

## **Apocalypse 1726**

### **Chapter 1726**

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The horse carriage sped away at full speed.

While steering the horse carriage, Zhao Xiao Sheng called out towards the inside of the carriage:

“Benefactor Gu, now that you’re dead, what’s the next part of the plan?”

No answer came from the back of the carriage.

Zhao Xiao Sheng turned around, only to see that Gu Qing Shan’s corpse was laying flat on the ground, completely motionless.

This time, Zhao Xiao Sheng started to panic.

The people of the village were making a mad dash, chasing after them.

The monster’s movements were becoming increasingly faster as well, traversing several hundred meters with every step that it took, causing even the ground to tremble intensely.

Zhao Xiang Sheng called out: “Amitabha, benefactor Gu, if you don’t wake up, I’d have to start reciting the Kṣitigarbha Sutra!”

“—No need”

Gu Qing Shan finally responded.

He spoke as he was gazing towards the void of space.

Some lines of notifications had popped up on the Supreme Sequence.

Gu Qing Shan's expression displayed his surprise.

He didn't think that the Sequence would suddenly request something at this particular moment.

At this point, Gu Qing Shan slowly stood up and came up to the edge of the carriage.

— from the looks of it, he was preparing to jump off the carriage again.

“WHAT!? So you're still being controlled!!!” Zhao Xiang Sheng was screaming.

“It's ok, all I need to do is die again. I just wanted to say that we're going in the right direction, just keep steering us towards that tombstone on top of the mountain, faster if you can...” Gu Qing Shan calmly replied.

*Thud!*

Gu Qing Shan fell back down on the ground and died again.

Zhao Xiang Sheng's mouth twitched a bit before he raised his whip and urged the horses again.

“Yah!”

The horse carriage sped up once again, making a mad dash forward.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly opened his eyes again and looked behind the carriage.

“They can't catch up” he judged.

“What will we do once we reach the tombstone? Will we be able to avoid that monster on the back?” Zhao Xiang Sheng asked.

Gu Qing Shan thought back: “When I had just met that monster, I formed a contract with it—— it had no choice but to inform me that the reason it was stuck here was that it had fused with an Apocalypse, and the Samsara would not release it”

As Gu Qing Shan explained, he once again stood up and prepared to jump off.

“Fused with an Apocalypse? Why does that matter?” Zhao Xiang Sheng asked.

*Bam!*

A heavy thud.

Gu Qing Shan fell back down to the ground, dead again.

While laying on the floor of the carriage, he opened his eyes and explained: “The Samsara Delimitation Divine Sword had lent its [Govern Spirit] power to me, so I’ve been continuously trying to discern its intentions, and now I’ve got it”

“What did you get?” Zhao Xiang Sheng asked.

No answer.

Gu Qing Shan stood up and hurriedly tried to grab onto the side of the carriage, only to drop dead once again.

After reviving, he continued: “A long time ago, the side of [Chaos] had come up with the solution to place reality itself into a state of complete death and destruction, this way, even if the Apocalypse arrives, it would have no target and wouldn’t be able to exert its powers”

Zhao Xiang Sheng was surprised and asked: “So you’re saying that only dead people would be able to escape from this Fear Apocalypse?”

“That’s right, the connection between this Phase Realm and the main world is the tombstone, so all you need to do is lead me there and throw me onto the tombstone” Gu Qing Shan explained.

“Will that really work?” Zhao Xiang Sheng asked, a bit unsure.

“Because the Apocalypse cannot affect the dead, I would reappear in the main world— which means escaping this place” Gu Qing Shan affirmed.

Zhao Xiang Sheng sighed and muttered: “Amitabha, I’ve never seen someone like yourself, using death itself as a tool”

*Thud!*

A familiar noise sounded from behind him.

Gu Qing Shan has just dropped dead again.

Zhao Xiang Sheng sighed: “Amitabha... but your rate of death really is a bit too frequent”

The horse carriage rapidly proceeded forward, leaving a trail of dust behind it.

Not too long later, they arrived in front of the hill-like tombstone.

Zhao Xiang Sheng abandoned the horse carriage and carried Gu Qing Shan’s body up the tombstone.

Not too far behind them, the gigantic dark monster was accelerating in an attempt to catch up.

“Hoh... hoh... benefactor Gu, we’ve arrived”

Zhao Xiang Sheng put Gu Qing Shan’s body on top of the tombstone as he breathed heavily through his mouth.

Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes.

He looked at Zhao Xiang Sheng and nodded: “I’ve troubled you, leave the rest to me”

As he spoke, he dispelled [Moon Invitation].

Zhao Xiang Sheng vanished right away.

Gu Qing Shan sat on top of the tombstone and silently watched as the monster came increasingly closer.

His head became limp and fell on top of the tombstone, dying once again.

In an instant, the scenery in front of him flashed.

The entire world was moving away from him.

At the very last moment, the monster stopped in place and was no longer giving chase.

A strange expression appeared on its ugly face.

And then the monster also suddenly disappeared.

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Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes.

From on top of the tombstone, he sat up and started examining his surroundings.

A forest of tombstones.

Numerous knocking sounds emerged from all of the tombs.

「 Summon me 」

「 Summon me 」

「 Summon me 」

Voices filled with the desire to escape echoed from below the tombs.

*That's right, this is the graveyard.*

*The main world.*

*I'm back!*

Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief and stood up on top of the tombstone.

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“Finally, I can leave this place”

He muttered.

As soon as he said that, he subconsciously opened his mouth again and spoke with another voice:  
[Indeed, after being trapped here for so many years, I can finally leave]

After saying that, Gu Qing Shan was stunned.

[Ahahahaha!]

The second voice suddenly started laughing maniacally and shook its head: [Pitiful fool, have you already forgotten? A part of my soul had remained inside your body this entire time, the very moment you escaped that Phase Realm, you had also brought me with you]

“...So you were after this from the very beginning!?” Gu Qing Shan gritted his teeth.

The second voice boastfully answered: [You’ve only just realized that? All those years ago, when I couldn’t endure suffering the plight of the Apocalypse and surrendered to it, the Samsara immediately trapped me and the Delimitation Divine Sword also put me under its suppression. When the Delimitation Divine Sword shattered and the Samsara reset itself, I had thought that I would forever be trapped inside that tomb, but then you appeared]

[Now that I’ve escaped from the restraints of the Samsara, nothing else can stop me]

An indescribable presence started to exude from Gu Qing Shan’s body; similar to the Palace of Fear Apocalypse, it was cold, unreasonable, and filled with terror.

[This moment... we’ve waited for it for too long...] the second voice spoke.

Gu Qing Shan refuted: “I will stop you”

The second voice chuckled: [I was part of the past Samsara and the present Apocalypse, all of your actions up to now had been within my calculations—— now die!]

An intense roaring commotion similar to the raging ocean or a landslide echoed from inside his body.

A huge burst of unending dark fog rose from Gu Qing Shan’s body to the sky, manifesting into an infinite cityscape.

——aside from the small village from before, there were still other cities, the gloomy wilderness, rivers, oceans, as well as innumerable terrifying monsters!

A figure stood in front of this entire scenery, manifesting into a thick dark shadow.

—the Samsara War General!

It looked down towards the tombstone, then focused its gaze on Gu Qing Shan.

[Mortal, I will possess your body and lead the army of terror, turning the entire Samsara into my weapon!]

It jumped into the sky and turned into a boundless shroud of darkness as it rushed towards Gu Qing Shan.

Standing on top of the tombstone, Gu Qing Shan blankly stared as this occurred.

In an instant, the shroud of darkness had already enveloped him and fully entered his body.

[Die...]

The Samsara War General finally said.

Gu Qing Shan's breathing immediately ceased.

He was dead.

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.



Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes and stood back up on the tombstone.

He raised his hand and tried clenching his fist.

“...Although this is only a mortal body, I’ve finally managed to escape from the Samsara’s restraints”

“I’ve revived at just the right time as well— currently, all the Chosen Saints have their powers sealed off, just ripe for me to eradicate them all!”

He said with excitement.

In the sky, the numerous Palaces of Fear once again turned back into dark fog and descended behind him like a ceaseless stream.

An entire minute later.

The Apocalypse had thoroughly escaped from the Samsara’s restraints and entered Gu Qing Shan’s body.

Gu Qing Shan himself started to change, transforming into a muscular man in his prime.

“I’ve finally regained my original form”

He muscular man mumbled and raised his foot—

*Bam!*

The entire tomb was leveled to the ground by this single stomp.

“From this moment, I am the Apocalypse Sequence [Palace of Fear]” the muscular man declared.

His voice echoed into the distance.

Everything around became completely silent, even the voices inside the other tombstones went silent as if they were wary of him.

The muscular man glanced at the entire graveyard in disdain, then scoffed.

Right as he was about to head out, he was surprised into standing still again.

“What... is this?”

The muscular man stared closely at the void of space, only to see lines of bloody red text quickly appearing one after another:

[You’ve completely sealed the Apocalypse Sequence ‘Palace of Fear’ inside your body]

[You’ve completed the request of the Supreme Sequence]

[All relevant operations have been completed]

[Assimilation in progress!]

A sharp bright red glow suddenly erupted around the muscular man.

“This is... what is this!?”

The muscular man screamed in shock.

He suddenly fell limp on the ground and started shrieking with indescribable pain.

Layers of dark shadows were being peeled off his body one by one trying to seep into the ground, but they were all stopped by the bright red glow without being able to go anywhere.

[AARRGHH, I'VE CLEARLY BECOME AN APOCALYPSE!]

[I AM AN ApoCaLYpsE!]

[NoT EveN thE SaMsarA wAs abLE to eRaDicaTe mE, hOw coUl...]

The muscular man shrieked in an unwilling manner as his entire body started melting like a wax statue, eventually morphing back into Gu Qing Shan's appearance.

The shadows of the Palace of Fear also dissolved bit by bit within the bright red glow until they eventually couldn't be seen anymore.

After a while.

The muscular man's shrieks were completely gone.

Only Gu Qing Shan remained standing in the graveyard.

Opening his eyes, Gu Qing Shan's expression was a bit complicated.

*—this monster that had survived for countless years couldn't even tell how it actually died.*

*Countless years ago, for the sake of survival, it even resorted to fusing with an Apocalypse and walking the destructive path of an Apocalypse.*

*Regretfully...*

*It couldn't do anything but turn into pure Apocalyptic power for the Supreme Sequence to assimilate.*

Gu Qing Shan muttered in a low voice:

"No, you are not an Apocalypse, I am"

In the void of space in front of him, lines of bloody red text hovered:

[Assimilation completed]

[The Sequence has obtained a bit of power]

[In ten seconds, the Sequence will regain some of its functions]

## **Chapter 1727**

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[You've obtained a portion of the Apocalypse Sequence: Palace of Fear, which the Sequence has manifested into an elementary Apocalyptic power]

[Lord of Horror (elementary): Any entity that faces you will be subjected to hallucinations that cannot be dispelled, from which they would feel true fear]

[—At the advent of the Apocalypse, fear spreads through all living beings]

Gu Qing Shan quickly skimmed through this description and silently felt surprised.

