu, never mind saving her— we're sneaking through] Gu Qing Shan said.

[The strategy has been determined— once you've made all necessary preparations, I will provide the corresponding descriptions. Your Apocalyptic powers will then be thoroughly triggered and persist for seven seconds, you must complete everything within these seven seconds] the UI told him.

Gu Qing Shan nodded, then began to sing: [Happy birthday—]

He stopped singing after only half a sentence.

—-the [Songster of Night]'s unique ability has been triggered!

Numerous powerful presences could be felt all over the void of space as if somebody was rapidly approaching.

A few moments later.

A gloomy figure descended and slowly turned into a humanoid figure.

His facial features were covered under a black cloak.

His entire body was full of scales, only a pair of golden vertical irises was visible.

「Youngster, why did you stop with only four syllables?」 the Thousand Dragons Ancestor complained.

[I'm sorry, but the situation is very urgent] Gu Qing Shan replied.

The void opened up again.

Within a sea of drifting sand, a mature lady silently appeared, smiled to Gu Qing Shan, then spoke up:

“Gu Qing Shan is correct, the current situation is a very dangerous one. The Apocalypse Sequences are about to break through the Reality Gate”

[I found another Reality Gate and the key, but in order to lead everyone away, I need everyone to open their Orders for me to temporarily take over them] Gu Qing Shan said.

Another voice called out: “Really? You found a key?”

A young girl wielding a large hammer descended from the sky and asked with smiling eyes.

[Yes, I even found a safe Reality Gate to head through] Gu Qing Shan answered.

Someone said: [I trust you]

A woman in black clothing appeared.

Lady Darksea.

She slightly bowed towards Gu Qing Shan.

In the sky, grey figures appeared one by one, landing around Gu Qing Shan.

A rock-man with a mohawk.

A dual-blade wielding old man whose entire body was covered in black fog.

An eight-armed giant.

More and more were still arriving.

The Awaitings.

All the Awaitings have arrived!

Glancing at them, Gu Qing Shan noticed that the presence they gave off seemed to have increased.

—this time, it wasn't a fake presence, but rather an actual change in power.

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit regretful.

*There wasn't enough time.*



*While these Combatants who had fought countless times against true Apocalypses had used all of their strength to imitate a few Low Sequence Apocalypses, they themselves couldn't recover their peak strength in time.*

Gu Qing Shan clapped his hand.

The Key of the Wind instantly appeared in the void, giving off a dark green glow.

[The Reality Gate is about to be broken open, but I found the Key of the Wind—— it has made a deal with me to open the Gate for everyone to escape, but I will need your Orders in order to bring everyone who had ever formed a connection with the Orders with me] Gu Qing Shan explained.

Seeing this key, everyone's expression changed.

“So there really was a true Saint Pillar Soul Artifact here” someone sighed.

Lady Fusi commented: “Indeed, this is the real Wind Saint Pillar, a Saint Pillar Soul Artifact that cannot be impersonated”

The Thousand Dragons Ancestor loudly called out: 「 Then what are we waiting for? Gu Qing Shan is a member of the dragon race—— without him, we would have already been dead at the Apocalypses' hands before we even woke up 」

Everyone's expressions became relaxed.

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「 And here I was ready to fight to my death 」 the dual-blade old man commented.

“Right, I didn't expect for there to still be a way to survive” the rock-man said.

「 Then what are we waiting for? 」 the eight-armed giant said.

Everyone turned to a certain part of the void and temporarily stopped talking.

Gu Qing Shan was suddenly surprised.

In front of his eyes, lines of bloody glowing text quickly appeared:

[All Low Sequences are requesting connection]

[Will you grant them access?]

Gu Qing Shan replied: "Do it"

[As ordered, currently connecting to Worlds Apocalypse Online: Human Regiment]

[Currently connecting Worlds Apocalypse Online: Dragon race]

[Currently connecting Worlds Apocalypse Online: Time Guardian]

[Currently connecting Worlds Apocalypse Online: Night Watcher]

[Currently connecting Worlds Apocalypse Online: Anti-demon Order]

[...]

Numerous lines of bloody text rapidly scrolled through before concluding:

[All Low Sequences have been accepted]

[Initiating examination of living beings]

Numerous images flashed through Gu Qing Shan's eyes.

He could see countless living beings going about their everyday life within the infinite worlds.

Some he was familiar with, some he didn't recognize at all, even Shroud had reinforced [Human Regiment] and was part of the [Order] connections.

「 However, after connecting to all of us, how do you intend on taking all living beings with you? 」 the Thousand Dragons Ancestor asked.

Gu Qing Shan replied: [It's a secret— you'll understand when you see it]

The Thousand Dragons Ancestor glared at him.

Gu Qing Shan pulled his gaze back and reached his hand to respectively grab Su Xue Er and Laura.

[Xue Er, Laura, each of you choose a Sequence and reinforce it temporarily]

After the two girls were done with this, Gu Qing Shan turned to the void of space and said:

[I've made the necessary preparations, please provide the corresponding descriptions]

Following his request, lines of bloody text started appearing in the void of space:

[Selected established strategy]

[Selected method of transport: Sleep-mode]

[Selected invasion method: Sneak through]

[Special note:]

[The Samsara is the ultimate weapon of living beings, it can continuously evolve. Once its evolution is complete, the method of power allocation is:]

[...]

[...]

[Attention: The power of the Highest Sequence can only persist for seven seconds, after which it will fall into slumber due to power exhaustion]

[As you state 'begin', everything will initiate]

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes and stayed silent briefly, thinking through the entire process once again.

Su Xue Er and Laura stood in front of him.

The Awaitings were standing around him.

Everyone had their attention focused on him.

A few moments later.

Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes and said: [Begin]

Instantly, his entire body started to exude scorching light that manifested into exactly one hundred million rays of light.

Countless voices became overlapped as they muttered with him:

[I am death, the end of time, the beginning of destruction, the desolation and cessation of all, the manifestation of the ultimate eradication]

*Fwoom!!!!!!*

The void and all things within it simply vanished without a trace.

The bloody UI in the void of space also disappeared.

At the same time, the entire Space Vortex began to undergo unprecedented change.

The frozen corpse vanished.

The Awaitings were nowhere to be seen.

Su Xue Er and Laura were also gone without a trace.

In the Temporal Oasis, Anna, Zhang Ying Hao, Ye Fei Li, Barry, and Kitty, as well as everyone else also vanished.

All living beings who had reinforced an [Order] vanished without a trace.

Everything became absolutely quiet.

In the darkness, a flash of light began to spread and illuminate the infinite worlds and Boundless Void, putting everything within its encompass.

That light broke through Space-Time and all things, instantly vanishing only to appear again at the bottom of the Eternal Abyss.

At the bottom of the Eternal Abyss, the indiscernibly gigantic Heavenly Emperor's clone instantly sensed this.

A pair of cold and cruel eyes opened.

「 Who— is— 」

The voice echoed throughout the entire void.

—————

Author's note:

Some words at the end of the volume.

The Abyss Volume has come to an end.

A lot of things have been written and revealed in this volume.

I have to admit, this is a very large story with many characters and convoluted course of events, the numerous different kinds of power is prone to cause even more confusion, and the story of many people occur outside of the main storyline——

But I have to stick close to the main storyline without going too much off the rail.

This couldn't be helped, because any character who could enter the story at this point in time wouldn't be a nameless small-fry.

While I'm nothing but a part-time writer, I can only follow Gu Qing Shan's story.

In this volume.

Power has gone from [Order] and [Chaos] to 'Type', then to 'Realm';

Characters have included humans, pixies, dragons, giants, monsters, Apocalypses, spirits, as well as unknown entities;

The worlds range from broken to systematic, from the Samsara to the Dusty World, even introducing 'Phase Realms';

Time has ranged from the present to the past all the way to the Age of Immemorial, as well as Su Xue Er who had arrived from the future;

Named characters who had taken the stage are even more dazzling.

— in truth, I also feel like I've written too big of a story, but I can only continue writing since this was how the world was established to be.

Fortunately.

Such a huge and chaotic volume is coming to an end.

