

Apocalypse

Chapter 1741 Master and disciple reunited

The entire world was currently covered in frost.

As well as deathly silence.

The frost giant looked at Gu Qing Shan, then at the woman before silently taking a few steps backwards.

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

Indeed, he could sense that the one in front of him was none other than Xie Dao Ling, the one and only Xie Dao Ling.

But why doesn't she remember me?

Did she lose her memories as well?

No...

When the Samsara Clash for Supremacy was supposed to have begun the first time, when the Heavenly Emperor wanted to confer Shifu the position of '6th consort', he implied that if she agreed, he would release her past life incarnation's soul fragment.

Shifu also said that a fragment from her past life incarnation's soul was within the Heavenly Emperor's hand.

Could it be---

The 'Shifu' in front of me is actually Shifu's soul fragment? Or perhaps her past incarnation?

Gu Qing Shan felt a small headache.

He understood the concepts of 'past incarnation' and 'present incarnation', he had also personally traveled through time, he knew about the fact that Bai Hua Fairy Xie Dao Ling was capable of summoning millions of incarnations and acting as an entire country on her own.

But he had never thought that Xie Dao Ling would be able to create a literal past incarnation of herself despite separating the two lives.

The woman stood in the middle of the shattered shackles, after moving her body around a bit, she narrowed her eyes and looked at Gu Qing Shan again.

"You said that you are my disciple, do you have any proof of identities?" she asked.

Gu Qing Shan replied right away: "The Earth Sword---

Wait.

The Earth sword was part of her life after reincarnating into Xie Dao Ling.

Everything I came into contact with was things that happened to her present life incarnation

...Maybe Thaumaturgies can awaken through different lives?

Gu Qing Shan quickly corrected himself and said: “My master is capable of Million Incarnations”

“Million Incarnations is only a minor technique, I am not the only one who commands it” the woman calmly replied. Gu Qing Shan wracked his brain and respectfully added: “Shifu’s an expert in the art of taking without asking, the best in the world”

The woman frowned.

“That is also a minor art, it can’t be considered a true capability” she evaluated Gu Qing Shan and asked: “What else is there?”

Gu Qing Shan could sense that he had somewhat convinced her and continued: “Shifu remembers a lot of details regarding the Samsara, always capable of recalling extraordinary secrets and advanced secret arts whenever she observes something”

The woman muses: “Have I ever taught you anything?”

“Shifu frequently says that our Bai Hua sect is a family, it isn’t a regular sect” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Is there anything else?” the woman asked.

“Don’t offend beautiful women who also wield immense power, or I would regret it” Gu Qing Shan answered.

The woman didn’t ask anything else after hearing that.

On the other hand, the frost giant was listening to them from a little bit further away and muttered to himself: (That makes perfect sense...) Gu Qing Shan was afraid that she was still unconvinced and continued: “I once traveled back to the Age of Immemorial and witnessed the descent of the Samsara, at which point I heard your voice”

“What did I say?” the woman asked. Gu Qing Shan started recalling as he answered: “For today’s plan, I had no choice but to use the aura of this Apocalypse to camouflage and prevent other Apocalypses from arriving, stalling enough time for the Samsara fragments to fly through” “This must be kept an absolute secret, all living beings must not have a single bit of this memory or else insurmountable calamity would ensue. The Worlds’ Apocalypse would also manifest and end this world as well”

The woman’s expression became determined and spoke: “You must be someone who knows me very well, but regarding who you are exactly, I am still not sure”

She continued: “At that time, I had already finished what I needed to do and was about to enter Huang Quan for reincarnation, but I was discovered by the Heavenly Emperor—— he had been waiting for that exact moment from the very beginning, for the exact moment that I run out of power in order to capture me. Having no other choice, I could only leave this incarnation to stall him while my main soul escapes into Huang Quan and reincarnate”

“So that’s what happened” Gu Qing Shan had an epiphany

He also felt a bit relieved.

—the fact that Shifu was willing to explain what happened means that she has already started to trust me.

The woman continued: “In truth, I’ve already believed 30% of your words since you and your companion had destroyed the sealing tower to release me; furthermore, as everything you mentioned had relations to me, you certainly seem like my present life incarnation’s disciple” “I am your disciple” Gu Qing Shan insisted.

“Very well” the woman rubbed her chin a bit before taking out a turtle shell and tapping it with her finger.

White patterns began to appear on the shell of the turtle to form an irregular-shaped rune.

The woman examined the rune a bit and said: “From divination, it can be seen that you have the Great Earthen Virtue— it can sustain all, birth all, protect all things and all living beings, so as you make the request, all entities and non-entities within the Boundless Void would come to your aid. We must take advantage of the period while this protection still persists to quickly leave this

place”

Understanding that she was referring to (True Luck), Gu Qing Shan asked:

“This place has already been destroyed, what is there to be afraid of?”

The woman held up the turtle shell in one hand while quickly forming various seals with the other: “Your companion’s power has been completely spent, and your own powers have been sealed. Once the heavenly beings returned or the Heavenly Emperor notices what had happened here, we would not be able to leave any longer”

Gu Qing Shan looked behind him.

Shroud was sitting practically sprawled on the ground, trying his best not to breathe too heavily.

—destroying the sealing tower had expended all of Shroud’s powers.

“I can sense the link of summoning from his body, it’s best that you end the summoning so that he can return to rest” the woman said.