*This is a completely unheard-of ability, not belonging to any specific type, and is capable of directly affecting an enemy's psyche, which is truly hard to defend against.*

*And most importantly, these hallucinations can't be dispelled at all.*

*In a fight, that's extremely fatal.*

*And this is only the elementary version of [Lord of Horror]...*

*How powerful would an advanced version of [Lord of Horror] be?*

Suddenly, he thought of something and immediately asked:

“Sequence, are you awake?”

Two lines of bloody red text appeared in the void of space:

[Not yet]

[For energy conservation purposes, please do not talk with me]

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

He suddenly returned to his senses and started looking at his surroundings.

At some unknown point, all the graves within this graveyard had disappeared.

Even the tombstones were nowhere to be seen.

Only the Samsara War General's tombstone remained on the ground, which had been broken into several pieces.

“So they've all run away?”

Gu Qing Shan muttered to himself.

Suddenly, he felt his vision becoming blurred for a split second.

The howling of a snowstorm.

Whiteness as far as the eye could see.

There wasn't a single thing on the frozen river, and the tattered palaces had all disappeared without a trace.

—he had returned to the Elements War Zone!

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit hesitant.

*That snake monster said that everyone who had ever entered this place would have to face a kind of Apocalypse, but now that I've already devoured the Palace of Fear, what's next?*

Gu Qing Shan decisively went back the same way he came.

Not too long after, he saw the wreck of the Wrought Iron Giant on the ground, as well as—

The snake-headed humanoid monster who was restrained on the ground by 7-8 lengths of chains.

“Hey, I’m back” Gu Qing Shan greeted it.

The humanoid snake monster stared at him and spoke with a disappointed tone: 「 You’ve actually managed to not die... 」

“That’s right, thanks to the information you gave. When it came to the Palace of Fear, everything you said was indeed the truth” Gu Qing Shan replied.

「 Even if that’s the case, you’ve already reached the end of your path 」 the monster coldly sneered.

Gu Qing Shan shrugged: “Oh? What else is there? I’m all ears”

The monster’s expression became a bit more arrogant.

Gu Qing Shan crossed his arms and pursued the issue: “You seem quite worried, what exactly is going to happen?”

The monster completely ignored him and started to roll around on the ground, its body slowly sinking down.

Using its long tail, it moved the dirt and mud in the surroundings to cover its body before going completely silent.

Gu Qing Shan: "..."

The snowstorm was growing increasingly more intense.

From the other side of the snowy plains, the sound of intense howling could be heard from the faraway mountain ranges.

Heaven and earth slowly became dim.

"It seems like something is about to happen" Gu Qing Shan muttered.

His inner alarms were blaring.

*What exactly is it?*

*It seems... quite dangerous.*

*— the humanoid snake's reaction is the best proof of that.*

After staying silent for a few moments, Gu Qing Shan walked up and started stomping the ground, calling out: "Hey, come out here"

「 Scram, brat 」

The humanoid snake's voice could be heard from below the ground.

—it was being restrained very tightly by the chains, so it could only sink into the outermost layer of mud, unable to dig itself any further down.

“What are you afraid of over here? Tell me” Gu Qing Shan said.

「 Heh... 」 the humanoid snake just scoffed at him without answering.

“Don’t be so cold, let’s talk about this for a bit” Gu Qing Shan earnestly insisted.

The situation abruptly changed——

*Whoosh!*

The dirt and mud suddenly went flying.

The monster had leapt out of the ground, its sharp claw aiming straight for Gu Qing Shan——

*Shu!*

Its claw stabbed straight into its own chest.

Their eyes met.

*Plish!*

*Plish!*

*Plish!*

Blood started flowing.

Gu Qing Shan sighed and said: “Haven’t you learnt a single thing? Just look, you’re bleeding again”



The humanoid snake gritted its teeth: 「 Don't act so high and mighty, do you really think you're going to run away this time? Dream on! 」

It swiftly pulled its claw back out and swung at Gu Qing Shan again.

*Clang!*

Gu Qing Shan blocked the claw with his blade and scowled: "Do you really want to die?"

The humanoid snake coldly sneered, then mocked him: 「 I'm going to keep you busy here, then—— 」

It suddenly went silent as its eyes became filled with fear.

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Two faint figures had manifested behind Gu Qing Shan.

Their visages were extremely faint, so much so that one couldn't see them unless they focused. The figures seemed to be some sort of insect inside a pot with humanoid upper halves while their lower halves were insectoid.

The two insects were male and female respectively, both of which were eyeing the humanoid snake with an eerie smile on their faces.

The humanoid snake immediately shrank back and shouted with a trembling voice: 「 To be able to summon them... who exactly are you!? 」

A flash of understanding appeared in Gu Qing Shan's eye.

A line of bloody text was floating in the void of space:

[Lord of Horror (elementary) has taken effect]

*—-in other words, this guy is already feeling fear?*

*What exactly is it seeing?*

“You don’t need to know who I am” Gu Qing Shan cleared his throat and spoke very sincerely: “Just know that I didn’t kill you before when you told the truth. What do you say we make another deal right now?”

「 What deal? 」 the monster asked.

“If you tell me what’s really going on here, I guarantee that when I can, I’ll come back here to help you escape” Gu Qing Shan proposed.

「 What if I refuse to speak? 」 the monster asked.

“If you won’t tell me, I’ll stay right here and keep watch over you. No matter what happens next, I’ll make sure you stay right in front of me” Gu Qing Shan smirked.

「 You shameless scoundrel! 」 the monster burst out shouting.

It clearly wanted to attack him in its fury, but after glancing behind Gu Qing Shan, it fearfully lowered its claw once again.

The sky had gotten even dimmer.

The monster suddenly turned its head towards the distance, only to see the snowstorm in the sky becoming thicker, then noticed a faint but sharp buzzing noise in the air—

It appeared to be struggling internally, then finally sighed: 「 There's no time, if you have an ability to dig underground, then hide like I just did. If you don't have any skill similar to that, then find somewhere else to hide, don't stay here and get me involved! 」

“What exactly is going on?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The monster answered: 「 A particularly scary fellow has just been alarmed, so it's using its power to patrol the entirety of the Elements War Zone, anyone who dares to stick their heads up at this point in time will end up the same— dead! 」

After saying that, the monster leapt backwards and once again hid itself under the mud and dirt.

Gu Qing Shan looked towards the distance.

Only to see nothing but a huge mass of dust in the distance, currently boiling up and spreading in every direction.

“Seems like that it is indeed true...”

Gu Qing Shan pondered for a bit before heading towards the wrecked Wrought Iron Giant on the ground.

*——this Wrought Iron Giant has always remained on the ground, seemingly for a very long time.*

*Since it had been able to exist this entire time, it wouldn't be affected by whatever is coming.*

Gu Qing Shan thought back to what he saw the previous time he was here and followed a thick length of wire to quickly find a metal path that was made to fit the wire.

Climbing into the wire path, he moved through it for a while before seeing a hatch door.

Gu Qing Shan's eyes lit up and stepped forward to take a careful look at the structure of the wire path and the valves.

Pulling his blade, he used the hilt to bang against the hatch door.

*Bang bang bang ksssh—*

The hatch door quickly fell down and blocked the way in.

Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief and sat down with his legs crossed, his expression remained solemn as he listened to the commotion outside.

*This Elements War Zone is full of monsters and Apocalypses.*

*If an entity could completely ignore all of these monsters and Apocalypses to sweep through the Elements War Zone like this—*

*Then it would truly deserve to be called the strongest!*

While he was thinking, his surroundings were suddenly lit up.

A dark green screen of light had appeared within the metal wire path.

*—the internals of the Wrought Iron Giant seemed to have been activated!*

Gu Qing Shan was caught a bit off-guard, so he defenselessly let the green light pass through his body.

A mechanical voice quickly followed:

[Warning!]

[This creation of the Human realm is only accessible to Chosen Saints of the Human realm, the Chosen Saints of the other Realms cannot occupy it!]

[Please leave immediately, or this creation will forcefully evict the occupant]

Gu Qing Shan was stunned.

*Those who aren't Chosen Saints of the Human realm aren't allowed to be here?*

He suddenly recalled a message from the Supreme Sequence right before he set out earlier:

[The only reminder: You can only receive temporary safety and shelter once you've found the clues of the past Wraith realm]

*So that's what it meant!*

*In this Elements War Zone, the remaining artifacts of each Samsara Realm would only protect Chosen Saints from their respective Realms!*

As Gu Qing Shan was thinking, he suddenly felt his vision becoming blurry.

He had reappeared in the snowstorm, the wrecked Wrought Iron Giant remained behind him, silently lying on the ground.

The changes at the horizon were getting increasingly more intense.

The sound of the wind had also gotten much sharper, as if numerous monsters were howling and shrieking in unison.

The dust that swept across the entire world was creeping closer, gradually covering up the previous location of the Palace of Fear.

*—there's no time!*

Gu Qing Shan quickly walked back to a level bit of ground and kicked it with his feet.

The humanoid snake's voice came from underneath:

「 You're crazy! Why haven't you found a place to hide!?! 」

Gu Qing Shan shrugged: "I don't know anywhere that I could hide"

「 I don't either! 」 the monster screamed.

Gu Qing Shan crouched down and lightly stabbed his blade several centimeters into the ground, continuing: "—No, you definitely do"

He suddenly applied force—

*Shuu!*

The monster was pried out of the ground.

"Or would you rather stay up here to sightsee with me?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

The monster screamed in panic: 「 You devil! I only know that whenever the wind blows, I always sense the presence of living people in the Southeast, now hurry up and let me go! 」

Gu Qing Shan pulled his blade back and happily said: "Wouldn't it have been easier if you said that earlier— by the way, if you remembered the wrong direction, I'll be coming back again"

As he stood up, sparks of irregular lightning began to arc from his body.

—[Lightning Wraith]!

A single bolt of lightning immediately flashed across the entire frozen wasteland before disappearing, leaving the giant creeping cloud of dust behind..

## **Chapter 1728**

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A desert.

Three horses were rapidly galloping through an endless desert on black clouds, their eyes glowing red, and so were their glimmering ebony hides.

One of the horses suddenly spoke in human tongue: "Why did that monster suddenly show up?"

"Who knows what kind of thing drove it mad today" another horse answered.

"Stop talking and move faster, we need to hurry and return to the ruins" the horse in the middle said.

After it said that, the other two horses no longer said anything else.

Very quickly, the three horses arrived at a cavern.

While it was called a cavern, it looked more like the corpse of some prehistoric monster, which was as large as an entire mountain range.

The three horses shook their bodies before transforming into three muscular men.

They entered the cavern and took a look around.

"The Guiding Envoy still hasn't returned" one of the men commented.

“No worries, since that monster has reawakened, the Envoy will soon return to take refuge” another man answered.

The final man sat down and began preparations to create a fire.

The three of them silently sat still for a while.

Suddenly, one of them spoke up: “Brothers, is it just me or do we have more spoils of war today?”

Hearing that, both of them looked up.

They were looking at the various corpses being hung on ropes around the cavern.

“I remember that there were 14” one of them chimed in: “9 from the Human Realm, 2 from the Huang Quan Realm, 3 from the Asura Realm— strange, how come there’s 15 here now?”

The two of them exchanged glances.