After sighing in relief, I thought about it for a long time and finally decided to slow down a bit.

Part of this is because I need time to think about the next volume, the other reason was [...], I can only say that I hope everything will get better soon.

It will be very simple for me to write it quickly, and it'll be very easy for me to earn money this way, but I'm limited by my personal abilities, and focusing on nothing but speed will make this book gradually become mundane.

This novel already has over 4 million words (Chinese), so I hope that it'll be able to shine on its own, and one day in the future when I finally look back at it, there won't be too many mistakes.

I will do my best.

I hope that the next volume will also be a beautiful and moving story that I can dedicate to my readers.

— next volume, Apocalypse Volume.

## **Chapter 1706**

**Translator:** La0o9

The Human realm.

A harrowing strong wind howled.

Heaven and earth were completely blurred, obscured by a huge rain shower.

Dark grey clouds eclipsed the sky, with the occasional bolt of lightning arcing across the cloud layers.

The world was sporadically illuminated.

At a certain point.

A bolt of lightning descended from above and struck the mountain range.

Some fire started rising from a valley in the mountain.

The flame was spreading rapidly throughout the entire hill, slowly building up to become a wildfire that not even the rain strong wind could put out.

*Bang!*

Booming thunder continuously flickered behind the clouds.

Wind and rain ravaged the mountain forest, lightning and fire adding to the chaos.

Everything seemed gloomy.

Far above the sky, a tiny black dot was suddenly seen.

—it was a person.



As soon as that person appeared, he immediately shot through the thick layers of black cloud and descended towards the ground.

His eyes were tightly shut, his body clad in a set of white armor with red patterns.

The armor had already been thoroughly broken, only a few pieces still remained barely hanging onto his body, which were then scattered by the howling strong wind as well.

The man seemed to have fallen unconscious and was completely oblivious about everything occurring around him.

In the rain and wind.

He was descending increasingly faster—

If nothing changes, he will directly crash into the ground.

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

As time slowly passed, the man continued to remain motionless.

Suddenly, a faint golden light appeared around his body and manifested into a golden coin.

*Chink ca-king—*

The coin circled around the man once, gave off a curt loud noise, then vanished without a trace.

Descending.

Descending.

Continuously descending.

A flock of birds in the forest was suddenly disturbed by the spreading fire.

The natural fear of fire caused those birds to hurriedly take flight in an attempt to get away from the source of fire, but a bolt of lightning had suddenly struck the region not too far away from where they were right as they took off.

*Bang!*

The sound of thunder swiftly followed.

The flock of birds was even more frightened and hurriedly flew in a certain direction, which just happened to intercept the man's collision course.

As a faint glow flickered around their bodies, the birds weren't crushed to death by the descending man, but their formation was disturbed and once again fled in another direction.

The trajectory of the man's descent was also altered by this.

Just in time for a huge gust of wind to arrive and carried him off as he continued his descent.

This tiny change directly caused his point of impact from a pile of jagged mountain rocks to the riverbanks next to the forest.

*Sha sha sha sha!*

The sound of rain battering the river and ground combined with the howling wind had completely drowned out all other sounds.

A silent bubble appeared on the surface of the huge river.

As the man fell into water, his downward momentum was rapidly killed off, leaving him to brush past a large fish that was over five meters in length.

The fish was originally just playing around in the water, so it didn't expect to crash into a human and reflexively swatted the man away with its tail before dashing off.

Being swatted by the fish, the man finally started to float up.

Within the intense water current, a large branch of burnt wood just happened to drift by.

The man's arms were caught onto the branches, causing his body to swivel several times along with the large branch in the water before settling down on top and started floating downstream.

The river current was fierce and the rain was unrelenting.

The sky gradually grew darker and darker.

The sudden downpour had formed an intense current that carried the large branch all the way downstream.

At a certain point, a black shadow that was over ten meters in length rapidly appeared from below the river and chased after the large branch.

However, before it could reach its target, a longer and more ferocious black shadow appeared from deeper under the water.

The two shadows remained mutually cautious of each other, but quickly proceeded to clash.

A part of the river was dyed red from their blood.

But the large branch simply continued to float downstream.

An entire night went by.

The rain continued to fall without any signs of stopping.

A giant bird showed up in the gloomy grey sky.

The bird noticed the floating branch as well as the unconscious person on it very quickly.

—*that's a nice breakfast.*

The bird flapped its wings and swooped down in a lively manner.

*Bang!*

The clouds above discharged its lightning once again.

Right at this moment, several bolts of lightning streaked across the sky and struck the giant bird at the same time.

The bird cawed in desperation, struggling to stay in the air, but it quickly lost its life and fell down.

The large branch and the man stuck on it were still completely fine as they continued their journey.

Time slowly passed.

The sky gradually grew dark again.

The river was becoming increasingly narrower with barren landscape on both riverbanks.

At a certain point, the golden coin flew out again, hovering in front of the man's face to illuminate his expression.

— he was still unconscious.

But it has already been one whole day, and [True Luck] is about to run out.

The night mercilessly descended once more.

The golden coin gave off a cry, then retracted all of its golden light and entered the man's body again.

At the very last moment, the large branch started to veer off from the current of the river and gradually drifted ashore.

The branch did not decelerate at all and violently crashed into a rock on the river bank.

*Bam!*

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A dull noise.

The branch was stuck between two large rocks and remained completely motionless.

The man was still unconscious, but wounds could now be clearly seen all over his body, displaying just how terribly injured he was.

At this point, the rain finally stopped.

The wilderness was completely silent.

After not too long, the sound of nimble footsteps could be heard approaching.

Under the shroud of the night, a young girl was approaching the river banks from a nearby forest.

“Just in time, it seems nothing had changed”

The young girl muttered to herself.

She approached the man while walking on water, pulled him from the river to shore and laid him down below a large tree.

The young girl observed the man’s face with a gaze full of nostalgia.

“Gu Qing Shan”

She muttered softly.

The man kept his head down and his eyes closed, still unresponsive.

The young girl looked at the terrible wounds all over the man's body and couldn't help herself from sighing.

Suddenly, some commotion could be heard from afar.

Shouting, laughing, begging, screaming— these sounds were all carried by the wind.

Hearing this, the young girl's expression changed.

She tied a bag on the man's hip, took two steps backwards, then put her hands together and recited: "With my vitality, sacrifice!"

An invisible fluctuation appeared from her body.

She then put her hand over the man's chest and grunted: "For you!"

The man's entire body trembled, then abruptly opened his eyes and looked straight at the young girl.

"Did you save me? Who are you?"

The man asked weakly.

"Are you awake?" the young girl asked in return.

The man's cautious expression gradually turned to confusion.

"I... seem to have forgotten a lot of things... who exactly am I?" the man muttered under his breath.

He suddenly noticed two lines of bloody red text in front of his eyes:

[Sneak through complete]

[The Highest Sequence's energy has been fully expended and fallen into slumber]

—*what does this mean?*

The man was still clueless, but the young girl appeared to be completely calm.

“Gu Qing Shan, the only thing you need to do right now is to first survive” she told him.

“Who are you?” the man asked.

The young girl looked at him and said with a complicated expression: “In the past, when the two Unfathomable Apocalypses gathered at the Wraith realm, Fei Yue, Xiao Die, and I had arrived to help you battle, but as soon as the battle begun, the Master of the Ominous Demon Tower was instantly killed”

“Knowing that we would not survive this battle, I had expended all of my power and lifespan in order to make an ultimate observation before my death”

“What did you see?” the man asked.

The young girl sighed, then continued: “I've gained countless powers and abilities throughout my entire life, but never have I been able to see the light, which was also my life's regret. Fortunately, I managed to see the only hope before my death, which was this very moment”

Her entire body gradually rotted away, leaving nothing but a skeleton frame behind.

“I was the blind nun— before everything occurred, I had already entered reincarnation from the Forgetting River in order to wait and receive you here in the Human realm”

“Receive me?” the man asked in surprise.



“That’s right, Gu Qing Shan. You’ve already expended all of your power, so the only way for your withering process to temporarily halt was by using all of my vitality and help you regain your clarity for the time being”

The skeleton continued to talk: “This is already everything I can do. What comes next will depend on you alone”

The man hurriedly asked: “You— why did you sacrifice all of your vitality to me?”