“Shroud, what do you say?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The frost giant wiped some sweat from his forehead and smirked: (I’m just a bit drained of my stamina, it’s fine. If the Heavenly Emperor arrives, I’ll be ready to teach him a lesson or two)

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent.

This attitude... has clearly proven a certain

fact...

He stepped forward and lightly pushed the frost giant with his hand.

Thud!

The frost giant collapsed like an unstable stack of bricks.

“Go back and rest” Gu Qing Shan resolutely said.

He dispelled [Moon Invitation] without delay.

The frost giant instantly vanished without a trace.

An arrogant voice still echoed from the void of space: [Not yet, I can still fight at least ten more—!]

The voice slowly faded away.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head and turned to the woman.

“If I can’t call you Shifu... how should I refer to you?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

He really didn’t know how to face her.

On one hand, she was indeed Xie Dao Ling; but on the other hand, she was ‘her’ before she took in any disciples, the ‘her’ from a previous life.

“What is my present incarnation’s name ?” the woman asked.

“Xie Dao Ling” Gu Qing Shan replied. “That’s a decent name, then you can simply refer to me as such” the woman decided.

“But—”

“What’s the matter?”

“That’s the name of my Shifu”

“Am I not your Shifu?”

“You are my Shifu’s previous life’s incarnation”

“Then am I or am I not your Shifu?”

“...You are”

“Alright, then call me Shifu” “Shifu”

“Hm, very good, now what are you called?”

“Gu Qing Shan”

“Dear disciple, let us go”

“Where should we go?”

“Let’s not worry about where we should go— as you are currently a Chosen Saint, your powers must have already been sealed, so do you have a method to leave?” Xie Dao Ling asked him in return.

Gu Qing Shan was stunned.

Earlier, it was Shroud who took me here by sneaking through.

Now that Shroud isn't here, if I tried to move through the barrier, those heavenly beings would notice me right away.

Not to mention I'm also accompanied by an actual living person this time around.

"I don't think I have any solutions, do you have anything in mind?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Do you think that your master would somehow not have any options?" Xie Dao Ling asked him in return.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't reply to that and sighed: "...Shifu, you and your present life incarnation were truly cut from the exact same sheet"

Xie Dao Ling began to walk ahead without turning around and said: "Let's go, we're going to look for a few Samsara treasures first"

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"What use is there for treasures?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"My powers have basically disappeared, my only option is to borrow the power of Samsara treasures to perform techniques" Xie Dao Ling explained.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and unconsciously muttered: "Shifu, this entire sub-world itself is a treasure"

Xie Dao Ling stopped walking and happily replied: "Oh? This is a small Heavenly Grotto? That is quite enough"

She lightly pressed her hand on the ground and whispered a chant: "Metal-Wood-Water-Fire-Earth, come!"

Wind suddenly began to manifest from the ground, howling as it flew into the air before condensing around Xie Dao Ling.

She drew a rune with her fingers in mid-air and declared: "Human realm, manifest!"

In an instant, the silent frozen world vanished from Gu Qing Shan's vision.

Gu Qing Shan found himself standing in front of a restaurant.

Gu Qing Shan was shocked.

—I'm in the Human realm?

But I still haven't entered the Wraith realm's shelter yet!

Then again, now that the shelter's entrance is being surrounded like that, I can't enter even if I wanted to.

He sighed and looked next to himself.

Xie Dao Ling was standing with her hands clasped behind her back, currently looking up at the signboard of the restaurant.

“Dear disciple, this restaurant seems to be quite occupied, I suppose their services should barely qualify as passable. Your master supposes that you should be quite hungry already, so master has brought you here to eat” she casually declared.

—yep, that is very much Xie Dao Ling.

Gu Qing Shan silently thought to himself before replying: “Indeed, please go in first, Shifu”

Chapter 1742 Debt

Four trays of fruits, four cold dishes, eight sets of meat and alcohol, twelve portions of rice and side dishes.

A huge feast that took up the entire table.

The alcohol being served was also the most well-aged liquor they had. Two people sat across one another at the table.

Xie Dao Ling was eating slowly but earnestly.

Gu Qing Shan was thinking about the Wraith realm’s shelter, then about the heavenly beings, then about Merit. It wasn’t until Xie Dao Ling reminded him that the food was getting cold that he finally put those matters out of his mind.

—it feels wrong to be casually eating a meal like this right now.

But since Shifu had ordered so, let’s eat I guess.

“Here, Shifu, let me serve you” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Come, have a drink” Xie Dao Ling raised her cup.

“Shifu was imprisoned for a bit long, perhaps you should eat some more” Gu Qing Shan told her.

“That dish looks quite decent, bring the plate to me” Xie Dao Ling pointed at one of the side dishes.

“Yes”

Gu Qing Shan brought the plate over to her and commented: “The food here is indeed considered to be at a passable level”

“Oh? You seem to hold some pride regarding the art of spirit cooking?” Xie Dao Ling asked.

“Yes Shifu, in the past, it was always me and Second brother who were responsible for food in the sect” Gu Qing Shan answered.

“How are your skill levels?” Xie Dao Ling wondered.

“Second brother’s skills can easily be considered number one below this heaven. I was no match for him in the past, but right now, I should be at the same level as him” Gu Qing Shan casually explained.

This was the truth, and Gu Qing Shan wasn't exactly a humble person, so he didn't mind saying it out loud.

— in front of Xie Dao Ling, he was already used to talking his mind.

Even if this was Xie Dao Ling's previous life incarnation.