The man in the middle scoffed and cut in: “What are the both of you thinking? This place is the shelter of our Beast King realm, only Chosen Saints of the Beast King realm can enter— so this is very simple, the Envoy must have killed one more Chosen Saint from another Realm out of impulse”

As that made sense, the other two slowly calmed down.

*That’s true.*

*Other than corpses, nobody from any other Realms would be able to enter this place.*

“How come the Envoy hasn’t returned yet?” the man in the middle muttered.

An elderly voice reverberated from the entrance:



“Don’t be alarmed, I’m back”

The three men stood up in unison and turned towards the entrance.

Only to see a large grey wolf standing there.

“Sir Envoy” the three of them bowed respectfully.

The large wolf moved forward a few steps before transforming into an old man, then spoke with a displeased tone: “I was originally investigating something, but I couldn’t predict that the monster would suddenly go berserk. I had no choice but to quickly return”

As soon as he said that, the sound of howling could be heard from outside the entrance.

A sandstorm had picked up, the wind almost sounded like shrieking ghosts.

Various strange and eerie cries could be heard continuously, coupled with the intense rumbling noise from the ground, it felt as if an earthquake was occurring.

“It’s begun, quickly block the entrance” the old man ordered with a heavy voice.

One of the men moved a boulder over to block the entrance.

The sound coming from outside instantly became weaker.

The four people sat around the campfire, focusing their attention on the noise outside.

Even when they knew that this place was safe, they still had anxious looks on their faces.

“Don’t speak up, there are quite a few of us here this time, I need to communicate with the ruins and mobilize a bit more power”

The old man closed his eyes after saying that, then began muttering something under his breath, almost as if he was controlling something.

The other three tried to not breathe too loudly as they waited in silence for the old man.

Time slowly passed.

About half a day later.

It was only until the noise outside had slowly subsided that everyone here finally sighed in relief.

“Sir Envoy, it’s clearly not time yet, so why did that monster suddenly become berserk?” one of the men asked.

“Don’t ask, there’s no benefit for any of you to know this type of secret” the old man curtly answered.

The three men all went silent without asking anything else.

The old man glanced at them a few more times before telling them in a warmer tone: “You all must hurry and complete the Elements War, otherwise, we of the Beast King realm will be overtaken by the other realm’s, understand?”

“Understood” the three men answered in unison.

“The biggest problem of our Beast King realm right now are those humans— they’ve lived for too long within the Tomb of Myriad Beasts, so much so that by the time we awoke, the Beast King realm itself had already recognized them as living beings of the Beast King realm as well” the old man sighed.

“I heard that the big shots of the Heaven realm are very displeased?” one of the men tried asking.

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“I guess it doesn’t hurt to tell you. The bigshots of the Heaven realm are indeed greatly displeased, they’re ordering us to quickly eradicate those humans” the old man answered.

One of the men sneered: “They’re just a bunch of humans, so how dare they take up quotas of our Beast King realm? I’ve been irritated with them for a while now”

The commotion outside had thoroughly calmed down at this point.

The old man stood up and looked at the three men: “Being able to survive the Apocalypse, the three of you can be considered above average, so I have a new job for you all”

“Please go ahead sir”

“Hm, among the humans who have taken up the quota of our Beast King realm, the ones with the most authority are currently within the Elements Zone, they still think that we are their comrades” the old man said.

The three men immediately displayed smiles of tacit understanding.

“Those humans are fools, since they had the gall to consider us to be one of them, they should be ready to pay the price for that blind trust” one of the men said.

“Indeed, the Samsara Clash for Supremacy isn’t suitable for naïve humans. Now, come with me to kill them” the old man concluded.

“After that is done, I will help you all collect enough Merits to activate your Samsara Divine Skills!”

“Our gratitude for sir Envoy!” the three men said in unison.

They quickly moved the boulder blocking the entrance and left together.

The three men transformed back into horses, while the old man turned into a large wolf.

They quickly left the cavern.

...

A few moments later.

Back inside the cavern.

One of the corpses hanging on top of the cavern began to twitch slightly.

It was the corpse of a young human male.

——Gu Qing Shan.

After arriving here, he discovered that this place was a shelter of the Beast King realm.

It was obviously too late to find other places, so with his quick wits, he entered the cavern while dropping dead in order to impersonate a corpse.

A few moments later.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly opened his eyes and cut off the rope that tied his feet with the blade hidden in his chest.

Lightly landing on the ground, his expression was full of thought.

One full breath's worth of time later.

From the depths of the cavern, a ray of light struck his body.

Instantly, he vanished from the cavern and reappeared in the desert.

However, Gu Qing Shan was unfazed, still holding a thoughtful expression on his face.

“The humans residing in the Tomb of Myriad Beasts... are most likely Shan Hai Qi Xia and the people of the various Schools”

“Those people from before were most likely the sleepers of the Beast King realm, who only discovered that the Tomb of Myriad Beasts had been taken over by humans after reawakening”

“Shan Hai Qi Xia’s group is in danger...”

Recalling the events when he was at the Tomb of Myriad Beasts, Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but sigh deeply.

*The sleepers of the Beast King realm were completely subservient to the Heaven realm, so not only did they hunt Chosen Saints of the other realms, they also wanted to eliminate Shan Hai Qi Xia and the rest.*

Gu Qing Shan pondered briefly before returning to the cavern.

He pulled his bow out and shot all the ropes tying the corpses on the ceiling, then used the cut-off ropes to pull each of the corpses out of the cavern.

A total of 14 bodies were laid neatly on the ground.

After carefully examining them all, Gu Qing Shan calmed down slightly.

*From the numerous wounds on these bodies, each of them had gone through a battle, but the battles themselves weren’t particularly intense, and none of them were struck with any sort of especially potent skills.*

*—it seems those three really haven't awoken their Samsara Divine Skills.*

*That's good news.*

*The only one I need to look out for is the old man.*

*Then...*

*I'll give the humans of the Beast King realm a little wake-up call.*

Having made up his mind, Gu Qing Shan took out the Reincarnation Gloom Orchid.

[Moon Invitation], activate!

One full day had passed, so it was just in time for him to find some help.

Thin lines of red glowing strings manifested in front of Gu Qing Shan to form a door.

At the same time, lines of bloody red text continuously appeared:

[Moon Invitation's summoning target is currently random]

[Attention: Due to a shared Title between you and a certain slumbering individual, your chances of summoning him has been increased]

[Through the name of the 'Pure Love Gang', you've discovered another male who had kept himself pristine, having the potential to join the 'Pure Love Gang']

[—Because he had always been dumped by others]

After showing that message, all the text instantly vanished.

The large red door opened with a bang.

A man wearing a black leather jacket and a pair of sunglasses landed on the ground.

He adjusted the fingerless leather gloves on his hand and smirked: “The coolest man in the world has woken up— whether it’s assassinating or hunting, you’re right in calling me”

—Zhang Ying Hao!

## Chapter 1730

**Translator:** La0o9

“How’s this?”

Zhang Ying Hao asked.

Gu Qing Shan examined him briefly then checked the body on the ground and commented: “Your shoulders are a bit broader compared to his”

Zhang Ying Hao stood still, then his shoulders began to wiggle a bit.

The sound of bones cracking could be heard.

“How about now?” Zhang Ying Hao asked.

Gu Qing Shan took another closer look and noticed that his shoulder had actually gotten narrower.

He was now looking at a slightly slender man, just like the dead body on the ground.

“So this is bone shrinking? How miraculous” Gu Qing Shan praised.

“Just a little trick for disguising”

After saying that, Zhang Ying Hao placed his finger on the dead body’s throat, carefully examining it.

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

“I’m checking his vocal cords— not good, his throat is different from us humans” Zhang Ying Hao explained.

As he said that, the dead body turned into a tiger.

a very different indeed.

“It’s ok, there shouldn’t be any issues even if I don’t speak”

Zhang Ying Hao donned the human-face mask he had just made to disguise himself as the man.

He glanced at the black cat.

The black cat understood what he meant and silently climbed into the bush, quickly disappearing out of sight.

During that time, Gu Qing Shan quickly pulled the tiger’s corpse into another bush before returning, tossing a couple of long-handled spiked daggers towards Zhang Ying Hao.

Zhang Ying Hao caught the daggers and skillfully flourished them before placing them on his waist.

“very decent daggers— go in first, I’ll find an opportunity to sneak in and cooperate with you’ he said.

“Alright, be prepared for combat at any moment’ Gu Qing Shan told him.

“Are you sure we can win?” Zhang Ying Hao asked.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a few moments before correcting himself: “Be prepared to flee at any moment”

A few minutes later.

Gu Qing Shan openly walked out of the grass bush.

As soon as he appeared, he was noticed by a grey wolf.

[ Who are you? ]

The grey wolf cautiously observed him and spoke in human language.

Gu Qing Shan bowed to greet it:

“Brother wolf, I’m a Chosen Saint of the Tomb of Myriad Beasts, hailing from the School of Shan Hai, everyone calls me Li San Lang”

Since the mountain cliff was relatively empty and he purposely raised his voice, his words spread very far.

In the past, he was adopted as a little brother by Painted Bones Serenity — Li Qiu Yu, who named him Li San Lang.

If an acquaintance heard the name Li San Lang, they would surely come out to verify his identity.

Not even two breaths’ worth of time later.

From the distance, a familiar voice called out: “He’s one of us, let him through”

The grey wolf cautiously glanced at him and reluctantly moved out of the way.

Gu Qing Shan headed forward towards the middle of the cliff.

He slowly became surprised.

‘What he saw was two distinctly different groups of people, the first consisted of 17-18 people, including the old man and the three men from the Beast King realm’s shelter.

The other group consisted of only three people who were standing on a different side.

One of them was a man carrying a blade with a cautious expression.

The second man held a sword in his hand, apparently injured as he was sitting on the ground to rest.

Standing between the two men was a woman dressed in red with graceful beauty.



She was the Dean of the School of Shan Hai, Shan Hai Qi Xia.

The one carrying a blade was Thousand Saints Blade Venerate — Li Chun Dao, while the one with a sword in hand was Banishing Sword Saint – Wang Shun.

All three of them appeared quite excited to see him.

Gu Qing Shan nodded towards them and smiled: “Long time no see”

“Long time no see” Shan Hai Qi Xia greeted him back.

“Qiu Yu frequently mentions you, she’s worried you know?” Li Chun Dao commented.

“I’m fine, brother Wang Shun, everyone has their powers sealed away, so how come you and Chun Dao can wield your weapons?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

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Wang Shun casually answered: “Our weapons have naturally been sealed by the Samsara, so brother Chun Dao and I just forged ourselves some new weapons to use temporarily”

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised to hear that.

Unfortunately, he couldn’t even attempt to pick up a sword, otherwise all of his powers would be unsealed and he would be noticed by the Samsara leading to his expulsion.

“How come you’re injured?” he asked.

“During a sparring session earlier, I was accidentally injured by one of our friends over there” Wang Shun explained.

Gu Qing Shan silently glanced over.

His injuries are severe, but he seems to have received treatment and is getting better.

There are more than a dozen people on that side.

And only three people over here.

The difference in strength is too great, so they were most likely no match for them, but since the other side hadn’t outright killed them, they must have other plans in mind.