The skeleton gradually crumbled into dust as well, leaving only a few words left in the darkness.

“This is nothing, I need to head into Huang Quan to search for Fei Yue and the others— we’re all waiting for you, Gu Qing Shan”

As soon as he heard these words.

The young girl had also completely crumbled away.

The only one remaining in the darkness was the clueless man.

Suddenly, a red flash appeared in front of his eyes.

Lines of text manifested in the void of space.

[Having obtained a small amount of vitality, the Sequence has temporarily ceased slumbering]

[At this point, you can choose to activate one of your many secretive abilities]

[Please make the choice yourself]

[To prevent any spying, the Sequence will quickly fall back into slumber after you make your choice]

*Secretive?*

Hearing these words, the man answered without hesitation: “Activate Red Dragon Origin Hex for me”

He was surprised as soon as he said this.

*Red Dragon Origin Hex?*

*What’s that?*

While he was thinking this, some rustling could be heard from the nearby forest.

Two bandits wearing leather armor and wielding blades in their hands emerged from the forest with ferocious expressions.

“There’s a straggler here!” one of them called out.

The man responded right away: “Straggler? Are you talking about me?”

“Ahahaha, of course, I’m talking about you. Not a single person from this village is going to escape!” the other replied.

They both charged towards the man.

They raised their blades up high—

A cold gleam was reflected in the darkness.

*Thud!*

*Thud!*

Their bodies fell to the ground.

As their blood spilled all over the ground, the two bandits' expressions were full of disbelief.

They couldn't even imagine that they plunged their own blades into their chests.

Killed by a single strike!

In the forest, only the man remained, his expression was once again that of confusion.

"Why did they commit suicide in front of me?"

He muttered to himself.

Suddenly, a wave of intense pain radiated from his brain, causing him to groan and started rolling on the ground like mad.

Faintly, he seemed to have seen a short vision of his own memory.

Numerous heavenly beings had surrounded him.

A loud voice spoke up: 「 You are already late. The Samsara Clash for Supremacy will shortly begin, and you won't be able to force yourself in 」

— he saw himself wearing a suit of armor with four swords floating around him, angrily declaring:

[I'm going to kill all of you first, then reset the Samsara!]

A hundred million rays of light emerged from his back to crush everything..

**Chapter 1707**

**Translator:** La0o9

Visions became overlapped in front of his eyes.

Various scenes of the past were flashing in front of his vision.

At some point, he read a few lines of text that had appeared in the void of space:

[The Samsara is the ultimate weapon of living beings, it can continuously evolve. Once its evolution is complete, the method of power allocation is:]

[Manifestation of Merit]

[The Samsara is currently being surrounded by countless Apocalyptic envoys, it would definitely take this factor into consideration after its evolution. Because of this, the only method for you to sneak through would be...]

Numerous lines of text appear one after another to display the details of a certain secret.

Suddenly, all the text disappeared from his memory.

—his vision was now of a beautiful woman with eyes tightly shut.

『 I understand 』 the woman said with the resolution to perish in her tone: 『 If this was indeed the only method, then the three of us shall represent the Twin Rivers of Life and Death to initiate the fusion with the Samsara 』

A giant whose entire body was covered in frost spoke: [What a clever idea. The Twin Rivers of Life and Death isn't a regular world system, but the Saint Realm Halo— the Samsara would definitely halt the entire progress of the Clash, so the fusion of these two world systems would cause the Samsara itself to reset...]

*Reset!*

The man then heard his own voice: [After second sevens, I'll leave the fusion to the two of you, just leave stalling to me]

『 Very well 』 the woman said.

[Hm] the giant agreed.

In an instant, all the voices and visions abruptly vanished from his vision.

The man could only feel a sharp pain from his head, causing him to reflexively groan in pain.

All the pain disappeared as quickly as it appeared.

“Hoh... Hoh... Hoh...”

The man was soaked in cold sweat, laying tiredly on the ground like he was completely drained.

*What exactly is going on here?*

*Why can't I remember anything except the visions just now?*

While he was silently thinking this, he suddenly noticed something and opened his palm.

There was some faded writing on his palm, which could still be made out as two words

[Closed loop]

*Closed... loop...*

The man fell into thought.

*This term, I seemed to have already seen it as well as experienced it.*

*—what kind of event would that be?*

The man felt like there was an infinitely vast cloud of fog around him in every direction with secrets at every corner, while he couldn't see through them to reach the truth at all.

The man thought briefly, then picked up a tree branch from nearby to write two words on the ground

[Closed loop]

He threw the tree branch away and examined the words on the ground, then the words in his hand.

*—the same handwriting.*

*In other words, the one who planned out this entire matter was none other than myself.*

The man finally felt a bit more assured.

He thought back to the young girl's words from earlier—

...

*"Gu Qing Shan, the only thing you should worry about right now is to first survive"*

...

The man thought: "Survive... huh?"

The young girl died so quickly that he kept feeling like there was something missing.

The man suddenly recalled something.

He opened the bag at his waist and took out the things inside one by one.

—this was the bag that the young girl from earlier had left him, which he had temporarily ignored due to the abrupt headache.

A long blade.

A badge.

A piece of paper.

As well as a quiver full of arrows and a short bow.

The blade was a crude metal blade.

The bow was a very mundane hunting bow.

The badge had some words engraved on it which reads [Village Guard – Fifth]

The piece of paper also had a few words written on it: [Ever since the beginning of the land reclamation, this place had always been barren and desolate, there isn't anyone with considerable power to oversee the process. I've always remained relatively isolated while acting as you, so you can be assured]

[P.S: both of the blade and bow are humble, but they're suitable for your status, so use them for now]

[—A bamboo raft is being hidden in the grassy area near the left side of the forest, you can sail downstream to avoid the massacre of the village]

The man carefully read this message over several times, then carefully chewed it up in his mouth before swallowing it.

“So I've always been this cautious?”

The man muttered in confusion at his own actions. He then skillfully hung the bow on his waist, secured the quiver on his back, and finally picked up the blade.

He quickly approached the nearby bush and found a bamboo raft, which he pulled out of hiding.

Suddenly, the sound of desperate screams could be heard from outside the forest.

Someone was loudly shouting something.

The smell of blood was so thick that it was carried throughout the forest by the wind.

The man frowned, looked down at the raft, then at the direction of the screams.

“Trying to kill people in front of me...”

“Alright, I’ll resolve this matter first”

The man leapt upwards, jumping very high——

*Thud!*

He jumped up about half a meter before landing back down.

The man was stunned.

*Huh——*

*What’s going on?*

*I know for a fact that I could fly!*

Another scream abruptly resounded.



Followed by the cries and begging of a woman.

“Gahahaha” someone laughed.

Flames could be clearly seen burning from the distance.

The man felt hurried so he stopped worrying about flying and began to run towards where the fire was.

He crossed a dirt pit and jumped over a large rock, finally emerging from a grass field—

A married woman seemed to have been caught by two bandits, her clothing had already been ripped to shreds.

There were also the corpses of several villagers around them.

Several bandits were also tying up the rest of the living villagers, searching them for anything that might be valuable.

“STOP!”

The man roared.

All the commotion immediately ceased, only the flames on the burning houses still continued to crackle.

The bandits and villagers all turned towards him.

The villagers clearly appeared glad and called out: “Village Guard Gu!”

The man raised his blade towards the bandits and shouted: "Murderers will die!"

All the bandits exchanged glances.

"Who are you?" the bandit leader asked.

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The man glanced down at the blade in his hand——

*Do I know how to use this weapon?*

The more he examined the blade, the more unfamiliar he felt.

*Oh no.*

The man was panicking a little.

*——I don't seem to be very used to this weapon at all, and I keep recalling more about how I use knives to make food.*

*Was I a regular cook?*

*——then what am I doing here?*

The man stayed silent for a brief moment.