Hearing that, Xie Dao Ling put her chopsticks down.

"Does Shifu not want to eat anymore?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"I'm full already, let us go" Xie Dao Ling replied.

Gu Qing Shan reminded: "Shifu, we still haven't paid"

"Then go ahead and pay" Xie Dao Ling said.

"Shifu, I don't have any money to pay with" Gu Qing Shan helplessly told her. Xie Dao Ling was stunned when she heard that. "What's the matter?" she observed Gu Qing Shan and asked.

"There's no matter, I'm simply poor" Gu Qing Shan earnestly answered her.

The two of them both looked straight into the other's eyes and went silent.

— it was as if they had never ran into this issue ever before in their lives, and this was the very first instance of it.

"That can't be, is my sect perhaps very poor?" Xie Dao Ling pondered. "It's unrelated to the sect, the problem lies with me, I currently owe someone else a large sum of money..."

Gu Qing Shan explained the matter regarding the Book of the Sea to her.

Xie Dao Ling shook her head: "Dear disciple, you're still a bit too immature— take that book out, I'll talk to it"

Gu Qing Shan took out the Book of the Sea as instructed.

Xie Dao Ling then spoke to the Book of the Sea: "My disciple Gu Qing Shan owes you money equal to 3000 years and 1 day worth of his income, is that true?"

The Book of the Sea answered: (That is indeed true)

"Very well, I'll pay the money instead of him, so you can nullify his debt" Xie Dao Ling told the book without batting an eyelid.

[So you want to pay his debt for him?] the Book of the Sea asked.

"Indeed, he's only a disciple of my sect, how would he have money to pay you back? So I'll do it instead" Xie Dao Ling curtly answered.

The Book of the Sea thought briefly and replied: (Great, then from now on, you owe me 3000 years and 1 day worth of income) "What about him?" Xie Dao Ling asked. [He no longer owes anything] the Book of the Sea replied.

“Good, I want a contract to confirm this fact” Xie Dao Ling requested.

[No issue] the Book of the Sea answered.

Following the Book of the Sea’s words, a contract manifested out of thin air and silently hovered in front of Xie Dao Ling.

Xie Dao Ling read it, then nodded: “Indeed”

She traced her finger across the contract a bit, then retrieved it into her sleeve.

“Hm, that’s now done with—— dear disciple, you can put the book away now”

Gu Qing Shan put the Book of the Sea away, feeling emotional: “Shifu...”

“It’s nothing significant, only a bit of debt” Xie Dao Ling replied. “Yes!” Gu Qing Shan said.

But he was still a bit uneasy and asked: “Shifu, how do you intend to pay it back?”

“Pay it back? Why should I pay anything?” Xie Dao Ling asked.

Gu Qing Shan was stunned.

Xie Dao Ling coldly sneered: “It merely said a few words and managed to deceive you into owing it money for 3000 years, why should I

pay it?”

Gu Qing Shan asked: “Then are we going to ignore this debt?”

Xie Dao Ling calmly explained: “Money is a mortal object, one that has never gone through the hands of your master, so there are no issues even if we ignore it. However, as this is a contract you formed with someone else, it could harm the reputation of our sect”

“Then Shifu, you mean——”.

“When we arrived here earlier, I’ve already collected the sub-world belonging to those heavenly beings”

“Yes, but then what?” “That sub-world itself was a treasure, one that contains the soul vessel signature of a thousand and one heavenly beings, heavily guarding them—— unfortunately, they don’t know that all those treasures belong to me, which I had bestowed for them to use—— so now I’m going to use the sub-world in order to transfer the debt contract onto them”

“...Is that really ok?”

“And why would it not be? They were the ones who betrayed me in the past; and now even when the Samsara has been reset, they’re still clinging onto the glory of the past, wishing to stagnate in a quagmire instead of taking a single step forward. So now, I’m going to have them each take on three years of your debt, thus lessening their later punishment”

While she spoke, Xie Dao Ling took out the contract from earlier together with a jade orb that radiated chilling air.



The scenery of the sub-world could faintly be seen within the jade orb, while the chilling air was clearly Shroud's frost powers.

Xie Dao Ling held onto the jade orb with one hand while her other hand rapidly moved while tapping the contract.

She muttered: "Heed my order, aid from the three realms!"

In an instant, the contract scattered into glittering sprites of light as it was absorbed into the jade orb, gradually fading away.

Very quickly, the entire contract was gone.

Xie Dao Ling put the jade orb away and casually said: "It is done, now you can go ahead and pay"

"...Shifu"

"Are there any other issues?" "I'm not in debt anymore, but I'm still not carrying any money with me"

"Please don't worry Shifu, I'll go talk to the restaurant's owner for a bit"

Gu Qing Shan opened the door of the private room and quickly made his way downstairs.

Xie Dao Ling sat still and slowly drank the alcohol from her cup one sip at a time.

A few moments later.

Her expression slightly changed.

"A single spirit cooking recipe... was able to fetch such a huge sum of money... In that case, his spirit cooking skills are significantly higher compared to this restaurant..."

Xie Dao Ling muttered under her breath, her beautiful eyes slowly narrowed.

"...I need to think of a reason for him to make me some nice food..."

The sound of footsteps going up the stairs could be heard from outside.

Gu Qing Shan opened the door and smiled: "Shifu, the meal is paid for, we can go now"

Xie Dao Ling's expression became stern and solemnly declared: "Very well, let us go"

"Where are we heading, Shifu?"