If that’s the case, it won’t be easy to rescue them.

Shan Hai Qi Xia said: “I’ve treated him already, but my strength is still being sealed so he won’t heal completely for a few days”

Gu Qing Shan opened his personal bag and handed him a canned drink.

“This is?” Wang Shun asked.

“The best kind of healing beverage, meticulously made by a friend of mine’ Gu Qing Shan answered.

Wang Shun drank the entire can at once.

He slowly stood back up with a surprised expression: “I seem to have fully healed”

This caused everyone’s eyes at the scene to twitch.

This kind of healing power while everyone’s strength was still being sealed is simply miraculous.

Gu Qing Shan smiled but didn’t seem to care too much.

ann even Shroud felt impressed by this canned drink, so its potency wasn’t anything to laugh at.

“Why are you all gathered here?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Someone from above seemed to have issued us a few missions to complete” Shan Hai Qi Xia answered.

“Above? Who’s above?” Gu Qing Shan frowned and asked.

“The Original Beast Kings of the Beast King realm. When the Samsara shattered all those years ago, they were forced to fall into a slumbering state, but now they’ve reawakened and are leading us in the Samsara Clash for Supremacy”

“What’s the benefit?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“After completing all of their missions, they will guide us on how to awaken our Samsara Divine Skills— —- this was supposed to be a secret, but being able to enter the Elements War Zone represents the fact that you already know this secret, so it’s fine even if I told you” Shan Hai Qi Xia replied.

Gu Qing Shan nodded: “So that’s how is it, let’s head out”

Head out?

Everyone was shocked.

“Head out where?” Shan Hai Qi Xia asked.

“I feel like we can awaken a Samsara Divine Skill even without someone guiding us— so there’s no need to do some mission they hand down— now come with me” Gu Qing Shan answered.

Everyone exchanged glances.

The Beast Kings on the other side were getting stirred up as well.

“Are you serious?” Shan Hai Qi Xia asked.

“Yeah, come with me, I have a lot of things I need you all to help with” Gu Qing Shan affirmed.

After saying that, he tured around and began making his way down the mountain.

“Fine then” Shan Hai Qi Xia helplessly sighed.

She swiftly followed him.

Li Chum Dao and Wang Shan naturally followed her as well.

suddenly—

[ Halt! J

A loud roar.

The wolf old man stood out to block their way.

He stared closely at Shan Hai Qi Xia and spoke: [ How ridiculous, you already have an agreement with us, and yet you're going to stand against the entire Beast King race just because of the words of this person? J

Shan Hai Qi Xia answered him: "We are not standing against you, we simply must follow him"

[ For what reason? | the wolf old man asked.

Shan Hai Qi Xia sincerely answered him: "We made a vow with Li San Lang where both sides would not abandon the other, so we must keep to it— regarding the benefits you promised us before, you can consider all the work we've done for you as free labor, there's no need to pay us anything"

Hearing that, the wolf old man's expression gradually turned grim.

I Things are different now, no matter what kind of vows you've had before, I have ways to help you absolve it. Keep working for me and I promise you'll gain benefits unlike anything you've seen before | the wolf old man tried persuading them.

Shan Hai Qi Xia shook her head: "I won't go against this vow"

T Are you going to lay down and die if he tells you to die as well? | the wolf old man sarcastically asked.

"We will" Shan Hai Qi Xia solemnly answered him.

The wolf old man was stunned at the answer, unable to comprehend what he was hearing.

## **Chapter 1731**

**Translator:** La0o9

As soon as Gu Qing Shan made his move, Zhang Ying Hao also moved.

Like a shadowy ghost, he appeared behind the wolf old man without a sound, mercilessly thrusting his spiked dagger into the old man's chest. He gripped the hilt tightly before forcefully twisting it.

The wolf old man originally could still struggle a bit, but completely stopped breathing after this attack.

Zhang Ying Hao's eyebrows relaxed slightly and wanted to pull the dagger back, but Gu Qing Shan called out:

"Don't move—~"

Gu Qing Shan swiftly stepped forward and swung the blade in his hand with all his strength.

The wolf old man's head was sent flying and rolled a short distance away.

Zhang Ying Hao shrugged: "He's already dead, there was no need to cut off his head"

Gu Qing Shan sheathed his blade and replied: “They’re beasts, their body structure is different from ours, so if he happens to be able to survive getting stabbed in the heart, it would be a lot of trouble for us”

—5 no one could be sure what kind of preparations the other party might have.

So the best solution was to not give them a chance to act at all.

This was the most basic strategy behind Gu Qing Shan’s fighting style.

Zhang Ying Hao pondered briefly before praising him: “Good call”

Gu Qing Shan stood still and waited, but didn’t see the supernatural phenomena of Huang Quan manifest.

He was a bit surprised.

Could all of those Chosen Saints have entered Huang Quan right away after getting killed?

Shan Hai Qi Xia noticed the look on his face and explained: “No need to wait, the entire Elements War Zone is quarantined from the Samsara, so those who die here wouldn’t be able to leave or return anywhere. Only after the Elements have been established and the world becomes stabilized that the seal

on this place would become undone, allowing them to enter reincarnation”

“So that’s how it is” Gu Qing Shan commented in surprise.

He introduced Zhang Ying Hao and Shan Hai Qi Xia to one another.

“Completely turning against them, not leaving a single one alive—— did these Beast King realm people offend you somehow?”

Li Chun Dao asked.

“They didn’t offend me, but they were planning to attack you all sooner or later” Gu Qing Shan answered.

“WHAT!?” Li Chun Dao exclaimed.

“What exactly is going on?” Shan Hai Qi Xia asked.

Gu Qing Shan explained what he heard in the Beast King realm shelter.

Li Chun Dao sighed: “So that’s how things were”

“I knew they were up to no good” Wang Shun scoffed.

“These Beast Kings awoke from their slumber, so they overwhelm us in both number and strength, almost taking the Beast King realm under their total control—— even if we only consider the number of Chosen Saints, they outnumber us by several times” Shan Hai Qi Xia worriedly commented.

Everyone fell into silence.

See the strength of both sides was so far apart that if the other side bared their fangs, the humans in the Tomb of Myriad Beasts would face disaster.

That's a very difficult problem to resolve.

Gu Qing Shan pondered for a few moments before suggesting: "You all must quickly regain your strength, ensuring that all the human Chosen Saints awaken their own Samsara Divine Skill. That way, the other party would not dare to act recklessly"

Shan Hai Qi Xia said: "But behind the Beast King realm there's still the Heaven realm, in fact, they've been receiving orders from the Heaven realm the entire time"

Gu Qing Shan resolutely told her: "Go into hiding, for now, all of you. Don't hold any wishful thinking, the one behind them is even more difficult to deal with than you can imagine"

as the Heavenly Emperor.

By himself within the Boundless Void, the Heavenly Emperor completed the Samsara's evolution without anyone noticing. If I hadn't discovered it at the very last moment and pursued him through the Reality Gate, he would have succeeded as well!

There's no way such a character would be easy to deal with.

Shan Hai Qi Xia's expression suddenly changed: "Oh no, Qiu Yu and the others are still being monitored by the others from the Beast King realm, they'll surely realize that something is wrong on this side very soon, we need to hurry up and return!"

Li Chun Dao and Wang Shun also became anxious as they realized this.

"Wait!"

Gu Qing Shan told them in a heavy tone: "If you all return right now and are unable to defeat them, wouldn't that be meaninglessly seeking your deaths?— have any of you awoken your Samsara Divine Skills?"

"Not yet, we've actually been working under them to collect enough Merit for that" Shan Hai Qi Xia answered.

Gu Qing Shan thought about it briefly before saying: "The badge that the old man gave us earlier had quite a few Elemental Cores sealed inside, according to him, they've already killed almost a thousand Elemental monsters— take 97 Elemental Cores out for me"

"Alright" Shan Hai Qi Xia replied.

She didn't know why Gu Qing Shan didn't take it himself and instead had her do it.

But since he wasn't telling her, she didn't want to ask.

Very quickly, a total of 97 Elemental Cores were neatly laid out on the ground.

They'd all manifested into either dark yellow rocks or bright red gems.

It was a mystery what kind of method the Beast King realm had used to kill the Elemental monsters without destroying their Elemental Cores.

—4 ut it was clear that they had a very detailed plan of action.

“Why is there only Elemental Earth and Fire cores here? Did they not obtain the other Elemental Cores?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Three out of the Five Elements have been established, only Earth and Fire remain. Once Earth and Fire have been established as well, all five main Elements will have been stabilized, then the five mutated Elements of Wind-Lightning-Light-Dark-Sound will manifest and the Human realm will fall into chaos once again” Shan Hai Qi Xia worriedly explained.

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

This was the same thing as what Li An told me.

It’s a shame that I appeared a bit late to take the initiative.

—but fortunately, it’s not too late yet.

He swung his blade, manifesting bright slashes with each swing, completely destroying all 97 Elemental Cores.

In an instant, lines of bloody red text manifested in the void of space:

[Current Merit: 3]

[Obtained Merit: 97]

[You’ve collected 100 points of Merit in total, the Samsara is imbuing you with Origin power]

[In five seconds, your Divine Skill: Lightning Wraith (incomplete) will evolve to its perfect form]

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Arcs of lightning immediately emerged from Gu Qing Shan’s body, making him seem like a descended god.

[Your Samsara Divine Skill: Lightning Wraith has been completed, manifesting into its perfect form]

[Lightning Wraith: Your body turns into lightning, your speed as great as any bolt of lightning, unobstructed by any magical barriers. In battle, Tribulation Lightning will descend to help you, the longer you fight, the more powerful the Tribulation Lightning will become]

Quickly reading through the description, Gu Qing Shan was silently surprised.

Tribulation Lightning—

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Isn't that what cultivators have to endure whenever they face a Heavenly Tribulation?

Why did the Samsara place something like that into a Divine Skill?

However.

Everyone's strength is currently sealed with only their Samsara Divine Skills being usable.

I've always felt like [Lightning Wraith] lacked the offensive capabilities of the gigantic spears——

But now I don't have to worry about it anymore!

With the Tribulation Lightning aiding me, my odds of winning in battle would be greatly increased!

Several more lines of bloody red text appeared in the void of space:

[You've collected 100 points of Merit, thus completing the first step of awakening your Samsara Divine Skill]

[You can choose to remain in the Elements War Zone to investigate the Samsara's secrets, or return to the Human realm]

It turns out I can return as soon as I collect 100 points of Merit.

But seeing how many secrets might be hidden in this Elements War Zone, how could I arbitrarily leave?

"I'll remain here" Gu Qing Shan said.

He then regained his senses and turned to Shan Hai Qi Xia: "What else is inside the badge given by the wolf old man?"

Shan Hai Qi Xia answered: "There are still over 900 Elemental Cores, as well as a lot of treasures"

—— Jet's ignore the treasures.

Gu Qing Shan immediately told her: "You can keep that for your own use, quickly awaken your Samsara Divine Skill, then help Li Qiu Yu and Zhao Qiong awaken their Samsara Divine Skill as well, only then would you have the most basic level of self-defense—— do it as soon as possible!"

"What about you?" Shan Hai Qi Xia hesitantly asked.