*That's not right.*

*I seem to know some sort of hex or spell, which I used to kill the two bandits from earlier.*

While he was thinking this, lines of bloody red text appeared from the void of space:

[Red Dragon Origin Hex – Twist]

[Whenever another party call out your name (any aliases or terms of address will also be enough), if you answer them, their next attack will hit themselves]

The man regained his calm and turned to see the bandits starting to approach him after exchanging glances.

The situation is getting more dangerous.

But the man was becoming calmer.

“I am this village’s Village Guard, here to kill you villainous lot” he said.

The bandit leader muttered: “Village Guard?”

The man answered: “That’s right”

He brandished his blade, only to carelessly let it slip and fall to the ground.

The man appeared a bit flustered and hurriedly picked the blade back up.

Apparently, he was in so much hurry that he couldn’t keep a proper grip on the blade and let it slip a couple more times, when the blade fell on the ground once again, it slid across the ground all the way in front of a bandit.

That bandit then stepped on the blade.

“Village Guard——” the bandit looked at the blade, then at him.

“That’s right, I’m the Village Guard, now give me back my blade” the man demanded with a stern expression.

The bandits exchanged glances all around, then were unable to keep themselves from laughing.

They silently approached the man while mocking him.

“This guy can’t even hold his weapon properly”

“I can’t believe this guy ran all the way here just for a death wish”

“Killing him would be no different from killing a dog——”

The man’s expression became a bit panicked and took a few steps backwards, still attempting to put up a front: “Are you looking down on me as the Village Guard?”

Lines of bloody red text suddenly appeared in the void of space:

[Acting has already gone deep into your core itself, not even the reset of the Samsara could prevent you from putting your everything into this impromptu act]

The man only glanced over the text without reacting to it.

The bandit leader didn’t want to waste any more time on him, so he shouted: “Everyone forward, kill him!”

“Go!”

The bandits had already surrounded the man, so they swiftly drew their weapons after receiving their order——

In an instant, numerous desperate cries resounded.

The man stood in the middle of the bandit's encirclement and didn't move a single inch.

The bandits all had expressions of fear and disbelief.

*Thud!*

Their weapons had all been plunged into their vitals, instantly killing them and leaving their corpses collapsed around the man.

Only the bandit leader remained.

"Don't... don't kill me, I'll give you money" the bandit leader begged.

He opened a bag to reveal a large number of coins, together with ingots of both silver and gold.

"I'll give them all to you! All of it! Just let me go!"

The bandit leader then tossed the bag of money over.

"I'll remember this!"

He shouted, then turned around and ran.

The man didn't chase after him and simply picked up the bag.

Unexpectedly, as soon as he felt the weight of the bag, he noticed that all the coins as well as gold and silver ingots inside were all gone without a trace.

—event the bag had vanished.

Lines of bloody red text appeared from the void of space:

[In accordance with your agreement, you owe the Book of the Sea all of your wealth for the next 3000 years]

[The wealth you've collected has been taken by the Book of the Sea]

The man was surprised.

*I owe money to a book?*

While thinking that, he casually pulled out an arrow and fired it towards the forest.

*Sha—*

The arrow turned into a black streak that flew across the distance of several hundred meters to pierce the bandit leader's chest.

*"Ah... ah..."*

The bandit leader fell to his knees and clutched his chest, questioning in a confused and unwilling tone: "Someone like you... why in a village like this..."

He collapsed on the ground and moaned for a few moments before going completely limp.

The man didn't say anything and simply looked down at the bow in his hand while still immersed in thought.

*—that was nothing but my instinctive actions, but I still managed to kill him in a single shot.*

*It seems my most well-versed weapon was the bow and arrow.*

Complete silence.

A few moments later.

The sound of sorrowful crying began to resound throughout the forest.

The villagers had finally regained their senses and began to mourn the dead.

The man also regained his senses and looked towards the village, shouting to everyone: "Don't be in such a hurry to cry, let's put the fire out first!"

...

Two days later.

Gu Qing Shan was at the entrance to the village, currently bidding farewell to the villagers.

An old man with silver-white hair held tightly onto his hand, still trying to persuade him: "Village Guard Gu, there are demons and monsters running amok everywhere outside of the village, as well as numerous calamities. If you just keep watching over the village for a few years, I would have already handed my position over to you, there's no need to make this trip, is there?"

Gu Qing Shan replied: "Thank you for your good will, village elder, but I must take a look at the outside no matter what. I can't keep staying here"

The old village elder nodded and didn't say anything else.

"Village Guard Gu, why do you insist on going out?" another villager tried to persuade him: "I heard that there was a tsunami outside last month, an entire city of people was eaten by water monsters"

"Not just that, hundreds of miles of meadow to the South is already gone, replaced by some sort of blue fire that's been burning without end for several days"

"Some of the larger mountains to the East was said to have been erased by some sort of light that came from the sky, it's terrifying"

“Although our village is a bit barren, it’s been mostly safe from everything”

“Gu Qing Shan, it’s not peaceful out there, stay here!”

The villagers were all trying to convince him.

Gu Qing Shan smiled and replied: “It was because this was the case that I had to go out to take a look”

“Everyone, farewell”

He clasped his fist towards everyone and swiftly left.

Very quickly, his figure could no longer be seen in the forest.

The villagers were all regretful.

“There’s no need for that is there? With this chaotic world, everyone is dying out there, isn’t he just heading to this death as well?” a villager muttered.

The village elder sighed and told him: “The wind can blow out a candle, but it can help a forest fire spread—— it’s fine, you wouldn’t understand, let’s all head back”

## **Chapter 1708**

**Translator:** La0o9

Nine heads were laid out neatly on the ground.

An officer was sitting crouched on the ground, comparing each head to a different portrait in his hand.

A few moments later, the officer put the portraits away and reported: “Sir, they are indeed that group of bandits and thieves”



The one who saw on the main seat was a middle-aged man who was just a bit over 40 years old, his eyes were slightly drooping, his grey beard and goatee left to grow only to a certain degree, his expression suggested that he was quite exhausted.

Hearing his subordinate's report, he took a short glance at these people's heads and waved his hand without changing his expression: "These severed heads are ridiculously foul—— hurry up get rid of them already"

"Yes sir" the officer said.

Both of them then turned to Gu Qing Shan.

The middle-aged man smiled speciously: "What a surprise, who would have expected that there would be such an expert in such a small village?"

Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist: "County Magistrate sir, these bandits simply drank too much and got completely wasted. They already had their guards down, I simply waited until the middle of the night to act and luckily succeeded"

The County Magistrate's expression became relaxed and slowly told him: "They are weaklings, but they know how to hide and move around in the barren wilderness. We don't have too many people we can use, so we haven't managed to spare any effort to eliminate them, but now you've gotten rid of this trouble for us"

He yawned and continued with a tired expression: "Congratulations, Village Guard Gu. The bounty that the superiors put on these bandits' heads isn't a small amount at all, you've really earned quite a bit, youngster"

Gu Qing Shan paused briefly.

——*bounty?*

*No matter how much money goes into my hands, it would still be the same as not getting any, so it's best if...*

Recalling the various calamities he had witnessed on the way here, Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist: “Sir, all the villages that are hundreds of miles around here are all under your jurisdiction. In that case, even my contributions of killing these bandits should actually be considered your contributions, so I implore that you directly decide what to do with the bounty money, sir. This humble servant would definitely not take it all for myself”

“Hm?”

The County Magistrate opened his eyes, the exhausted expression from earlier having vanished.

He slightly leaned forward to evaluate Gu Qing Shan and said: “These are clearly your rewards, how could this one possibly decide for you?”

Gu Qing Shan answered without much worry: “This humble servant has never been able to save a lot of money, so this humble servant believes that it would be best for sir to take command— considering how the surrounding villages run into disasters so frequently, there should be a lot of places where money can be spent. This humble one merely wishes to contribute what this humble one can to this region”

The County Magistrate laughed and stood up, walking in front of the heads and carefully examined them once again.

“Take a look at them, both of them are bandit leaders, so they have at least 10 other lives to their names, their heads are worth the most; as for their subordinates, since each of them have committed many crimes, they’re actually worth quite the sum”

The County Magistrate happily left comment after comment.

“That is so, sir” the officer from earlier followed up.