"The Elements War Zone"

"Pardon?"

"You are the successor of the Wraith realm, where else would you go if not the Elements War Zone?"

"But there's a legion of heavenly beings surrounding that place, I'm afraid—"

“Hm, as my strength is currently nil, it certainly isn’t a good idea to alert the Heavenly Emperor before we find another place of shelter, but I have a way to take you inside”

At another location.

The Elements War Zone.

The entrance of the Wraith realm’s shelter. A thousand and one heavenly beings were standing in a war formation while exuding intense killing intent. “Heavenly King sir, the successor of the Wraith realm has not emerged”

“Hm, no matter, we will wait, this king has ample patience”

All of a sudden—

Some commotion could be heard. As time went by, the commotion didn’t die down at all, instead it began to spread even more, quickly enveloping the entire war formation.

“How impudent! What are they making all that noise for?” the Heavenly King shouted loudly.

One heavenly being nervously flew towards him and reported: “Sir, something unusual has happened”

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“What is unusual?” the Heavenly King asked.

“Everyone’s money is gone”

“Money... is gone? Strange, how many people did that happen to?”

“Everyone, sir!”

The Heavenly King looked at his subordinate’s fearful expression and instinctively reached for his own Inventory Bag.

He froze stiff as well.

There wasn’t even a speck of dust left in his bag.

All of his money was gone too!

Chapter 1743 The Ruler

The Wraith realm’s shelter.

The entrance. The legions of heavenly beings were still standing in formation at the entrance of the shelter, patiently waiting for Gu Qing Shan to exit the shelter.

If one took a closer look, one would find that all of them had anxious expressions on their faces.

—the money that they were carrying had all disappeared without a single warning or sound.

No one would remain completely calm if something like that happened to them.

Not too far away from where the heavenly beings were stationed, a layer of unique frosty mist remained.

This was a technique that Shroud had left behind, specifically made to obscure one's whereabouts.

Right at this moment.

Gu Qing Shan and Xie Dao Ling arrived.

They were standing within the cover of the frosty mist, both turning their attention towards the amalgamation monster.

"Where did this monster come from?" Xie Dao Ling asked.

— the monster was still frozen within a layer of ice and pinned to the wall with a large icicle spear, immobilizing it. "It's the amalgamation of void monsters who noticed the supernatural phenomena that occurred when the Beast King realm was initially fused together. They originally came to plunder the treasures of the Samsara, but instead became trapped and had no other choice but to fuse together like this to save their lives" Gu Qing Shan explained.

"Strange..."

Xie Dao Ling muttered and fell into thought as she observed the monster closely.

"Is there something wrong?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"The main Five Elements are currently in disarray mostly due to its existence, so as long as it is killed, the main Five Elements would instantly become established" Xie Dao Ling replied.

"That's true, but acting against it now would alert the heavenly beings outside" Gu Qing Shan explained.

"No, that's not where the problem lies" Xie Dao Ling shook her head.

She approached the monster and took out the jade orb from before, her hands quickly forming various seals.

"By the Laws of Reality, manifest!"

Xie Dao Ling grandly declared.

Zi zi—

With a tiny noise, a piece of ice the size of a finger fell off the monster's body.

As soon as the piece of ice fell off, it began to shake and rapidly transformed into a silver beetle.

Xie Dao Ling quickly shielded Gu Qing Shan behind her, then manifested a light in her hand that she quickly used to draw a beautiful talisman.

"Wind and rain suppress, lightning seals!"

The talisman manifested into a bolt of lightning that struck the silver beetle.

In an instant, the silver beetle vanished. At the same time, a crackling talisman began to drift backwards and hover in front of Xie Dao Ling.

As Xie Dao Ling caught the talisman, it was clear that the talisman now contained patterns depicting the beetle.

“This void monster was a complete moron, being sowed with a Gu insect that can take its life at any moment and not recognizing it at all” Xie Dao Ling commented.

Gu Qing Shan was shocked and asked: “This monster is so powerful, who exactly was it that could sow such an insect on its body without it noticing?”

“Within the Samsara, the foremost expert of Gu insects was the Heavenly Emperor” Xie Dao Ling replied.

Gu Qing Shan remained silent for a bit before commenting: “So the one who came here previously and taught it how to arrange the deathtrap for me was the Heavenly Emperor”

“Indeed, he is one who always thinks far before he acts”

“But why didn’t he kill this monster? He could have obtained a great deal of Merit by killing *it*”

Xie Dao Ling sneered and explained: “Because he is the Heavenly Emperor— even after the Samsara had reset, he still holds a great deal of priority that would allow him to enter the next phase before any of the other Chosen Saints. For that reason, he would rather prolong the reset progress as a whole” “I see, so he doesn’t want the Human realm to be stabilized— in other words, he’s actually preventing all the other Chosen Saints from obtaining power and regaining their previous strength!” Gu Qing Shan realized.

“Exactly... in fact, the reason why your powers have not been unsealed even a little bit was due to him abusing the Laws of the Samsara, and since he was originally the Heavenly Emperor, he has already gone ahead and left everyone else far behind” Xie Dao Ling confirmed his conjectures.

“What an impressive fellow indeed” Gu Qing Shan sighed.

—-and I entered the Samsara later than everyone else, I wonder if I can still catch up to the Heavenly Emperor now.

Xie Dao Ling was still closely observing the talisman when she suddenly appeared shocked.