"I have other business to take care of, so I can't accompany you all after this" Gu Qing Shan replied.

I need to quickly take a look at a Wraith realm shelter to see what's going on.

Not to mention that most powerful monster.

I also need to investigate the secrets of this Elements War Zone.

Shan Hai Qi Xia stared closely at him and asked: "Do we really not need to leave you anything?"

Gu Qing Shan said: "Ah right, leave me some food"

Shan Hai Qi Xia asked in return: "You want food?"

"Yeah"

The other three exchanged glances, all of which seemed surprised.

This guy doesn't want any treasure or Elemental Core, but he wants food?

They handed all of their rations to him.

Taking at the food, Gu Qing Shan happily said: "This is enough"

"Then we'll head out first" Shan Hai Qi Xia said.

"Hurry up and go, I won't be able to help you on that side, so you all should take care of yourselves" Gu Qing Shan reminded her.

"You're already helping us a lot with these Elemental Cores" Li Chun Dao clasped his fist.

"We owe you another one" Wang Shun said.

"Don't mention it, we're all on the same side" Gu Qing Shan laughed.

The other three also smiled.

They each took out an appropriate number of Elemental Cores to awaken their Samsara Divine Skills, then quickly disappeared right in front of Gu Qing Shan.

—-they've returned to the Human realm.

There were still many people waiting for them there.

At this point, Zhang Ying Hao finally spoke up:

"Hey, how come you gave everything away like that? Should've at least kept some of the treasures"

"Why do we need to keep some treasures?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Once everyone has woken up, there will be so many of us that the only thing you hear us asking for is money" Zhang Ying Hao chuckled.

Gu Qing Shan smiled wryly and explained his debt to the Book of the Sea.

Zhang Ying Hao stared at him closely before finally speaking up: "So you're currently living a life of eternal poverty right now?"

"Yeah, call out the black cat, we're heading to our next destination" Gu Qing Shan said.

Zhang Ying Hao blew a whistle.

The black cat emerged from a bush and ran towards them.

"Where's the next destination?" Zhang Ying Hao asked.



“The Wraith realms shelter, I need to go there and take a look. I can sense that something is waiting for me in that place” Gu Qing Shan replied.

—~this was a feeling coming directly from his spirit sense, which hadn’t disappeared even after his strength had been sealed.

Suddenly, a sharp howl came from the distance:

[ Trying to run? No, you’re both going to die right here |

A boundless, unrecognizable presence suddenly erupted into a giant blast of wind.

The wind blew the dust and sand all the way to the sky, obscuring everything within it.

Such power—~

Gu Qing Shan’s expression changed.

In that instant, he did two things.

“You’re the one who’s going to die!”

He shouted, activating Red Dragon Origin Hex – Twist and dispelling [Moon Invitation] at the same time!

Zhang Ying Hao and the black cat both instantly vanished without a trace, returning to the [Order] and falling back into slumber.

Almost at the same time, two sharp bone spikes emerged from the dust storm, aiming straight for Zhang Ying Hao and Gu Qing Shan’s locations.

—4 for Red Dragon Origin Hex – Twist, even the lack of answer from the enemy was considered an answer.

And since Zhang Ying Hao had returned, he was naturally not struck.

As the bone spike arrived in front of Gu Qing Shan, it suddenly shot backwards.

[ Huh!? J

A shocked voice called out from inside the dust storm.

Taking that opportunity, Gu Qing Shan drew his blade and took a few steps back.

He took a fighting stance on the spot.

## **Chapter 1732**

**Translator:** La0o9

Standing on a piece of rock, Gu Qing Shan was silently observing the Qilin in front of him.

“TI be honest, I don’t want to die” he earnestly said.

The Qilin’s body suddenly discharged several layers of dust clouds as it roared: [ That’s not up to you! J

The dust clouds erupted and started spreading in every direction.

This entire region seemed to have been enveloped in dust, making it so that Gu Qing Shan couldn't even flee if he wanted to.

The Qilin declared in a solemn tone: [ This one acts upon the will of heaven to patrol the mortal realm and oversee the Elements, the wolf race's envoy is a servant of the Heaven realm, so for killing him, you must pay with your life |

Gu Qing Shan sighed and shrugged: "It's so boring to fight and kill all the time, they say the heaven treasures life, so how about we shake to make up and have a meal together?"

T How impudent! J the Qilin roared in anger.

Its voice reverberated across heaven and earth, causing the dust storm around them to boil up as well.

The erupting dust then swiftly manifested into silhouettes of people as they rapidly took actual form.

ciel there were several hundred soldiers with weapons ready in their hands, clad in full suits of armor.

Without saying a word, these soldiers immediately charged toward Gu Qing Shan right after they manifested.

Gu Qing Shan readied his bow and rapidly fired so many arrows that the movement of his hands looked like blurred images.

The string of the bow boomed repeatedly like thunderclaps.

In an instant, the quiver behind Gu Qing Shan's back was emptied.

A rain of arrows drew parabola arcs as they shot toward the soldiers one after another.

Some of the soldiers managed to stop the arrows, but the majority of them accurately struck their targets without fail.

Any soldier struck by the arrows turned back into dust and vanished.

Gu Qing Shan uttered a curt 'ah' as he felt relieved.

"Although there are hundreds of men, none of them can exert their true abilities, unable to even use their Samsara Divine Skills..." he muttered to himself.

The Qilin coldly spoke: [ Among the cultivators in the Human realm, you are not the only one renowned in weaponry. I will summon countless weapon experts of the Human realm to chop you into dirt and avenge the envoy of the wolf race |

Gu Qing Shan had nothing to reply to that.

He drew his blade and leapt into the sky from his rock, jumping straight into the hundreds of soldiers.

Cold gleams of the blade flashed continuously.

Wherever he went, soldiers were reduced to dust and scattered without fail.

The soldiers' expressions remained unchanged, focused on nothing but surrounding Gu Qing Shan without giving him any space to dodge their killing blows.

The men acted like a tidal wave, their weapons as numerous as trees in a forest.

Being in the middle of this encirclement, a sharp glow flashed in Gu Qing Shan's eyes as his blade drew nine consecutive flowers of blades.

— sword Art, Nine Linked Cities!

In an instant, the soldiers had all been eliminated.

“What blade technique is this?” one of the soldiers questioned in a heavy tone.

Gu Qing Shan didn't answer.

—4 he had just treated the blade as his sword and performed the highest level of sword technique that a mortal was capable of.

Seeing that he didn't answer, the Qilin chuckled and mocked: [ The blade techniques of mortal can only claim supremacy for a lifetime while the punishment of heaven is ending, trying to go against the dignity of Heaven with mortality is nothing short of a path to perish ]

Following its words, hundreds, thousands of soldiers manifested from the dust storm once again.

These soldiers gathered together to form a military formation as they advanced towards Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan heaved a heavy sigh and spoke: “You are not the only one capable of summoning the dignity of heaven”

The lightning around his body gradually glowed brighter.

soe 'Wraith realm Divine Skill, [Lightning Wraith]!

A brilliant bolt of blue lightning broke through the layers of dust clouds and descended from the sky.

Boom!

Thunder echoed across heaven and earth.

A large number of soldiers in front of Gu Qing Shan were instantly wiped out by the bolt of lightning.

[ A Heavenly Tribulation!?! ]

The Qilin's expression became cautious and shouted: [ Wait a moment, are you a Chosen Saint of our Heaven realm? ]

Although it said that, the soldiers didn't even pause, still advancing while attacking Gu Qing Shan with everything they had.

Gu Qing Shan chuckled: “What if I am, and what if I'm not?”

The blade in his hand danced and cut open an empty path within the waves of soldiers.

While both sides were unable to use their original strength, none of these soldiers were a match for him.

The Qilin explained: [ There are many Chosen Saints from our Heaven realm that had gotten lost, so if you are from the Heaven realm, hurry and return with me to see the heavenly beings, your wheel of meritorious service will be appraised in order to determine your position ]

Gu Qing Shan seemed surprised: “The Samsara had already reset, so all of us should be earning Merit, how can you already determine your positions so soon?”

The Qilin explained: [ When the Samsara shattered in the past, the heavenly beings of Heaven realm had faked their deaths to avoid the Great Tribulation, so once the Samsara became one again, they simply had to awaken to return to their original positions ]

Gu Qing Shan swung his blade again.

The Tribulation Lightning descended once again, following his blade to blast another group of soldiers to dust.

Gu Qing Shan was shocked: “The Samsara was shattered in a tribulation— wait a minute, why did all of you escape without trying to face the Great Tribulation of the Samsara?”

The Qilin was unable to answer that properly so he angrily rebuked him: [ You foolish junior, you have no idea what kind of tribulation we had to face at the time, it wasn't something that anybody could have actually faced ]

Gu Qing Shan's blade still hadn't stopped, killing several soldiers who rushed towards him and asked again: “So you've all reappeared to retake your previous positions, but if such a tribulation manifested again, what would you do? Fake your deaths once again?”

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[ The Samsara has evolved, it now has more power for us to call upon, and we shall decide to fight or flee when the situation arises ] the Qilin answered.

Gu Qing Shan was speechless.

Boom!!!

Five bolts of Tribulation Lightning descended like asteroids, circling around him as they illuminated his surroundings in a light-blue hue.

Gu Qing Shan shouted while trembling: “GO!”

The five bolts of Tribulation Lightning instantly fused into one, manifesting a great wall of lightning that spread in every direction.

The arcs of lightning were blinding, swiftly dispatching the soldiers wherever they passed.

Gu Qing Shan stood still in the middle of the swirling dust storm and sighed: “Your generation of heavenly beings are completely useless, no wonder the Samsara had to reset itself”

The Qilin's gaze became focused as it looked toward the sky.

It saw more Tribulation Lightning.

And even more Tribulation Lightning was still manifesting.

Strange, what position does this person actually hold, being able to use the Heavenly Tribulation like this.

It seems I need to summon someone with a Samsara Divine Skill to eliminate him.

Once the Elemental Earth has been established, I will head into Huang Quan to search for the origin of his soul later.

Having decided, it lowered its body and started exuding a more ferocious presence, howling in a low voice:

T Yin Deities of Huang Quan, heed the order of Heaven and come to my aid! |

A resounding noise reverberated from the ground.

Faint yellow fog silently began to manifest.

The projection of a large stone bridge slowly manifested.

Numerous demons and devils stood on top of the bridge, observing Gu Qing Shan.

Aman dressed in ancient Chinese Official clothing emerged from the crowd, then leapt into the drifting fog.

Holding a thin booklet in his hand, the man told the Qilin:

“A giant crimson glow resides behind this individual, their killing karma weighs heavily upon them. I shall send them into the killing karma they accrued, treading the same path over ten thousand times before they can escape”

[ Hurry up with it | the Qilin looked up at the Tribulation Lightning above the clouds and urged him.

As they fought, the number of Tribulation Lightning had only increased.

If a true Heavenly Tribulation manifests, then it would be a lot of trouble!

Understanding his urgency, the man pointed the thin booklet in his hand towards Gu Qing Shan and shouted: “With my Samsara Divine Skill, I order your past killing sins to manifest in full!”

In an instant, countless crimson spikes manifested from the ground to completely envelop Gu Qing Shan.