He then handed the wanted posters of the bandits over for the County Magistrate to see.

The County Magistrate took a brief look at them and called out: “Gu Qing Shan”

“I’m here, sir” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“There aren’t many people within my jurisdiction who have both the capabilities and the will to work for the people. If you have any requests, you may make them now” the County Magistrate said.

“This humble servant wishes to not be a Village Guard anymore” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Ah, so that was it. You really are as smart as you seem” the County Magistrate commented full of implications.

“I hope that sir will be able to grant this small request” Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist and said.

The County Magistrate took those wanted posters and silently calculated to get a number, then finally spoke up: “Old Liu, how many Patrolling Guards do we have left in our county?”

The officer from earlier reported: “Sir, the last time they went out of the city to work, they refused to listen to orders, so not only did they ruin the matter, they also scurried back to the city with considerable losses”

“That bunch of empty barrels!” the County Magistrate cursed them, then turned to Gu Qing Shan.

*It’s useless to rely on those fellows who got where they are through the backdoor.*

*This Village Guard could kill the bandits, although he had taken advantage of them being drunk, it had still shown that he had some level of bravery and a firm hand when it counted.*

*—-not to mention how tactful he was.*

*Using such a person is also enjoyable.*

The County Magistrate had made his decision and said: “Village Guard Gu, what do you say about staying in the county and working as a Patrolling Guard?”

Before Gu Qing Shan even said anything, the officer was already urging him: “Youngster, you’re basically settled for life, being allowed to remain in the county like this. Aren’t you going to thank sir County Magistrate?”

“Thank you, sir” Gu Qing Shan said.

—after leaving the village for about two hours, he noticed that the mountain path was already cut off, so there was literally nowhere to go.

He originally wanted to go the long way around, but halfway through his journey, he saw with his own eyes a gigantic centipede emerging from the ground outside of the mountain range to devour everybody in a certain village.

Having no choice, he could only head back and start going downstream using the bamboo raft.

—since that young girl was able to predict his arrival, she should have been very familiar with the surrounding environment as well.

The waterway should be the relatively safest.

Sure enough, the bamboo raft reached this county city after only half a day of travel.

I’ve lost my memories, so I’m completely clueless about everything right now.

The best choice would be for me to remain here and slowly get accustomed to the surroundings, collect more information, then come up with a more concrete plan.

Seeing him agree, the County Magistrate ordered his subordinate: “You, take him to the back and give him a badge——”

He looked at the scrap metal blade hanging on Gu Qing Shan’s waist and added: “Also bring him to the supply room to receive the standard issue equipment, and give him some travel fees as well. Rest up for the night and come see me again tomorrow”

“Yes sir”

The officer led Gu Qing Shan to the back.

The two of them headed straight towards the supply room, where his name and identity were then confirmed, giving him a new badge as well as a standard-issue leather armor.

The officer then said: “Village guar— ah no, I should be calling you Patrol Gu from now on. We’re all going to be allies here, so I’ve informed the others of your arrival— it’s a bit too late for an introduction today, so we’re going to officially greet you tomorrow, do you have any issues with that?”

Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist: “Thank you, brother Liu. I’ll be relying you a lot more from now on, so let me invite you next time”

Officer Liu laughed out loud and happily said: “The fact that you can kill bandits means that you’re a competent one, and this old Liu likes those who can carry their own weight. Now go and choose your weapon”

Gu Qing Shan became focused.

*Why does killing a few bandits matter?*

*This small matter had already been mentioned more than twice already, by both a superior and a colleague, so could there be something amiss?*

He silently thought while entering the weapon vault with Officer Liu.

Various weapons of many types were neatly arranged in this place, which included blades, spears, staves, bows, maces, axes, swords, as well as some hidden weapons.

Instinctively, Gu Qing Shan approached a sword and wanted to take it off the wall.

Instantly, a line of bloody text appeared from the void of space.

[DO NOT!]

With how sharp Gu Qing Shan was, he abruptly halted and pulled his hand back when he was inches away from touching the handle.

Officer Liu's voice was heard from behind him: "Ahahahaha, brother Gu, swords aren't something that a normal person would be able to handle properly"

Gu Qing Shan appeared surprised and said: "So this is a sword? I've never seen such a strange weapon in the village I grew up in"

His gaze was still focused on the void of space, seeing new lines of bloody text appearing bit by bit:

[Grasping a sword will definitely trigger the awakening of your power]

[The five Elements have yet to be determined, the Human realm is still chaotic, and all Chosen Saints have gradually lost their powers. if you were to awaken now, you will definitely draw the attention of the entire Samsara, causing this sneak through to fail]

[Keep this in mind!]

Gu Qing Shan silently read this, but his expression remained unchanged as he headed in another direction and picked up a blade.

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"I'm still used to using a blade after all" he said.

Officer Liu agreed: "Of course, blades are the easiest weapons to use. Swords aren't really suitable for swinging or slashing, so normal people can't really grasp their use"

Gu Qing Shan hung the blade at his waist, then picked out a standard wooden bow and finally nodded to Officer Liu.

Looking at him, Officer Liu saw that he seemed to carry some sort of presence and praised: “There, your scrap-metal blade and beast-hunting bow can now both be discarded”

The two of them exited the building and strolled through the streets of the city, making their way towards a secluded small courtyard.

At this point, the sun had already set to the West and the night gradually took over.

Officer Liu led Gu Qing Shan to the door of the courtyard and handed him a key, explaining: “You can use this courtyard for now, rest up for the night, I’ll come pick you up tomorrow morning”

“Thank you brother Liu” Gu Qing Shan said.

Officer Liu waved his hand dismissively and left.

Gu Qing Shan opened the gate of the courtyard and entered, then closed the gates before checking his money bag.

—empty.

Not even a single speck of dust remained of his newly-acquired salary.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head helplessly.

“What exactly did I owe that book?”

He muttered to himself and crossed the courtyard to enter the bedroom.

While this courtyard was small, everything that was necessary had been provided, including even salt, pepper and various other spices.

Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief——

*This time, I at least won't have to stay hungry.*

He made himself a meal, got surprised at his own skills, then began to clean the room and brewed a cup of tea, slowly sipping it while sitting at the table by himself.

He was replaying everything that had happened over the past few days.

Although everything was currently fine, the sensation of having lost memories wasn't pleasant, causing him to be unable to completely calm down.

He took out the blade and bow that he had just gotten earlier and carefully examined them.

These two items originated from the Magistrate's office, so they were a lot more intricately made compared to what he brought with him from the village.

*I seem to know a little bit about the blade, but I'm very unfamiliar with it, and I can't sense anything at all.*

*The bow was even more familiar to me.*

*But the sword——*

“From how things seem, the weapon I personally prefer to and was the best at using must be the sword, but I'm not allowed to use swords for now...”

Gu Qing Shan muttered to himself.

He was suddenly startled and shouted: “WHO!?”



No one answered him.

But a clear chiming singing voice could be heard from the courtyard outside.

Gu Qing Shan snuffed out the candlelight in the room, causing it to become completely dark.

Even after waiting for a while, nothing happened at all, and no one attempted to enter the room.

Frosty white moonlight peered through the windows to illuminate the ground below.

There was nothing but complete silence around him.

Only the sound of singing could faintly be heard at occasions, lingering in place without disappearing. It felt like it might be right next to him, but also like it was somewhere nearby at the same time.

Gu Qing Shan grabbed his bow and stuck close to the wall to observe the outside through the window.

Only to see that fog had filled the courtyard.

At a secluded corner below the plum tree, a faint black shadow could be seen.

The moonlight was bright, but it couldn't even illuminate the shadow.

———*the singing from earlier was most likely from this shadow.*

Thinking of this, Gu Qing Shan decided to open the window and raised his voice: "Who are you? And why are you singing here?"

The shadow paused briefly before answering: 『 Gu Qing Shan, I'm here to visit you 』

Gu Qing Shan replied: “So you know who I am? Are we old friends?”

Even while talking, he still acted very quickly and had already nocked an arrow onto his bow.

However, the shadow seemed to be completely unconcerned and slowly walked out from the shadow of the courtyard to stand right outside his window.