She then pressed her hand against Gu Qing Shan’s body.

“Not good, he has already realized what happened, you need to enter the Wraith realm’s shelter, now!” she quickly said.

“Hold on— Shifu—-”.

Before Gu Qing Shan could finish his words, she had already pushed him, turning him into a ray of light that flew past all the heavenly beings and into the shelter’s entrance in the middle of all the starlight.

As soon as he was gone, a long sigh was heard:

“This Emperor had personally come here to arrest and kill Gu Qing Shan, but you let him  
*go*”

Xie Dao Ling calmly replied: “He is my present life’s disciple, so how could I let you murder him?”

Fwoom——

The entire mist of frost was dispersed.

A figure appeared from above, who lightly landed on top of the monster’s head.

The heavenly beings were immediately alerted of his presence and turned their attention to this side.

“It’s his majesty!”

“Long live his majesty!”

“Long live his majesty!”

The heavenly beings all declared in unison.

The figure was standing in the middle of the chilling air, so they were actually being obscured.

He spoke: “Xie Dao Ling, you currently are nothing but a fragment of a soul, how do you intend to stop me? Stay your hand and don’t be a hindrance”

Xie Dao Ling narrowed her eyes: “You are injured...”

“I’m still more than a match for you” the Heavenly Emperor casually replied.

Xie Dao Ling turned her hand and held the jade orb in her hand.

“I fell into your trap in the past because I wanted to save the Samsara, but now that I have an object to manifest the Laws, you might want to take another guess at which of us would be the winner this time around”

Right after saying that, she had already reached out her other hand.

Ten rays of distinct light appeared on her hand, which respectively represented the main and mutated Five Elements, manifested from the Samsara’s Origin.

This hand moved as rapidly as a shadow in the dark, which formed a seal—— Ten Realms Saint Art, [Absolute Sword of Nine Heavens]

The technique was completed!

In an instant, ten distinct rays of light began to ascend before they manifested into a black sword in the middle of the air.

As soon as the sword came into existence, the world itself seemed to have been frozen as well.

The legion of heavenly beings abruptly fell to their knees, unable to move a single muscle.

Standing within the layer of frost, the Heavenly Emperor shouted: “You impudent cur, how dare a mere soul fragment destroy my miniature Heavenly realm!”

The jade orb in Xie Dao Ling’s hand had already crumbled into a fine dust before being scattered in the wind, no longer to be seen.

— to manifest this Divine Skill, Xie Dao Ling had completely expended all of the small Heavenly Grotto’s power.

“Cease your nonsense until after you manage to stop this strike”

She coldly said.

On the other side.

Gu Qing Shan saw his vision becoming blurred before falling on the ground. “Shif—”

He abruptly stopped before he could finish his words.

His surroundings were completely empty, with Xie Dao Ling nowhere to be seen.

There was nothing but fluttering grey flowers in the middle of the air, this entire world itself was devoid of life, countless deep holes could be seen all over the ground, but all of them were bottomless as far as the eye could see.

A gloomy flower descended from above and began to bloom in front of Gu Qing Shan. There was a skeleton who sat cross-legged within the flower.

The skeleton looked up at Gu Qing Shan and spoke: [ You are finally here, a successor of our realm ]

“Hurry up, if you have anything to say, then say it! I don’t have time!” Gu Qing Shan hurriedly said.

I could sense that killing intent focused on me earlier.

— evidently, the Heavenly Emperor had arrived!

But Shifu sent me into the shelter while she remained alone to stop him. She was clearly worried that I would be in danger.

The power of (True Luck) has yet to fade from my body.

Since the golden coin had led the course of events to this moment, it’s evident that the best choice was for me to arrive here.

But what’s next?

Regardless, I need to quickly deal with the inheritance of the Wraith realm.

Shifu is still fighting outside!

[ Young one, are you in that much of a hurry? | the skeleton asked.

“I am, someone outside is currently fighting to protect me” Gu Qing Shan replied. [ Are they important to you? ] the skeleton asked.

“Yes, I can fight to the death for her sake and not regret it no matter what happens, so regardless of what’s going to happen here, please hurry it up” Gu Qing Shan answered in a low tone of voice.

The skeleton pondered: [ If that’s the case... let us take a look together ]

It reached out its hand and waved over the void of space.

Instantly, numerous images began to float and manifested into a transparent screen.

The scene of what was happening outside was instantly displayed on the screen.

Xie Dao Ling was holding onto a black sword.

The Heavenly Emperor was still hidden within the frosty mist, calling out with a loud voice: “That person is the disciple of your next life, he’s completely unrelated to your present self, there’s no need for you to risk a mutually assured destruction with me!”

Within the howling wind, Xie Dao Ling brandished her sword and muttered: “Although we’ve only just met, I simply like him as a person, it couldn’t be helped” The Heavenly Emperor abruptly emanated violent killing intent and shouted ferociously:

“The successor of the Wraith realm must die, even you cannot stop me!”

The screen suddenly shook and shattered.

“What happened? Why can’t we see anything anymore?” Gu Qing Shan hurriedly asked.

My clairvoyance technique couldn’t persist—— their powers were too great for it to endure | the skeleton sighed.

Gu Qing Shan was completely stunned.

——such a battle couldn’t even be observed. The Heavenly Emperor had put up so many traps to prevent all the Chosen Saints, myself included, from unsealing our powers.

How am I supposed to fight him?

How can I save Shifu?