These crimson spikes seemed to have formed an isolated barrier where numerous visions manifested one after another, all of which displayed how Gu Qing Shan eliminated his past enemies.

The Qilin and the man stood outside the barrier, silently observing this.

[ How confident are you? | the Qilin asked in a low voice.

“Don’t worry sir, this person has killed too many living beings to even count, everyone he had ever killed will manifest as vengeful wraiths through my Divine Skill to take his life”

“Going through it a single time will cause numerous vengeful wraiths to swarm him—~ a normal person would definitely go insane, but I’m forcing him to go through it ten thousand times. Nobody would be able to endure this scene of endless murder, nor would they be able to endure so many vengeful wraiths, his mind will surely be overwhelmed”

“Once his mind is overwhelmed, the wraiths will consume his flesh body and pull him into hell— there is surely no escape” the man confidently explained.

The Qilin turned towards the crimson barrier.

Countless ghostly shadows moved endlessly, unceasing, uncountably, completely obscuring the inside of the barrier.

The Qilin silently nodded.

Without any changes, several breaths’ worth of time went by.

The man shouted: “It’s been ten thousand times, barrier disperse!”

All the crimson spikes instantly vanished without a trace.

Only Gu Qing Shan could be seen standing in the middle of the dust storm, his gaze completely undisturbed.

It was so silent around him that not the shadow of a single vengeful wraith could be seen.

“—That’s it?”

Gu Qing Shan curtly asked.

In the sky behind him, numerous bolts of Tribulation Lightning had already condensed into a sea of lightning, ready to descend at a moment’s notice.

The man nervously took a few steps back and spoke in disbelief: “That’s impossible— even the most ferocious demon could not endure being swarmed by so many vengeful wraiths!”

Gu Qing Shan propped his blade on the ground and sighed: “You should know, for those that I killed, I’ve never forgiven a single one of them even now— and I never will— so however many times you had them come at me, I’d kill them again that many times. I think they might resent you more than they resent me now, considering how you forced them to come at me”

“They should have pulled you into the 18 layers of Hell!” the man angrily screamed.

“That’s very true, if I won’t enter Hell, who would? But these vengeful wraiths didn’t have the courage to actually let me into Hell, so I had no choice but to stay here”

After saying that, Gu Qing Shan pointed his blade forward.

And the Tribulation Lightning in the sky descended with a bang...

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## Chapter 1733

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Lightning descended upon the earth like intense rain.

The ground shook intensely, completely baptized by the Tribulation Lightning.

'The projection of Huang Quan was struck by hundreds of bolts of Tribulation Lightning, unable to manifest itself any longer, it quickly vanished from the current world and gradually faded into the void of space.

Only the Qilin remained, still enduring the onslaught of Tribulation Lightning.

It constantly moved around, sometimes barely managing to avoid a bolt of lightning, other times struck by several bolts at once. Unable to endure for too long, it had no choice but to roar towards the sky.

[ Battle maniacs of the Samsara, Asura of wickedness, heed the call of Heaven and come to my aid! |

The Qilin called out.

A transparent figure quickly manifested while descending from above.

It was a man clad in a full suit of armor while wielding a halberd.

The man exuded ferocious fighting spirit as he manifested, laughing heartily: [ I'm always ready for a good fight! |

He paused in front of the Qilin, then took a careful look at Gu Qing Shan before gazing at the Tribulation Lightning in the sky.

[ This is Tribulation Lighting... in other words... |

The man suddenly turned around and complained with an irritated tone to the Qilin: | What the hell? Why did you summon us Asura for an internal conflict of the Heaven realm—~ in the end, you guys will just make peace and it's we Asuras who are left with a bad name J

[ Can't even enjoy the fight properly this way! |

The man angrily stormed off into the clouds and disappeared without a trace.

The Qilin was stunned.

Gu Qing Shan crossed his arms and chuckled: "This Asura is quite interesting"

Just now when the Asura saw the Heavenly Tribulation, he thought that this was an internal conflict of the Heaven realm.

Although the Asura are battle maniacs, they're not idiots. They know that there are some things they can't participate in.

ao this was like someone from outside barging into a fight between family members, if they came to mediate things, no one would blame them for anything.

But if the outsider came in to help adding fuel to the fire, once the family members have made up, they would instead hold a grudge against the outsider for not holding back.

This Asura is probably an expert fighter in more than one sense of the word.

After noticing what was going on, he immediately made the decision to not get involved in this sticky mess and backed off.

This is still one-on-one.

Gu Qing Shan took his bow out again, preparing to grab an arrow, but then noticed that the bowstring was already about to snap.

This bow was only a mortal weapon.

The fact that it managed to withstand Gu Qing Shan's use for so long without breaking was already quite the feat.

Gu Qing Shan sighed and took out his blade again.

no choice but to engage in melee.

Treading through the dust storm, he made his way towards the Qilin.

"I've never thought that I would be fighting against a Qilin and even killing it" he said.

The Qilin lowered its body while growling in a low voice, seemingly preparing itself to pounce.

T Laughable fool, do you really think you can kill me on your own? |

"Of course, now that everyone's strength is sealed, it's exactly the right opportunity to kill you"

Gu Qing Shan gradually accelerated, the arcs of lightning around his body continuously crackling.

Turning into a bolt of lightning, he vanished on the spot.

[Lightning Wraith]!

In an instant, numerous clanging chimes resounded from the Qilin's body.

A thunderous howl of pain escaped from the Qilin's mouth.

The bolt of lightning retreated a few dozen meters away, once again turning back into Gu Qing Shan.

"What tough skin"

He muttered.

He was still wielding the blade, but the cutting edge was already full of bumps.

Although the Qilin's strength had been sealed, it was still a Divine Beast of the Heaven realm, so it wouldn't be harmed by a piece of normal metal.



T You are no match for me, you can't even hurt me |

The Qilin mocked.

Bang!

A bolt of Tribulation Lightning descended from far above and struck its body like a cannonball.

As time went by, this simple bolt of Tribulation Lightning had gotten stronger by several times, so it literally blew the Qilin away.

Gu Qing Shan put both his bow and blade away, casually speaking: "Since everyone's strength is currently sealed, you and I can only use our Samsara Divine Skills to fight, but your Samsara Divine Skill seemed to be of no use"

The Qilin got back on its feet while keeping a close eye on him.

ao this guy is even harder to deal with than I had thought.

Gu Qing Shan was also keeping a close eye on the Qilin, silently trying to predict its next move.

In the battle up to this point, it has summoned beings from the Human realm, Huang Quan realm, and Asura realm to help it in battle.

There's nobody in the Wraith realm.

Then, its Divine Skill could only summon those from the Beast King realm and Heaven realm now?

ao no, since it directly manifested from the wolf old man's severed head, perhaps it's already used up this kind of summoning power?

Otherwise, how could it have manifested from a severed head?

Or maybe... this Qilin has some other unknown techniques?

It definitely doesn't!

Li An had already explained how she was a special case among the Chosen Saints, having gambled the survival of the entire Tianma race in order to retain more power than normal.

This Qilin isn't a unique existence like the Tianma race, so it shouldn't possess as many abilities.

7-4 it should be the same as the other Chosen Saints, only capable of wielding a single Samsara Divine Skill.

From what I know so far, during this period after the Samsara's reset, Samsara Divine Skills can continuously evolve and be upgraded.

Even the five-headed monster had said something similar:

[ A Samsara Divine Skill? How regretful that it's such a low level that it can't even tickle me |

Additionally, [Mountain Wraith] had also evolved into [Lightning Wraith].

a lot of factors had all but confirmed my conjectures.

Which means, the Qilin should only have a single Samsara Divine Skill, which it can use to summon Combatants from each various Samsara realm to help it fight.

Just like how it summoned the Asura, it should be able to summon the wolf old man under normal circumstances.

But it had now instead manifested from the wolf old man's body.

This can be considered a form of reverse summoning.

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so it had already expended its chance to summon a supporter from the Beast King realm!

Among the six realms, it can no longer summon from the Human realm, Huang Quan realm, Asura realm, Beast King realm, and Wraith realm.

The only realm remaining that the Qilin can summon from is the Heaven realm.

But it still hasn't attempted this.

In that case, perhaps the reverse summoning was most likely considered summoning a Heaven realm entity – itself.

That's why it hasn't attempted to summon any other helpers, it already used up its Divine Skill!

Feeling assured, Gu Qing Shan drew his blade away.

“again!”

He shouted, the arcs of lightning around his body once again started crackling.

— if I want to kill it, this is exactly my best chance!

Seeing how Gu Qing Shan was full of killing intent, the Qilin turned its gaze towards the condensing Tribulation Lightning in the sky once again, the look on its face gradually changing.

In that instant, it suddenly saw something that it hadn't seen before.

It saw Gu Qing Shan standing on top of a giant hand dripping in blood, behind which two strange insects stood—

They had the faces of humans, but their bodies were insectoid.

Countless golden runes manifested from their bodies before ascending into the void of space and fading away.

The Qilin was silently shocked, followed by a creeping sense of fear.

At the same time, a line of bloody red text swiftly appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan's vision:

[Lord of Horror (elementary) has taken effect]

A good chance!

Gu Qing Shan immediately prepared to act—

[ Wait! ]

The Qilin practically screamed out.

“What else do you want?” Gu Qing Shan smirked and asked.

[ There’s no meaning to continue this. I originally wanted to take you back to the Heaven realm since you’re a stray Chosen Saint of the Heaven realm, but since you’re being uncooperative, forget it righteous tone.

~ after all, I don’t like forcing people into anything ] the Qilin explained with an extremely

Gu Qing Shan looked closely at it.

wor—H what is this guy trying to do?

[ Young man, let me ask you, why haven’t you returned to the Heaven realm yet? ] the Qilin asked gently.

Gu Qing Shan answered with a quiet tone: “I lost my memories”

A look of realization dawned on the Qilin’s face.

T So that was the reason, you don’t remember anything at all? ] it asked again, still unsure.

“That’s right, I forgot a lot of things. I can’t even remember what kind of weapon I frequently used” Gu Qing Shan casually answered.

ie this is the truth.

But it was only the truth before I regained my memories.

T No wonder you haven’t returned to the Heaven realm, but since you’ve lost your memories... ] the Qilin seemed to be pondering something.

It started chanting something before taking an item from the void of space.

The Qilin held the item between its claws and explained: [ This is a badge leading into the Heaven realm. Take it, then if you want to return to the Heavenly Palace later on, you can go by yourself ]

Gu Qing Shan looked at what it was holding.

Only to see that it was a metallic cube that was continuously counting down.

There was only an LED screen on the outside of the cube.

A series of numbers was clearly counting down on the screen:

[01:00]

[00:59]

[00:58]

Seeing what it was, Gu Qing Shan was speechless.

However, he had to say something, otherwise, the other party would feel suspicious.

“I see some blinking lights on that badge, what do they mean?” he curiously asked.

[ You don’t understand, this is a kind of Merit and positional calculator, you won’t understand the significance of it until you return to the Heavenly Palace | the Qilin answered.

“So that’s what it was, what an intricate and extraordinary creation” Gu Qing Shan praised.