This time, Gu Qing Shan could see her clearly.

—she was a young woman dressed in graceful black silk clothing, her body naturally exuded a solemn presence uncharacteristic of her appearance.

『 You seem to have forgotten a lot of things? 』 the girl observed him and asked.

“I have” Gu Qing Shan admitted.

Hearing him, the girl’s expression was a bit complicated.

『 Gu Qing Shan, you’ve arrived a bit late, and now you’ve lost your memories... 』

The girl sighed and continued: 『 If this was any other person, I would have already felt dejected, but you... you have never been comparable to any other individual 』

She took out a black orchid and placed it on the window sill, explaining to him: 『 This flower is an extremely precious treasure of our race, as well as something that we had to spend untold effort in order to find. And now, I leave it with you, hoping that it would be able to aid you somewhat 』

“Why are you helping me?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The girl sternly answered him: 『 You and I had a previous agreement— everything had already begun, three out of the five main Elements had been established, while none of the mutated Elements had been established. Once Metal-Wood-Water-Fire-Earth, as well as Wind-Lightning-Light-Dark-Sound

had all been established, the Human realm would also be stabilized. Remember, you must quickly participate in order to earn Merit 』

“How should I participate?” Gu Qing Shan asked

『 You will learn of that soon enough 』 the girl replied.

After saying that, she began to drift back towards the fog.

The fog abruptly parted ways to reveal the scene inside.

Over a dozen beautiful women with a sort of wild beauty were busy forming hand seals, continuously reciting something under their breath like they were the one controlling the fog.

Seeing this, Gu Qing Shan hurriedly asked: “Wait a moment, who exactly are you?”

The girl looked back at him and muttered: 『 As long as you hold me in your heart, you will eventually remember who I am 』

After saying that, she entered the fog and vanished without a trace.

While Gu Qing Shan still wanted to ask something else, the women in the fog began to sing in unison: 『 Jiǎojiǎo bái jū, zài bǐ kōnggǔ. Shēng chú yī shù, qí rén rú yù 』

After singing this, the fog also scattered and disappeared.

After that instant, nothing else showed up in the courtyard, and the women from earlier seemed like a dream that never existed in the first place.

Gu Qing Shan trembled for a bit before looking down.

The black orchid continues to silently sit on the window sill, giving off an alluring gentle black glow under the illumination of the moonlight.

## **Chapter 1709**

**Translator:** La0o9

It was midnight.

Moonlight faintly illuminated the world.

The courtyard was silent.

Gu Qing Shan picked up the black orchid on his window sill and carefully examined it.

Lines of bloody red text quickly appeared in the void of space:

[Unique item: Reincarnation Gloom Orchid]

[Before the breaking of the Samsara, it was a Divine Relic of the Tianma tribe, as well as an object unique to the Wraith realm]

[As you are the only Chosen Saint of the Wraith Realm, when you obtain this Reincarnation Gloom Orchid, you would receive the utmost level of recognition by the Samsara and communicate with the outside world on behalf of the Samsara]

[Attention: This was a Divine Relic from before the Samsara was broken. When the Samsara was broken, it was unexpectedly preserved and became a loophole within the Samsara]

[You've received a unique type of authority: Moon Invitation]

[With this authority, you are capable of summoning outsiders into any world within the Samsara]

[You may only use Moon Invitation once per day]

[Attention: No matter what kind of entity you invite, they will lose their powers the same as other Samsara living beings, only retaining one of their original abilities]

[The invited entity will remain one full day within the Samsara before they must return]

After Gu Qing Shan finishing reading this, two new lines of text appeared in the void of space:

[You may now use 'Moon Invitation' to temporarily awaken the slumbering individuals connected to the Sequence]

[You may only invite one person each time]

Gu Qing Shan quickly skimmed through everything and appeared a bit confused.

*Awaken?*

*Invite?*

*But who will I awaken? And who am I inviting?*

*—without knowing anything at all, what can I actually do?*

He stood next to the window sill for a long while before finally shaking his head: "I can't keep going like this..."

*Even if I can't use swords and have temporarily lost my strength, I need to at least recover my memories.*

*But how should I recover my memories?*

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking this, he saw two more lines of text floating in the void of space:

[Sneaking through had caused the Sequence to temporarily lose all of its power, it cannot help you regain your memories]

[If you can do more of what you've frequently done in the past, your memories will very quickly recover]

*Do what I've frequently done in the past...*

*I've already forgotten my past, so how would I know what I frequently did?*

Gu Qing Shan pondered briefly before picking up the bow and arrow on the table.

Walking onto the courtyard, he nocked an arrow and fired.

*Shu!*

The arrow flew rapidly through the air and was plunged deeply into a tree.

Gu Qing Shan maintained his firing posture for a bit, then shook his head and returned inside to look for some utensils to cook.

*—compared to archery, I seem to be more familiar and more experienced with cooking.*

He made some porridge, soup, a few side dishes, noodles, and some manju, each of which allowed him to regain the memory of a few people.

However, there were only some scenes of rest and relaxation, very few scenes outside of him eating either alone or with others could be recalled.

“So the girl from earlier was called Li An...”

Gu Qing Shan thought to himself.

*I've regained some of my memories as well as the majority of my acquaintances.*

*But I still can't remember a lot of things.*

He made a bit more food, but no new memories resurfaced.

*—perhaps I should try doing something else?*

At this point, some light could already be seen reflecting across the sky.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the huge table of food and sighed: “This will be hard”

*I couldn't remember a lot of things through cooking.*

*This had proven a certain fact---*

*That cooking wasn't something that I was most familiar with.*

*Then what exactly did I do the most frequently in the past?*

Gu Qing Shan crossed his arms and wracked his brain trying to think.

But the sound of knocking could be heard from outside that cut off his thoughts.

Officer Liu has arrived.

Gu Qing Shan opened the door to let him in, shocking him with the amount of food prepared.

"Say, brother Gu, did you make all of this?" Officer Liu asked.

"I did. This is a hobby of mine, so I used to cook a lot--- come eat with me, otherwise, it'll just go to waste" Gu Qing Shan said and casually handed him a pair of chopsticks.

Smelling the fragrance of the food, Officer Liu suddenly felt hungry.

He sat down and started with a manju, then had half a bowl of porridge, then was unable to stop himself.

Since both of them were martial art practitioners, they naturally ate a lot more than normal people and quickly finished ten manju, two bowls of noodles, four bowls of porridge, a portion of soup, as well as various other side dishes-- each.

The meal was over.

Officer Liu stood up with a satisfied expression and praised: "Brother Gu, if you had gone to the city and opened a restaurant earlier, you would have definitely been able to earn enough for yourself"

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit dejected.

Cooking is certainly a joyful thing to do, but it was unfortunate that he couldn't recall more things by it, otherwise, he wouldn't hesitate to open a restaurant.

"Let's go, the County Magistrate wants to see you first thing in the morning"

"Let's go"

The two of them went out and headed along the path straight towards the county administration office.

On the way there, Officer Liu recalled what he ate just now and felt that they were a bit too well-made.

*Why would someone who came from a secluded village know how to cook such a feast?*

Feeling suspicious, he couldn't help but ask: "Brother Gu, who did you learn cooking from?"

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Gu Qing Shan answered without hesitation: "There was an old man from my village that I got along well with. In the end, I was the only one at his deathbed, so before he passed away he gave me a cookbook. Whenever I had nothing to do, I'd study and follow its instruction, slowly getting more skillful that way"

Officer Liu hesitated to ask further.

*That person is already dead.*

*Wouldn't I have to ask for the name of a dead person?*

*Wouldn't that offend him?*



*But if I don't ask, how would anyone know which old man died?*

*There's always a few people who die every year in any village, so without knowing when exactly he died or his name, how would I check?*

*...Alright, this isn't anything big, it's not worth it.*

With that in mind, Officer Liu put this thought to the back of his head.

Gu Qing Shan's expression remained unchanged, still smiling as he continued walking.

Suddenly——

His eyebrows slightly twitched, trying his best to maintain a calm expression.

In his mind, various visions rapidly flashed through.

They were all things that had occurred in the past.