Suddenly his gaze became focused in the void of space. Lines of bloody red text were quickly manifesting:

(Your actions today have received the recognition of the Samsara) [The name of the ‘Pure Love Gang’ shall become renowned throughout the entire Samsara)

(That Title will receive the following Title Skill: Going Cold)

(The Skill has assimilated the correlating power and manifested as follows:)

(Going Cold: You will temporarily gain the ability of one member of the ‘Pure Love Gang’, with the price to pay being pain]

[The stronger the power you gain, the more pain you will have to endure, to the point that you can go insane, lose your mind, or even die from it]

[—The greater the gain, the greater the pain] Gu Qing Shan quickly skimmed through the description and spoke: “Sequence, can you equip the Title for me?”

Lines of bloody red text began to appear: (Naturally, this Title was the result of you and your companion’s effort having been recognized by the Samsara, so the Sequence will not need to expend any power for it)

“Equip it” Gu Qing Shan said.

[Equipped] the Sequence replied.

“I want to choose the frozen corpse and temporarily gain his power: (Sowing Silence)”

—when Shroud first appeared, because he was flying in mid-air, he had explained to Gu Qing Shan how this Apocalyptic power worked. This is the most powerful ability I can obtain for now.

Lines of bloody red text quickly appeared:

(Your choice has been confirmed!)

[Attention, ‘Sowing Silence’ is the power of a high-level Apocalypse, as you’ve temporarily been reinforced by it, you will suffer unparalleled torturous pain]

Pffft—

A layer of blood mist erupted from Gu Qing Shan’s body and drifted in the air.

Some bloody tears began to leak from his eyes. [ What happened to you? ]the skeleton asked in shock.

Gu Qing Shan simply wiped the tears away and replied: “I’m fine, it just hurts a little bit”

Suddenly, lines of text began to appear continuously in the void of space:

[Attention, you’ve temporarily gained the power of a high-level Apocalypse]

(You possess the power of the Palace of Fear Apocalypse, which has manifested as ‘Lord of Horror(elementary)’ [If you fuse ‘Sowing Silence’ and ‘Lord of Horror(elementary)’, your Apocalyptic powers will undergo a great change]

(Would you like to fuse these Apocalyptic powers?)

Gu Qing Shan resolutely said: “Fuse them!”

In an instant, his body began to radiate a thick dark glow that seemed to be crackling in thunder.

A pair of black horns grew from the top of his head, his eyes became crimson red, and a large vertical iris manifested behind him.

[...Fusion complete]

(You’ve temporarily become the Ruler of Horror]

[Among the Apocalypse Sequences, you are the master of fear, to whom all things and all living beings can only kneel, moan, beg, and be destroyed]



## Chapter 1744 Past and present

Still being seated within the gloomy flower, the skeleton had continued to observe Gu Qing Shan this entire time.

—up until the moment Gu Qing Shan thoroughly transformed into the Ruler of Horror.

The skeleton spoke: [ As the only successor of the Dharma, you originally would have had to face numerous trials and spend an untold amount of time in order to obtain the secrets and inheritance placed within this shelter

“Then what about now?” Gu Qing Shan asked with a grumbling voice coming straight from his throat.

His entire body was hidden in the darkness, constantly radiating an ominous presence.

The skeleton sighed: ( Within the Samsara, there naturally exists endless karma both good and bad from ages past, silently but very tangibly leading events along. Who could have thought that the successor I meet today would be her disciple who is trying to save her? So there is already no longer any need for excessive formalities

The skeleton reached out its boney hands to touch Gu Qing Shan’s shoulder.

In an instant, the pain on Gu Qing Shan’s body began to subside until it was no longer as intense as before.

Gu Qing Shan’s eyes started shining with a bloody red light as he suddenly looked around himself.

At some unknown point, there were already countless girls standing around them, all of whom were performing hand seals around the skeleton, guiding a thin thread to coil around their wrists.

This is—

A line of bloody red text quickly appeared within the void of space:

(The heroic spirits of the past Heavenly realm are currently sharing your pain]

He turned to the skeleton again.

The gloomy flower it was sitting on suddenly gained some color, giving it a hint of vitality.

[Very well, I shall skip over the numerous trials and lead you to observe the secret of the Samsara! ]the skeleton raised its voice and declared.

Gu Qing Shan spoke again with a hurried voice: “Wait! My Shifu is still fighting outside, if we don’t make it in—”

The skeleton cut his words off and replied: [We’ve already considered this situation a very long time ago. Do not worry, time around us will become frozen up until the entire inheritance process is complete ]

As it spoke, the skeleton formed a hand seal.

[ Secret Record of Nine Heavens, open!]

The technique was complete.

The entire world began to change.

The fluttering gloomy flowers were gradually dyed in a deep pinkish purple hue, the sky turned a brilliant blue, and the ground around them was filled with luscious greenery and flowers.

The world itself was drenched with vitality, peaceful and serene.

An ancient palace abruptly emerged from the ground, which rapidly grew increasingly higher until its peak couldn't be seen anymore.

The Azure Dragon, White Tiger, Vermillion Bird, and Black Tortoise; the four Saint Divine Beasts were standing guard around the main square in front of the palace.

Numerous female heavenly beings were singing, dancing and playing around as they flew in the sky.

From the void of space, numerous Phase Realms continuously manifested one after another. Sometimes, living beings would land in front of the palace and respectfully bow towards the main hall with complete sincerity.

