

Apocalypse

Chapter 1737 Tricks

Perhaps noticing that something was going wrong, the shadows in the fog started to dart around while constantly approaching Gu Qing Shan.

Li An called out right away:

[Be careful, the Tianma killing voice is coming!]

As if to confirm her words, a faint female voice echoed from the fog, chanting in a melodious voice: [Souls return to their origin, may yours— J

But Gu Qing Shan also declared with a grand voice at the same time: “YO~~ everybody gather around!”

A loud sonic boom dispersed from his body.

Jiu jiu juuu~ jiu jiu juuu~

Jiu ju ju ju ju~

Gu Qing Shan began to stomp his feet to the beat.

Shaking his hip.

Cracking his neck.

His footwork displayed both grace and flexibility.

In the fog, the female voice couldn't only attempt to continue singing after being cut off earlier: [Kings as they go to their grave— J

The ground began to break open—

“Ahaha, brothers, come out and dance with me!”

Gu Qing Shan reached his arm forward and snapped, shouting loudly as he did.

The ground closed back up.

It then broke open again as skeletons emerged one after another, all of which were standing behind him.

The numerous skeletons appeared almost like a unified dance troupe, all following Gu Qing Shan's dance steps as they shook their skeletal heads to the music.

The Murder Dance Troupe had arrived!

The Tianma's technique was completely dispelled, but that wasn't the end of it—

“Dancers of the River of Death, wave your arms, follow my movements—~ ”

Gu Qing Shan heavily clapped his hands, at which point the skeletons behind him began to settle themselves into a formation, lowered their stances, and then started shaking their hips as well.

The sound of electronic music washed over the fog like a tidal wave.

The dance stage was now—

w—- goddamn lit!!!

Against such a grand showing, the Tianma's voices were completely overwhelmed, even the fog had already dispersed by more than half, the terrifying dark shadows from earlier were now becoming faint and illusory.

Although the scene carried a somewhat mortifying presence to it, it was still, without a doubt, a song and dance battle.

Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief, still feeling a bit fearful.

The Tianma are entities who feast upon souls.

If I didn't possess the Living Being Sacrificial Dance—

Then my outcome would have been unimaginably terrible.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly fell down to one knee and started breathing heavily.

As his strength was currently sealed, his stamina was quite lacking if he wanted to perform a complete Death Match Dance.

All but a little bit of his stamina was drained, and his extremities were starting to tremble slightly.

— these were the early signs of exhaustion.

Gu Qing Shan's eyes hurriedly scanned through everything he could in an attempt to search for the Wraith realm shelter's entrance.

Suddenly, he noticed a stone gate that was tightly shut, sitting a few hundred meters away.

This is probably my last chance.

In that instant, right as Gu Qing Shan was about to make his move, a figure appeared from deep within the fog.

A familiar figure.

"Third brother!" a young girl cried out.

Gu Qing Shan's entire body shook and called out: "Xiu Xiu, is that you?"

The young girl responded from within the fog: "Third brother, it's me! Come and save me, hurry!"

Gu Qing Shan whispered: "Li An! Is this a Tianma technique as well?"

f It isn't! J Li An answered right away.

Arcs of lightning began to manifest around Gu Qing Shan's body as he suddenly stood up and called out: "Xiu Xiu! Don't move, brother will come save you right away!"

Suddenly, another voice called out from the fog: "Wait! Gu Qing Shan, you can't go!"

Gu Qing Shan turned around, only to see that it was Qin Xiao Lou whose entire body was soaked in blood, motionlessly sitting behind a boulder.

"Senior brother?" Gu Qing Shan was shocked.

Qin Xiao Lou called out with all his strength: "That isn't Xiu Xiu! Hurry and go!"

Gu Qing Shan asked in a solemn tone: "Xiao Lou, why are you injured all over? What happened?"

"I've been waiting here for you this entire time, but what I ran into instead was that monster—it's impersonating Xiu Xiu in order for you to not enter the shelter, so hurry up and go!" Qin Xiao Lou shouted.

"What about you?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Don't worry about me!" Qin Xiao Lou shook his head.

After saying that, he coughed up some more blood before falling unconscious on the ground.

At this time, Xiu Xiu's cries resounded through the fog once again:

"Third brother... save..."

Her voice sounded like she was already on her final breaths.

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent for a few seconds before suddenly letting out a loud cry, transforming into a bolt of light-blue lightning.

{Lightning Wraith}!

The bolt of lightning flashed and arrived in front of the stone gates in an instant.

Gu Qing Shan placed his hand on the gates.

Cha-kink— — —

The gates opened

The inside was a narrow pathway that led deeper into the darkness.

There was nothing but empty abysses on both sides of the pathway, so deep that no one could tell where the bottom was, but there was clearly no way to climb back up, including the relatively flat walls on either side.

Right as Gu Qing Shan was about to go inside, a sorrowful voice cried out from the fog once again:

"Third brother, save me!"

Gu Qing Shan coldly glanced behind himself before walking inside.

Blam!

The stone gates slowly closed back up.

It became completely dark, even the sound and noise outside had been isolated.

Neither the howling wind nor Xiu Xiu's cries for help could be heard anymore.

Gu Qing Shan looked up, tracing his gaze along the walls, only to see nothing above him but darkness.

iii there was also nothing but darkness below the pathway, no bottom to be seen.

This place seemed to have been built on the inside of the mountain range, while the mountain range itself was hollow.

Li An suddenly asked: [ff Just now, why didn't you save them? J

Gu Qing Shan replied: "That was my only chance to escape the difficult situation earlier, and Xiu Xiu appeared right at that time, not a second too late or too early, did you think I should have saved her?"