——-*memories!*

*A lot of my memories are returning!*

Gu Qing Shan was shaken.

*I didn't do anything at all, so why did I recover so many memories?*

As he thought that, the visions in his mind slowly became blurred again.

——-*it wasn't enough!*

*I still need to continue doing something to help my memories recover.*

Gu Qing Shan maintained his calm and began to seriously think about this.

*If I would only recover my memories... by doing things that I frequently did in the past...*

*Then what was I doing just now?*

Gu Qing Shan paused briefly.

*That's right.*

*I was deceiving Officer Liu just now.*

*In other words, what I did the most frequently in the past was---*

*Deceiving people?*

Gu Qing Shan was shocked.

---someone like me.

That's really---

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit speechless, then suddenly spoke up: "Old Liu, the county city sure is prosperous, my village would definitely not have as many people as this"

"Ahaha, of course, this place is the safest region for several hundred miles around us" Officer Liu answered.

"But there's a few unusual things in our village that the city doesn't have" Gu Qing Shan continued.

"Oh? What's that?" Officer Liu asked.

"Whenever it gets dark in the village, some wandering ghosts and wraiths would come out"

“Wandering ghosts and wraiths? I haven’t heard much about them... so there are some around your village?”

“There really are— if you just find a small path in the mountain forest at night and try to head deeper into dark places, you would be able to meet those ghosts. Ah, but you have to be careful, since those who saw them would usually die” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Ghosts and wraiths... what are they like?” Officer Liu mused and asked.

Gu Qing Shan said: “I’ve only ever seen one wraith. It was back in winter in the middle of the night, when I was going up the mountain to collect some firewood, I suddenly saw a wraith in the middle of a barren grass field”

“...Was it really a wraith?”

“Yeah”

“How do you know it was a wraith? Maybe it was someone out to chop wood like you were?”

“It was a wraith, everyone in our village knows about this wraith since it was a man-eating wraith. If it doesn’t find people to eat, it will keep wandering around. Anyone who saw it would suddenly become paralyzed, which will give the wraith a chance to jump onto and devour them”

Officer Liu was unconvinced: “That’s strange, if you saw that wraith, how did you survive?”

Gu Qing Shan explained: “I’m not a very curious person, and I’ve heard about this wraith before, so when I was walking by the grass field, I didn’t stop to look”

“So you saw it at that time?”

“That’s right, it was pushing a cart around the grass field, mumbling or muttering something under its breath”

“It was pushing a cart?”

“Yeah, the cart was full of black things that gave off a really foul smell, it gave me a really bad headache”

“So you ran away immediately when you saw that?”

“In truth, seeing it would make you become paralyzed right away and you would start approaching it out of curiosity, I was no exception”

“...Then you actually got close to it?”

Gu Qing Shan sighed: “Yeah, I only managed to regain my senses at the very last moments. At that time, its face was literally centimeters away from mine, it almost managed to catch me too, I could even hear what it was muttering”

Officer Liu’s neck shrank a bit and asked: “What was it muttering?”

Gu Qing Shan suddenly lowered his voice and started to speak in a kind of unclear whisper: “My... my head one step cold shear”

“What does that mean?” Officer Liu doubtfully asked.

“I don’t know, maybe some sort of beheading hex? It was a good thing that I ran away fast enough that I managed to survive until I reached the county city” Gu Qing Shan said with a tone of relief.

Officer Liu was breathing a bit heavily and wiping some cold sweat from his forehead: “That’s good, that’s good, since you’re already here now, there’s no need for you to return to the mountain village, we’re safe here”

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

After that short intermission, he had sensed familiarity unlike never before and regained countless memories, enough for him to remember almost everything.

Aside from matters related to the Samsara, he had remembered essentially everything.

While reorganizing his memories, Gu Qing Shan was also considering how he should regain the rest of his memories as well.

At this point, they arrived at the county administration office.

Confirming their statuses with the guards, they entered to see the County Magistrate..

### **Chapter 1710**

**Translator:** La0o9

A large seal about the size of an adult fist silently sat on top of the administer table, constantly giving off a faint golden glow.

The County Magistrate was sitting behind the counter, silently gazing outside the window.

This was what Gu Qing Shan saw as he entered the room.

Officer Liu reported: "Sir, Officer Gu has arrived"

"Greetings, sir" Gu Qing Shan also clasped his fist and said.

The County Magistrate didn't turn around and asked: "Officer Gu, what is your most well-versed skill?"

"Archery, sir" Gu Qing Shan answered.

The County Magistrate seemed interested: "I still haven't gotten the chance to observe your archery skills, come and fire a few shots for me"

He reached his hand forward and pointed at a certain point outside the window.

There was a large tree in that direction with several chirping sparrows.

Officer Liu took a look and explained: "The Magistrate likes to eat wild game——— whether or not there's a platter of sparrow for lunch will depend on you, brother"

Understanding what he implied, Gu Qing Shan stepped forward and carefully examined his targets.

The sparrows were happily frolicking up and down the trees, moving about randomly.

At this point, he had already remembered quite a few things, so he naturally remembered his archery skills as well, casually nocking an arrow on the bow, he pulled the bowstring.

The County Magistrate and Officer Liu were both observing him with bated breaths.

He easily pulled the bow to a full draw and let loose an arrow that streaked through the air like a blurred image.

*Bam!*

Almost immediately, a resounding and continuous sound of impact was not only heard but also felt, the entire tree shook so intensely that some of them thought it might be blown away.

Under the sunlight, leaves of various colors fluttered to the ground.

The sparrows were already startled into taking flight and fled.

Officer Liu clicked his tongue in admiration.

*If such an arrow was used to shoot people...*

Gu Qing Shan lowered his bow and grinned: "My archery was trained to hunt large wild beasts, it can also be used to kill people, but I'm not very confident with small animals"

Officer Liu regained his senses and praised: "With such archery skills, no wonder you were able to kill nine bandits"

At this point, a weak cry would be heard from the tree.

The County Magistrate didn't say anything and turned around, also taking a bow off the wall and nocked an arrow onto it.

*Shu---*

The arrow flew among the leaves.

The cry disappeared.

Officer Liu instantly started praising: "What excellent archery! That bird nest was hidden so deep that not even brother Gu managed to discover, but sir Magistrate found it in just one shot"

The County Magistrate shook his head: "If all of you have the same level of skill as Officer Gu, this Magistrate wouldn't need to worry about the safety of the county"

Officer Liu felt a bit embarrassed and just laughed to gloss it over without saying anything else.

The County Magistrate returned to his table and pointed at the seal: "Old Liu, today I want you to introduce him to the others, then head out of the city and proceed with this—— that matter had already continued for over half a month, seize your time and complete it"

"Understood, sir" Officer Liu said.

"Sir, then I'll excuse myself" Gu Qing Shan bowed.

"Hm, you're dismissed, do your job well"

The County Magistrate said.

After the two of them left for a while, someone else came to report to him.

"How was it?" the County Magistrate asked.

His subordinate replied: "Sir, I've investigated his background. He is indeed the Village Guard for that most secluded and barren village, having taken up this post for several years. But there was something strange"

"What was strange?" the County Magistrate cautiously asked.

"He didn't interact or communicate with the other villagers too frequently, living by himself on the mountain and would only check up on the village every once in a while" the subordinate answered.

Hearing that, the County Magistrate instead became relaxed and said: "Hmph, that is nothing. If it was me, I wouldn't be willing to intermingle with those peasants either"

"If that's the case, everything makes sense... he had always been making preparations to move to the city for work..."

...

Gu Qing Shan was riding a horse to leave the city with Officer Liu.



“Ahaha, how was it, brother Gu?” Officer Liu asked.

“Everyone’s been too kind, this humble Gu doesn’t really know how to react” Gu Qing Shan replied.

They had just met all of their colleagues just earlier.

One of them had grandly declared that they would treat everyone to a drinking party tonight, someone else said they would take care of the feast tomorrow, one said they’d call a few ladies over that’ll guarantee to satisfy him, some of his colleagues even expressed their will to become sworn brothers with him.

Everyone had agreed to meet up one hour ahead of time to gamble for a little bit.