"This is... What is this?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

[ The Samsara of the past, the one who ruled it at the time was the one you want to protect the skeleton explained.

The scenery changed.

A woman was sitting on top of a high throne of jade and numerous flowers, silently listening to the reports of the heavenly beings below.

—Xie Dao Ling!

The pain from Gu Qing Shan's body had practically all faded away, so he subconsciously asked: "Was my Shifu in her previous life also called Xie Dao Ling?"

[ The Samsara had been and continued to protect her— certain things could only manifest if she recognizes them, just like how she recognized herself as Xie Dao Ling not too long ago the skeleton answered.

"Then who is the current Heavenly Emperor?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

The skeleton waved its hand.

The entire world suddenly changed.

Numerous calamities were descending on the ground, ferocious monsters manifested one after another, mercilessly ravaging the Samsara as well as its numerous Phase Realms.

Xie Dao Ling was leading the heavenly beings in the battle against the monsters and Apocalypses.

Numerous desperate battles.

Numerous beings laid down their lives.

The world itself was heading towards destruction.

The Human realm, Huang Quan realm, Asura realm, Beast King realm, and Wraith realm all participated in this battle against the Apocalypse. But the Apocalypses only became more numerous as time went by, not to mention more ferocious.

In the flashing scenes around them, living beings were clearly falling into decay and desperation.

[ The Samsara was eventually broken and destroyed, so at its very last moments, the Heavenly Emperor had decided to bring the entire Samsara with her into a legendary Reality Gate ]

[ It was said that this Reality Gate hid the most important secret within the Boundless Void

Following the skeleton's explanation, Xie Dao Ling could be seen stepping forward and taking flight while carrying everyone with her, heading into the Boundless Void.

The entire Samsara turned into a string of light as she flew, which then coiled around her body.

After a long and uneventful flight, she took out a black sword and unleashed a strike with all her power toward a certain part of the void.

The void was split apart with a thunderous noise, from which a pair of gates manifested and opened in one swift motion.

The Reality Gate!

Xie Dao Ling brought all of her subordinates as she passed through the Gates.

After which came the scene that Gu Qing Shan had witnessed during the Age of Immemorial—

A gigantic black sword eclipsing the sky itself emerged through the clouds and swung through a sky of stars.

Billions of stars were extinguished at once.

The black sword was also shattered.

Xie Dao Ling began to descend from the void of space. She had chosen to enter one of the many fragments of Huang Quan.

[ Your Shifu suffered grave injuries after carrying the Samsara away from the encirclement of the Apocalypse, so she was prepared to reincarnate within Huang Quan, but someone stood in her way ] the skeleton spoke.

A great army suddenly appeared from the void of space to surround Xie Dao Ling.

The battle immediately resumed.

[ This was the great army of the Wraith realm, the Wraith realm's ruler had maintained his strength this entire time without fully participating in the Samsara's war against the Apocalypse, all for this very moment—]

“My Shifu was already at the end of her rope, so he wanted to take this chance to kill her?” Gu Qing Shan coldly asked.

[ Indeed, he wanted to force your Shifu to hand over the Samsara. Without any other choice, your Shifu had split a fragment of her soul away to stall him while her main soul entered the cycle of reincarnation within Huang Quan , the skeleton confirmed.

Gu Qing Shan nodded. Shifu entered reincarnation and became the daughter of the Barren Clouds Palace Master, Xie Gu Hong, during the Age of Old. She was born surrounded by thousands of flowers and accompanied by a golden lotus, rousing the envy of the Divinities, which forced Xie Gu Hong to send her into hiding in the lower realms.

After that, when she finally awoke, she had to survive the harsh cultivation world, drifting from place to place with her lonesome self while cultivating, eventually becoming one of the three Saints of humanity, establishing Bai Hua sect, and taking in disciples.

The rest was history. The skeleton continued: [ The ruler of the Wraith realm then proclaimed himself as the new Heavenly Emperor, and the beings of the past Wraith realm took over the Heaven realm in the process ]

[ The Heaven realm was already greatly weakened from the war against the Apocalypse, so the remaining heavenly beings had no choice but to pledge their allegiance to the ruler of the Wraith realm

[ Only the fairies of the Nine Heavens Profound Immortals lineage swore absolute loyalty to your Shifu, refusing to listen to the Wraith realm ruler’s orders ]

[ So the Wraith realm ruler called upon the beings of the Wraith realm as well as the remaining members of the other realms to eradicate the fairies of the Nine Heavens Profound Immortals lineage

[ In the end, the Nine Heavens Profound Immortals lineage was helpless to fight so many enemies on their own and were almost completely wiped out. The few remaining fairies had no choice but to exile themselves to the Wraith realm, practicing wicked techniques to conceal their whereabouts and regain their strength—] [ The irony of it all, the wraiths of the past had become heavenly beings, while previous heavenly beings had no choice but to convert themselves into wraiths, expending all of their powers to preserve this secret of history

[From that moment onwards, they were no longer recognized by the new Heaven realm,

[They constantly seek revenge, swearing to antagonize all living beings of the Samsara, devouring the souls and drinking the blood of those traitors alive, becoming the horrid scourges of all Samsara beings

T ——they are called the Tianma race

Gu Qing Shan sighed and muttered in a harrowing low voice: “So that’s how things were”

All the scenes around him gradually faded away.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly recalled what had happened outside.

As soon as the Heavenly Emperor arrived, Shifu sent him into the Wraith realm’s shelter without hesitation.