The Qilin’s gaze seemed decided as it continued to explain: [ This is the proof of identity for the Star River General position of the Heaven realm, a very high position. I’m going to give it to you, then you can decide whether or not you want to use it. Perhaps you’ll understand how precious it is after you regain your memories |

It tossed the metallic cube towards Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan used the back of his blade to skillfully catch the cube.

The number on the LED screen was still counting down:

[00:33]

(00:32)

(00:31)

ine ‘seems like this Qilin has run out of options as well.

Gu Qing Shan muses: “Thank you for your gift, but I don’t have anything precious to give you in return, what to do

[ It’s ok, don’t worry about it | the Qilin quickly told him: [ I only descended here temporarily, so I can’t remain for very long. If you have any questions, ask quickly and I’ll answer |

—) it’s trying to buy time.

Gu Qing Shan understood that perfectly and asked: “When can the Chosen Saints fully regain their strength?”

The Qilin answered: [ When the Human realm has stabilized, it should be soon |

Gu Qing Shan pursued the question: “Then when will the Human realm stabilize?”

[ Once the five main Elements and five mutated Elements have all been established, it will have stabilized | the Qilin patiently explained.

It glanced towards the metallic cube.

Good!

This guy will definitely die!

He must be killed without question!

While the Qilin was silently encouraging itself, it suddenly noticed that the metallic cube was gone. Sie and the one holding it as well.

[ Huh? Where is he? | it couldn't help but call out.

An arc of lightning appeared behind its back for a split second.

Gu Qing Shan had reappeared in a crouched position, silently placing the metallic cube on the Qilin's back.

——| (Lightning Wraith)!

## **Chapter 1734**

**Translator:** La0o9

The shockwaves could be felt all the way from here.

The snowy wind was blowing straight towards them.

It was almost an entire minute later that the explosion had completely subsided.

T What exactly just happened? | the humanoid snake monster asked nervously.

“We'll talk later” Gu Qing Shan replied.

He turned into a bolt of lightning again, traversing a large distance in almost an instant to return to the site of the blast.

——4 the entire mountain range had been completely leveled, the charred ground was totally open without any obstacles to obscure one's sight.

Only a large black body silently lay motionlessly on the ground.

The Qilin!

“Is it dead?” Gu Qing Shan muttered and slowly took a step forward.

Observing the Qilin's corpse, he fell into thought.

The deathly silence continued for miles in every direction.

No one knew what he was thinking.

suddenly——

Clang!

He drew his blade again, nimbly brandishing it in the wind.

This was a normal blade from the mortal realm, so it had already been heavily damaged during his battles up to this point, the cutting edge of the blade was practically covered in uneven chips and bumps.

and even if the Qilin was already dead, this blade wouldn't be able to cause any damage to its body.

Gu Qing Shan blew a whistle and lightly placed the edge of the blade on the Qilin's body.

Ching!

With a clear chime, the blade drew an arc across the air.

Arcs of light-blue lightning sparkled from Gu Qing Shan's body as he continuously swung his blade against the Qilin's body.

That was right.

He was slashing a dead body.

Time slowly passed.

The Tribulation Lightning manifested in the sky once again, hovering as crackling balls of light.

As Gu Qing Shan continued to swing, these balls of light gradually gathered together once again, almost like they were forming a vast sea of stars.

oo Wraith realm Divine Skill, (Lightning Wraith)!

[Lightning Wraith: Your body turns into lightning, your speed as great as any bolt of lightning, unobstructed by any magical barriers. In battle, Tribulation Lightning will descend to help you, the longer you fight, the more powerful the Tribulation Lightning will become]

Gu Qing Shan tirelessly swung the blade.

Then swung some more!

And then some more!!!

As time continued to pass, the Tribulation Lightning in the sky also gradually changed.

Some lightning that was dark-purple and crimson in color also started to manifest.

Unlike the previous bolts of Tribulation Lightning, the power of these kinds of lightning was obviously different.

At this point, not even the Qilin's body could remain motionless anymore.

The body suddenly leapt several meters into the air and hurriedly retreated a great distance.

The Qilin was actually still alive!

It was breathing heavily, staring closely at Gu Qing Shan with a cautious gaze.

From how its body was filled with wounds, it was obviously injured quite severely during the explosion earlier.

The Qilin questioned with a heavy voice: [ What excellent eyes! How did you know that I was faking my death? ]

Gu Qing Shan answered: "I didn't"

[ Then why did you not leave? | the Qilin asked with a confused tone.

"You're a special case, being able to reverse summon yourself using only a severed head as a catalyst, so I would naturally not judge your survival using normal standards—

Gu Qing Shan pointed his blade towards the sky.

The Tribulation Lightning swiftly descended and began to gather around his blade, manifesting into a 10-meter blade of Tribulation Lightning.

"To ensure that the battle was definitely won, I had to confirm that you were actually dead"

Gu Qing Shan's killing intent began to condense again——

Right away, the Qilin called out: [ Wait! ]

"You want to leave your last words?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

The Qilin replied: [I only joined the Heaven realm to feed myself, if you're willing to spare my life, I'd naturally repay you accordingly ]

Gu Qing Shan carefully observed it.

Its body was clearly dripping with blood, its scales charred black by the explosion earlier, barely managing to stand up.

wn—— it doesn't have the strength left to fight.

Serves you right.

That's what you get for using a bomb of that caliber.

Ruthless people should expect to be on the receiving end of the same ruthlessness.

"Ah, what benefits can you offer me?" Gu Qing Shan chuckled and asked.

The lightning blade was slowly lowered but was still propped right at the Qilin's neck.

The destructive aura that the blade was giving off caused the Qilin to feel goosebumps all over.

The Qilin hurriedly smiled amicably: [ I am the Divine Beast in charge of wealth, so I have plenty of treasures in my reach, sir ]

It snuck a glance at Gu Qing Shan's expression, only to see that he didn't show even the slightest bit of excitement, on the contrary, he appeared bored and dejected instead.

7-4 why would you make that funeral expression when you're offered money?

What a strange person.

The Qilin was extremely nervous, unsure whether or not it could actually survive.

Gu Qing Shan regained his calm and said

“Other than money, do you have anything else you can offer me?”

The Qilin answered right away: [ I’m very familiar with matters of the Beast King realm and Heaven realm, you can ask me anything you want to know |

Gu Qing Shan pondered: “Information huh... that doesn’t sound too bad”

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Lines of bloody red text suddenly appeared in front of his eyes:

[It is carrying a low-level Apocalypse Sequence, provided by an Apocalyptic Envoy]

[Please maintain the power of Tribulation Lightning on your blade, I will use the channel of the Tribulation Lightning to devour that Sequence]

Gu Qing Shan’s eyes flickered.

Apocalyptic Envoy!

That’s right, the secret left by the frozen corpse within the [Traveler’s Key] did mention the corresponding information.

[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]

There are Apocalyptic Envoys hiding within the Samsara.

But I didn’t expect for there to be a Sequence left by an Apocalyptic Envoy on this Qilin.

99 Apocalypse Sequences!

Gu Qing Shan’s heart sank for a brief moment.

If there are Apocalyptic Envoys hiding in the Samsara, the Samsara might not necessarily be able to successfully reset.

They would definitely do everything in their powers to stop and sabotage this process!

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking, more bloody red text appeared in his vision:

[Confirmed the function of the opposing side’s Apocalypse Sequence]

[Its function is: Inter-phase Teleportation]

[The Sequence will use 10 seconds to assimilate that Apocalypse Sequence, this much time is required in order to prevent the owner of the Sequence from noticing the assimilation]

(Furthermore, the Divine Beast: Qilin is also activating the Phase Teleportation]

[The completion of the Sequence’s assimilation will coincide with the timing of the teleportation]



After reading these notifications, Gu Qing Shan turned to the Qilin again.

Only to see that the Qilin was still smiling flatteringly at him, not displaying any signs of having activated a teleportation power.

as if it's stalling for time again.

Gu Qing Shan immediately acted like he was deep in thought and asked: "Then explain to me a bit, why did the Samsara give each of us a Divine Skill, only to seal off all of our strength?"

Five seconds remain.

The Qilin slowly gave its answer: [ This is an extremely complicated issue, extraordinarily profound, and overall difficult to explain, but since you've asked, this one—- ]

It suddenly laughed maniacally and loudly declared: "[ Ahahaha, this Qilin would rather die than tell you the answer! ]

[ See you never! I will immediately report this to the Heavenly Palace to send more experts here to go after your life! ]

Ten seconds had passed.

Lines of bloody red text appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan's vision:

[Assimilation complete]

[It has lost the power of the Sequence, no longer capable of teleportation]

[The Sequence will fall back into slumber in order to save energy, up until you collect enough power for the Sequence]

After Gu Qing Shan finished reading, the bloody red text quickly faded away.

Only silence remained.

The Qilin was still there.

And so was Gu Qing Shan.

A cold breeze blew past the two of them.

The Qilin struggled to speak: [ That's impossible, how am I still here? ]

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

"Since you'd rather die than tell me, you can die now"

He slowly pushed the blade in his hand down.

A rip was slowly cut open over the Qilin's neck by the lightning blade.

In an instant, the Qilin was shocked by the lightning to the point that its mane became furrowed, its body shaking nonstop.

[ Wait! Sir! I'll talk! I'll talkkkkk!!! |

In a moment of survival, the Qilin hurriedly begged for forgiveness again.

The blade was pulled back slightly.

The Qilin quickly explained: [ Within the Samsara, countless living beings can grow stronger, but they can never obtain a Samsara Divine Skill, as Samsara Divine Skills were specifically prepared for Chosen Saints |

[ The Samsara wanted to use Merit to evaluate Chosen Saints, determining the positions of the Samsara's Deities through the degree of evolution of their Divine Skills |

Gu Qing Shan quickly realized what this meant and immediately said: "In other words, the heavenly beings, the Heavenly Emperor, as well as other Deities of the Samsara realms have all lost their Deific positions?"

The Qilin confirmed: [ Yes, the Divine Artifact one wields also represent their Deific positions, and since the Samsara had sealed all the Divine Artifacts away, none of the Chosen Saints retained their Deific positions |

[ If one cannot quickly collect Merit, once the Samsara begins the process of its judgement to reestablish the Deities and their positions... those who lose their Deific positions would surely lose the Divine Artifacts they originally wielded as well |

Gu Qing Shan immediately felt tense.

The Samsara Divine Artifact he originally wielded was the Six Paths Great Mountain sword!

This time, Gu Qing Shan was completely focused.

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword absolutely cannot be taken away, even if I have to fight my way through the Heavenly Palace and kill all of my opponents, I definitely cannot let Shannu be taken away.

2-4 from this moment onwards, I need to focus myself entirely on collecting Merit!

He silently made this resolution without showing a single thing on his expression, then spoke with a regretful tone after observing the Qilin for a long while: "Originally I just wanted to pry some information from you before letting you go, but since you've already played the fool in front of me so many times, I can't let you go just like this"

This Qilin was a clue—— a crucial lead relating to an Apocalyptic Envoy, so no matter what it did, Gu Qing Shan would not let it go.

"Prepare to die" Gu Qing Shan purposely lowered his voice.

The Qilin panicked and hurriedly begged: [ Sir, I'm very useful, I can collect and amass treasures, I also know a lot of secrets and intel, and I can also act as your legs]

"Oh?" Gu Qing Shan evaluated its expression.