There were as many of them as trees in the forest, although it felt a bit chaotic, Gu Qing Shan could clearly feel their sincerity.

—-perhaps news of that arrow had spread, as all of his colleagues were very welcoming to him.

“Brother Liu, do we Officers get paid a lot?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Why do you ask that?” Officer Liu asked in return.

“The restaurant everyone agreed to meet at was in the middle of the city, when I walked by it earlier, I saw that the price was quite high—- so I wondered if this would trouble everyone” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Ahaha, it’s no issue. In this entire county, what restaurant would actually have the courage to ask us to pay?” Officer Liu replied casually.

Gu Qing Shan nodded, then continued: “Then gambling— your brother here had only just arrived in the county, I don’t have much money with me, so I think I wouldn’t be able to do anything except watch”

Officer Liu once again told him that it was no issue: "There'll be people who come bringing money at that time, you just need to enjoy yourself"

Gu Qing Shan was surprised: "Someone will come bringing money?"

"Yes, we can just call upon some large merchants and they'll prepare the money ahead of time, no need for you to worry about" Officer Liu explained.

"Why is this the case?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Officer Liu patted his chest: "The peace of this entire region is in our hands, so what does it matter that they occasionally give up some wealth?"

Gu Qing Shan replied: "That's true, then I won't need to worry about gambling and food, but one of our colleagues called Li said that he'd call some ladies——"

"Ahahaha, don't worry about that, he'll only be calling on good families. One word—— safety!" Officer Liu told him.

"Good families?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Brother Gu, this entire county is under our sir County Magistrate's protection, and we're the ones protecting it under his orders—— whether those peasants need to spend their money or effort, they need to do everything to keep us happy so we possess the strength to protect them, wouldn't you say?" Officer Liu said.

"What if they refuse to?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"If they want to live, they'll follow the rules" Officer Liu indifferently answered.

Gu Qing Shan smiled: "So that's how it was, I understand"

The two of them galloped on their horses to quickly leave the city and arrived at a dock outside the city.

This place wasn't too far away from the county city, only a couple dozen miles away, with several small boats ready to take people to the other side.

The two of them disembarked their horses and headed towards the riverbanks.

"All you need to do is throw that seal into the water and that's our job done" Officer Liu told him.

"Is it that simple?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Perhaps some aquatic monsters will be disturbed, if something does happen, it'll be up to your abilities" Officer Liu said.

He handed the seal to Gu Qing Shan, then retreated a certain distance backwards.

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Gu Qing Shan accepted the seal, only to see two small words engraved on it:

[Jiu Ping]

*Jiu Ping*—

*Sounds like the name of a nearby village.*

Gu Qing Shan turned to Officer Liu and appeared confused.

Officer Liu shouted from afar: "What's the matter?"

Gu Qing Shan shouted back: “There are two words on this!”

Officer Liu shouted again: “What does it say?”

Gu Qing Shan was about to say something when he suddenly thought of something.

*Officer Liu had been keeping this seal for the entire journey, and the words were pointed directly at him when he took it out earlier, so how could he not see them?*

*Or perhaps—*

Gu Qing Shan slowly ran back and showed the seal to Officer Liu: “Look, there are two words here”

Officer Liu narrowed his eyes and said: “They are two words, but my eyes aren’t that good, what does it say?”

Gu Qing Shan noticed that detail and instantly answered: “I won’t lie to brother, I grew up in the village, so I haven’t learnt how to read”

Officer Liu seemed to sigh in relief and said in return: “It’s ok, I don’t know too many words either”

— — — a moment of awkward silence.

After staying still for a bit, the two of them exchanged glances and suddenly laughed out loud.

Officer Liu appeared a bit more intimate with him.

Gu Qing Shan also appeared a lot more friendly.

*However—*

*An Officer doesn't only represent the might of the county administration office, they also need to resolve various other matters, and yet he said he doesn't know how to read.*

Various thoughts crossed Gu Qing Shan's mind before he continued: "I've seen others say this first word before, I think it's 'Jiu', but I don't recognize the second word"

Officer Liu slapped his thigh and said in surprise: "Then I know, if the first word is 'Jiu', then the second word must be 'Ping'"

"Why 'Ping'?"

"Because in our county, there's only one village called Jiu Ping, none of the other villages have the word 'Jiu' in it"

He then urged Gu Qing Shan: "Alright, do your work first, I'll explain it to you later"

Having no other choice, Gu Qing Shan could only take the seal back to the riverbanks, occasionally sneaking a glance at Officer Liu.

*—from how it looks, he's already prepared to flee at any moment.*

Gu Qing Shan muttered to himself, then tossed the seal into the river.

*Plop!*

The seal sank into the water and quickly disappeared.

The river began to bubble like it was boiling.

A six-eyed black fish emerged from the river and charged straight towards Gu Qing Shan.

A loud bang was heard as an arrow was let loose.

In an instant, the arrow had already struck the black fish and sent it flying.

Gu Qing Shan turned his bow and shot dozens of arrows in a row, his right hand moving like an afterimage.

The arrows drew clear arcs across the air as they all accurately struck the black fish's six eyes, followed by its entire body.

*Puu—*

The black fish fell back into the river and sank down, then slowly floated belly up, no longer moving.

The fish corpse slowly drifted away following the water current.

Gu Qing Shan stood motionlessly by the riverbanks, gradually regaining his senses.

He had recalled quite a few more things by killing this fish.

*This time, I seem to recall things faster than before.*

*—then, aside from deceiving people, I was also a killer?*

He thought for a while before turning around and heading back towards Officer Liu.

“Brother Liu, what was up with that seal earlier?” he asked.

Officer Liu looked at his calm demeanor, then glanced at the quiver on his back.

——his quiver was empty.

In a single breath's worth of time, he had shot all 42 arrows from the quiver.

Officer Liu said with admiration: "Brother, your skills are quite considerable—— that seal was something sent by the royal capital, distributed to each county periodically. Its main use is to anchor the Five Elements of each location"

"Since that seal had 'Jiu Ping' engraved on it, does that mean it was supposed to be given to Jiu Ping village?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"That's exactly the case. If a village has a seal, there would be a much smaller chance of them being attacked by monsters" Officer Liu said.

"Then why did you tell me to throw the seal into the water?"

"Because Jiu Ping village no longer exists"

"...But why?"

Officer Liu sighed and explained: "During the night before the last, that village was already attacked by monsters, only nearly half of the people survived"

"Then why do we have to throw this seal into the river?" Gu Qing Shan asked again.

"Although the village no longer exists, this seal's function to anchor the Five Elements remains. It would be able to become the anchor downstream of this river and ensure the safety of the county city" Officer Liu answered.

"If there were survivors, why didn't we give the seal to them for safety?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Of course it’s because the county city is more important, brother” Officer Liu answered like it was obvious.

Gu Qing Shan nodded and didn’t say anything else.

The two of them quickly returned to the city.

Officer Liu first reported the entire matter, then Gu Qing Shan was once again summoned.

“Officer Gu, what did you learn during this trip?” the County Magistrate asked with a smile.

“This matter is very simple. Next time, I think I can do it alone without any issues” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Well said!” the County Magistrate praised, then said: “Officer Gu, from now on, every five days, you will head out to various locations outside the city to release the seals— after this entire matter is complete, the county city will be safe, and you will be rewarded handsomely”

“Understood, sir” Gu Qing Shan replied.

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Gu Qing Shan returned to the courtyard house he was provided.

He brewed himself a pot of tea and sat below the shade of the tree, gradually thinking about various matters while enjoying his tea.

At this time, most of his memories had returned, except one last portion that he couldn’t remember no matter what.

*What did I go through after defeating the Soul Shrieker?*

Gu Qing Shan tried wracking his brain in thought.



One hour passed.

The tea was already cold, but he still couldn't remember what that matter was.

*It couldn't be helped.*

*—it seems I'll need to do more things that I was familiar with in order to return my memories.*

*But should I kill a bunch of people, or deceive them?*

*That's a serious question.*

Gu Qing Shan suddenly recalled what Officer Liu had said and couldn't help but sigh.

He took out the black orchid..