[What if things just coincided that way? J Li An asked.

would have only saved her if she did not call out for help" Gu Qing Shan replied.

[For what reason? J Li An questioned.

Because that's the kind of person my junior sister is" Gu Qing Shan answered.

In the past, before Xie Dao Ling became the powerhouse she was, Xiu Xiu had rather endured countless forms of tortures than to expose Xie Dao Ling's whereabouts.

If she had fallen into a predicament in the same place as Gu Qing Shan, she definitely would not have called out for help and instead would have kept silent so that Gu Qing Shan escaped first!

That was the kind of person Xiu Xiu is!

[If your junior sister had been fake, wouldn't your Second brother had been telling the truth? He's so severely injured that he's fallen unconscious, if there's no one to rescue him, he would probably die soon J Li An commented again.

Gu Qing Shan leaned on the stone gates with an indifferent expression.

"Li An, you should keep something well in mind"

[What is it? J

n this world, those who truly understand how to toy with people's hearts would always use one very basic trick"

[And that is?]

"To employ at least two different layers"

[I... don't understand... J

“Xiu Xiu and Qin Xiao Lou both showed up in opposition of one another, which would have very easily led me to a false conclusion— one of them would have been an impersonating monster, while the other who pointed out the hidden monster would have been the real person, without a doubt”

[Was that not the case?]

“Of course not— if I had saved Xiu Xiu, then Xiu Xiu would have been the monster; if I had saved Xiao Lou, then Xiao Lou would have been the monster— in fact, while the situation looked like the two of them were on opposing sides, I would have taken the bait as soon as I made the decision to choose one among them”

Gu Qing Shan continued: “Xiu Xiu would definitely have not wanted me to risk my life to save her. Xiao Lou was someone who didn’t like to take risks, to cultivate, and valued his life very highly, so he wouldn’t have tried to kill Elemental monsters, nor would he make his way to the Elements War Zone— he wouldn’t have been strong enough to become a Chosen Saint anyways. In truth, I suspect he’s currently in search of Shifu as Shifu is the one who’s the pillar of his serenity, without Shifu, he’s most likely unsure of what to do”

“So both of those who appeared earlier couldn’t have been my brothers and sisters, but were monsters”

Gu Qing Shan appeared a bit angry, tightly clenching his fist as strong killing intent radiated from his body.

Li An noticed that right away.

She hurriedly explained: [Gu Qing Shan, we’ve formed a Tianma vow with you, so we would only support you, not interfere—]

“I know. That technique earlier didn’t come from any of you. I suspect that someone had taken over control of the entrance’s technique and activated it as I made my way down” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The sound of clapping hands could suddenly be heard coming from the darkness.

Someone spoke up from not too far away:

“How extraordinary, to be able to become the only successor of the Wraith realm, you truly are as remarkable as I expected”

Sha sha sha sha sha

A gust of wind carrying a malicious presence traveled through the air, causing a loud noise as it did.

Gu Qing Shan’s expression became solemn.

Ever since that voice rang out, he had completely regained his clarity and calm.

“So that little trick was yours?” he asked.

“Indeed” the voice answered.

aaannn something was slowly approaching him.

The killing intent emanating from Gu Qing Shan's body suddenly disappeared.

He calmly said: "No matter who you are, since you've impersonated my brother and sister to use them against me, I won't let this go easily"

"Oh?" the voice called out with interest: "But did you know that you're already going to die right here and now?"

Gu Qing Shan laughed and responded: "I personally feel like our battle had only just begun"

The voice mocked: "— even though you managed to see through that little trick earlier, you didn't realize that I was the one who specifically made the gates that you've entered. It wasn't the actual gates to the

Wraith realm's shelter, it only brought you in front of me"

A dim light began to illuminate the surroundings.

In front of him was nothing but a steep hill leading into nothingness.

And a monster was silently hovering outside of the hill.

Saeateiet strictly speaking, if one tried to accurately describe it, it couldn't be called 'a monster' either.

As its body carried numerous organs, heads, torsos, and extremities.

All of these parts had amalgamated to form a giant mash-up of monsters.

A ferocious presence radiated from the monster's body.

Observing it, Gu Qing Shan suddenly laughed again: "So outside of the trap was actually another trap— since the only path leads straight into your lair, you wouldn't be afraid of me running away"

"That's right, the stone gates were created through a unique secret technique, making it impossible for you to open it again in a short amount of time, so the only thing you can do is die right here!" the monster laughed out loud.

Gu Qing Shan looked closely at it and shook his head: "You indeed have a lot of tricks up your sleeves, but you also have a critical weakness"

"What is that?" the monster asked.

"You underestimate your enemy" Gu Qing Shan replied.

He stared straight at the monster and emphasized every word:

"Did you really think I'd arbitrarily enter an unknown place without any caution?"

The monster didn't say anything else.

Instead, it suddenly extended dozens of body parts of varying sizes to unleash different spells to attack Gu Qing Shan.

At the same time, Gu Qing Shan suddenly reached his hand up and punched himself in the chest.

wo—— Divine Sword, [Repel Evil]!

[Repel Evil: Send any target you strike flying through the air, the distance of the flight will be as far as you wish]

In an instant, Gu Qing Shan flew straight upwards along the towering walls on the side.

Boom!!!

As he flew, the spells had struck where he originally stood, causing loud and deafening noises.

Gu Qing Shan had already flown far away.

He was flying so fast that he appeared like a reverse shooting star, disappearing in the blink of an eye..