[ That's right, this one knows how to fly— no, I mean, this little one is capable of flight, so wherever your grace wishes to go, your grace can ride me | the Qilin explained.

"I know how malicious you are, trying to give me a bomb, then faking your death, how could I ride on top of you?" Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

The Qilin was stunned, unable to help itself from observing its own charred body, then glanced at the lightning blade at its neck.

If I hadn't met you, did you think I would act like that?

Never mind the other things, you're calling me malicious.

wenenni do you not realize what your own personality is like?

Of course, it didn't dare to say these words out loud, unless it wanted to die.

The Qilin wracked its brain for a long while, trying to organize its words, then finally spoke in a careful tone: [ Sir, you can surely tell just how good our compatibility is in both combat and daily life, if I can support you in combat, you'd definitely be at least 1.5 times stronger than usual |

[ Sir, I beg you! ]

## **Chapter 1735**

**Translator:** La0o9

The blade of Tribulation Lightning was finally lifted.

The Qilin smiled flatteringly: [ Sir, I assure you that leaving me alive is the best possible choice, I'll provide you with all the support you'll ever need ]

It lightly left a bag of money that was half as tall as an adult human on the ground, then pushed it towards Gu Qing Shan in an unnoticeable manner.

Gu Qing Shan was indifferent, only reacting by lightly placing his hand over the bag.

In an instant, the entire bag shrunk down.

Seeing him taking the money, the Qilin couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief.

a—+ seems like I'm alive for now.

Gu Qing Shan didn't bother to say anything to the Qilin and instead turned his gaze towards the void of space.

A few lines of bloody red text had manifested in mid-air:

[You've earned enough money for another payment]

(The Book of the Sea had collected its debt]

[Attention, you've finished paying the debt of 1 day]

[You still owe the Book of the Sea wealth equivalent to 3000 years and 1 day]

(Do your best!)

Gu Qing Shan quickly skimmed over that without a single change in his expression.

Paying off the debt was not noteworthy.

‘What he was truly concerned with was the matter regarding the Divine Artifacts and Merit.

considering that it was related to Shannu, no amount of commitment would be excessive.

“Qilin, I have a question” Gu Qing Shan said.

I Please go ahead and ask, sir | the Qilin respectfully answered him.

“If one doesn’t earn enough Merit, they would lose their Divine Artifact— what if one earned too much Merit?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Then they would receive a more powerful Divine Artifact and a higher Deific position | the Qilin answered.

Gu Qing Shan raised an eyebrow: “What if the Chosen Saint doesn’t want a more powerful Divine Artifact and instead only wants their original weapon?”

[ Don’t want a more powerful weapon? Would there be such a moron? ] the Qilin tilted its head and asked.

“Just answer the question” Gu Qing Shan replied.

T No one could possibly know the answer to this. As the Human realm has yet to be fully established, no one could know something so far ahead in the future yet-

not even the Heavenly Palace | the Qilin answered.

Gu Qing Shan fell silent.

Just thinking about the possibility of losing the Six Paths Great Mountain sword was causing him extreme anxiety, which only further increased the more he thought about it, causing him to be unable to calm down.

“What’s the best way to collect a huge amount of Merit?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

[ Outside, the only thing to do is kill Elemental monsters, but if one has a chance to enter the Elements War Zone, there are other things that they can resolve | the Qilin answered.

“For example?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

[ For example, the Apocalypses that remained within the Samsara, powerful monsters from the Boundless Void, or even the traitorous races during the previous Samsara war. All of them are issues that the Samsara wants resolved, which Chosen Saints can attempt to earn Merits | the Qilin explained.

“Is that so, I understand—”

Gu Qing Shan pulled his blade and continued: “Now, I want you to make a Samsara vow to follow me from now on and never betray me, then I’ll spare your life”

The Qilin sighed: [ Fine, I'd rather betray the Heavenly Palace than to lose my Chosen Saint qualifications |

Shu!

The scales on its chest suddenly broke open, causing blood to spill all over the ground.

The Qilin confusedly looked down.

Only to see a blob of flesh wiggling within its chest cavity.

The blob of flesh quickly transformed into an insect with two transparent wings and a colorful body.

The insect was only as small as a finger, but the Qilin was completely suppressed by it.

The Qilin's expression was changing constantly, displaying anger mixed with regret and fear.

It suddenly looked at Gu Qing Shan and screamed out: [ Save me! HURRY AND SAVE ME! ]

"How do I save you?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

He looked at the small insect, sensing a deep ominous feeling from it.

But before the Qilin even gave an answer, the colorful insect uttered a sharp and curt cry:

f Traitor of the Heavenly Palace, die! |

With that cry, the insect crawled back into the Qilin's chest while the part of its body that was on the outside suddenly transformed into a pair of razor-sharp blades.

The Qilin's expression became frozen.

It suddenly spat up blood and spoke in a discontinuous voice: [ ... I... I just wanted to survive... ]

The Qilin's body was abruptly ripped in half, spilling its blood everywhere before falling to the ground with a 'thud'.

—4 it was dead, just like that.

Gu Qing Shan silently observed this scene while feeling a cold sweat building up on his back.

See some sort of monster was crawling out from the Qilin's stomach.

It looked no different from a human except its arms, which were a literal pair of blades.

T ...Traitors of the Heavenly Palace... will die without exception! ]

The monster stared closely at Gu Qing Shan without concealing its killing intent at all.

Gu Qing Shan lightly swung his blade.

The Tribulation Lightning on the blade immediately roared with a thunderous bang.

"You kill one and out comes another, when is this going to end?" Gu Qing Shan sighed.

T You're getting ahead of yourself, I'll be sending you to Huang Quan right here and now! J the monster's figure flashed and vanished from where it was standing.

Fast!

Gu Qing Shan turned into a bolt of lightning and instantly moved to avoid his enemy's attack.

f Trying to run? J

The monster called out, also transforming into a streak of light that closely gave chase behind the bolt of lightning.

The two entities of light began to circle around the Qilin:

's body, their speed both reaching a similar limit, unable to reach the other.

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"--Who told you I wanted to run!?"

Gu Qing Shan abruptly turned around and swung his blade with all his strength towards the monster!

It reacted extremely quickly and instantly used one of its blade arms to receive the blow---

Clang!

The sound of metal clashing reverberated throughout the void of space.

With countless arcs of lightning dispersing around him, the blade in Gu Qing Shan's hand was broken in half.

Some of the arcs of lightning lingered around the monster's body before finally dispersing as well.

It was clearly a direct hit, but the monster was completely unfazed.

a-- the Tribulation Lightning was ineffective?

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit shocked.

At this point, his bow was close to snapping, and his blade was already broken, so he had no weapons he could use.

On the other hand, the monster seemed to have faced a tough issue as well.

T This is real Tribulation Lightning? Could you be a stray heavenly being...? No, you are definitely not a heavenly being, then who exactly are you? J

The monster stared closely at Gu Qing Shan, its thoughts completely indiscernible from its expression.

Meanwhile, Gu Qing Shan tilted his head a bit to take a closer look at the Qilin's body.

noo although this Qilin was an enemy, it had surrendered itself to me in the end.

Also wanted to take it under my wings, but I didn't think that it would die just like that.

on from the Qilin's reaction just now, it also didn't know that it was carrying this thing.

If this is the Heavenly Palace's handiwork—

Then they don't trust even their own men, readily eliminating them as soon as the slightest hint of abnormality.

Such an organization must have already made countless preparations.

Even if the Samsara had stripped the heavenly beings of their Deific positions, it wouldn't have affected the Heavenly Palace much at all, at least, not until the day that all Deific positions are reestablished.

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking this, a voice resounded in his ears:

T This malicious power... it's a Heavenly Devourer Gu Insect! |

Seal this was the Samsara Delimitation Divine Sword's voice!

Gu Qing Shan immediately asked: "Are you awake?"

T Hm, after sensing the power of the Heavenly Devourer Gu Insect, I woke up—~ listen to me, you are currently in an extremely bad situation, it's impossible for you to deal with this fellow in front of you | the Samsara Delimitation Divine Sword told him.

"T feel like we're evenly matched" Gu Qing Shan refuted.

[ It has the ability to summon the heavenly beings of the Heavenly Palace, ignoring the distance between realms | the Samsara Delimitation Divine Sword explained.

Alright, if that's the case, I really am no match" Gu Qing Shan accepted.

I That's why, prepare to run | the Samsara Delimitation Divine Sword informed him.

Gu Qing Shan felt surprised.

He suddenly noticed that he was holding something cold and hard in his hand.

an— a fragment of the Divine Sword.

"What are you doing?" Gu Qing Shan curiously asked.

T I'm covertly absorbing the power within the Qilin's blood. Its blood contains the spiritual power of the Samsara, which can supply me with some Samsara Origin power—- after which I would be able to take you with me and flee | the Samsara Delimitation Divine Sword explained.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at the ground.

He saw the red-stained dirt on the ground gradually turned a dull grey color.

[ If you want to live, stall for a bit more time | the Samsara Delimitation Divine Sword sent its voice to him.

Gu Qing Shan turned his attention towards his opponent.

Only to see the monster had now spread a nearly-transparent pair of bird wings behind its back.

“I think I know who you are already, after all... you are one of those that definitely must be killed...” the monster muttered in a low voice.

Gu Qing Shan instantly felt immense killing intent being emitted from the monster once again.

In this situation, the only choice is to fight.

My opponent is a true killing machine!

Gu Qing Shan sighed heavily: “You people, I kill one and out comes another, you were the one that started this”

He raised the half-broken blade again.

In the sky, a crimson bolt of Tribulation Lightning descended onto the broken blade, manifesting into a crimson blade.

— Soul Eradicating Lightning.

This type of lightning was stronger than the rest.

Gu Qing Shan shifted into a fighting stance as arcs of lightning gradually crackled from his body.

“Soul Eradicating Lightning?”

The monster spoke in a mocking voice: [ Seems like it is you. You’re completely clueless about what you actually face, you aren’t the other target we’re looking for ]

“Who are you looking for?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Less nonsense, your time of death is nigh! ” the monster declared.

Several dozen rays of light began to separate from its body, which manifested a natural formation in the void of space—

Fwoom!

Spatial fluctuations could be felt emanating from the formation.

In an instant, numerous heavenly beings appeared out of thin air.

These heavenly beings filled all the space within their surroundings, completely encircling Gu Qing Shan and the monster without leaving a single gap.

Each of them exuded a presence similar in strength to the monster that Gu Qing Shan had just fought.

One of the heavenly beings dressed in official clothing stood in the void of space, declaring towards him from above: “We’ve finally caught you, Chosen Saint of the Wraith realm, Gu Qing Shan!”

Gu Qing Shan looked around himself.

As the void of space has been completely surrounded, there’s no room to escape at all.

Gu Qing Shan asked in a whisper: “Done?”



T We're going now, don't speak | the Samsara Delimitation Divine Sword's voice resounded in his ears.

Before it finished speaking, the world around them was already gone.

Gu Qing Shan now found himself standing in the middle of vast nothingness.

He couldn't see anything around him at all, but he could hear and feel the howling wind constantly blowing by his ears.