“—But why does the Heavenly Emperor wish to kill me?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

[ Ahahahahaha! [the skeleton laughed maniacally.

[ The ruler of the Wraith realm proclaimed himself as the Heavenly Emperor, but he never actually received the ruling power of the Heaven realm from your Shifu. All the oppression and massacre he had done to the Tianma race was due to them being the legitimate inheritor of the Heaven realm’s Dharma— the practice that the Tianma had always refused to hand over, always waiting for your Shifu to return

[ But now, that is no longer the case— The skeleton gave Gu Qing Shan a look full of implications. “How are things different now?” Gu Qing Shan asked, still a bit unclear.

| The Heavenly Emperor is an expert tactician and a figure of supreme power, otherwise, he wouldn’t have been able to suppress all the other Samsara realms to become the self-proclaimed Heavenly Emperor, however— ] [ Even though the Heavenly Emperor is so supremely powerful that he had surpassed all living beings of the Samsara, you are the one who can mobilize the power of the Heaven Tribulation. Do you think that the Heavenly Emperor can do the same?

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

The skeleton continued: [ There are a total of nine stages to the legitimate Heaven’s Dharma, and you’ve reached the second stage, allowing you to wield the Heaven Tribulation

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[ Gu Qing Shan, you are the disciple of Xie Dao Ling, the one recognized by the Tianma, the one who leads them within the Samsara Clash for Supremacy, and the only successor to the Heaven realm’s Dharma ]

[ You are the true disciple of the previous Heavenly Emperor]

[ And that is why that fellow could not wait to kill you as soon as he lays his hand on you! ]

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Gu Qing Shan was completely shocked. “I am the inheritor of the Heaven realm’s Dharma?” he asked.

[ Indeed ]the skeleton replied. “But I... don’t feel anything of the sort at all” he muttered.

[ That is because you can directly manifest the results of the Dharma, but don’t possess its core— there is a core of the Dharma that’s stored within this shelter, you need to merge it with your (Lightning Wraith) technique in order to officially inherit the Heavenly Dharma ]the skeleton explained. The countless transparent figures of heavenly beings standing in the void of space were looking at Gu Qing Shan with a sincere begging look in their eyes.

As if he was the very last bit of light within the world.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “I understand, is there anything else you want to tell me?”

The skeleton stood up from the flower and spoke: Keep one last thing in mind: absolutely do not provoke the Heavenly Emperor right now, he had already gone too far— much further than any

Chosen Saint has ever managed to do. After you leave, it's best that you do not hold any wishful thinking and immediately flee together with the soul fragment of your Shifu | "Will I actually be able to escape?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

F——It will be difficult. A certain pendant had come into the Heavenly Emperor's possession, after which he managed to achieve countless unbelievable miracles, no one had been able to stop him ever since the skeleton replied.

Gu Qing Shan remained silent.

Indeed, the most powerful of the Four Saint Pillars, the Soul Artifact manifestation of the Fire Pillar——

The Pendant of Fire!

The power to create miracles.

"Miracles... What does that actually mean?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

s You can think of it as the definite fulfilment of any wish—— if he wants to seal your Shifu again, he would surely be able to do it ] the skeleton then raised its voice: [ If he wished to kill you, by borrowing the power of that pendant, he would surely be able to kill you as well! ]

[ That is an unbeatable power ]

[ Gu Qing Shan, there is no way to win against miracles, you must come up with other solutions! ]

As it spoke, flesh began to manifest from the skeleton until it ultimately became an extremely beautiful heavenly being.

She softly placed a finger in between Gu Qing Shan's eyebrows.

[ I shall bestow you with the core!

The woman shouted.

Fwoom——

He felt a thunderous boom echoing in his ears, his entire body almost seemed to have been struck by a hammer as he became completely stunned.

An unnamed power appeared from deep within his Thought Sea, gradually transforming into a source of power that belonged to none other than himself.

This was an indescribably wondrous sensation.

Gu Qing Shan felt like he had simply formed a connection with a certain foundational law or rule of the Samsara. Lines of bloody red text also started appearing in the void of space:

(You've gained the recognition from the core of the Heaven realm's Dharma]

[After a countdown of five, your Samsara Divine Skill will undergo a thorough evolution]

[5]

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(Lightning Wraith has undergone a complete evolution]

(You've obtained Heavenly Decree – Initiate Tribulation]

(Heavenly Decree – Initiate Tribulation: You can command the various Heaven Tribulations faced by cultivators to fight against your enemies]

[Utilizing the Heavenly Decree will expend your Merit]

(Heavenly Decree – Initiate Tribulation is a Samsara Dharma, which is at the second stage of the Dharma, there are still seven more stages to evolve through)

[Please continue to do your best] Gu Qing Shan quickly skimmed through and turned his gaze back to his surroundings.

But the world around him had already begun to fade away, including the numerous heavenly beings who were all turning into a dim light. [ After one minute, the shelter will completely disappear and you will directly face the Heavenly Emperor— remember well, do not risk your life, flee as fast as you can the heavenly being told him.

Gu Qing Shan said: “But what about you—”

The heavenly being smiled gently and said: [ There is no need to be sorrowful. After so many long years, we can finally enter Huang Quan and once again begin a new life ] [ You, on the other hand, all of our hopes rest on your shoulders now, Gu Qing Shan

Gu Qing Shan nodded: “Please leave it to me”

Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist towards the void of space all around him and silently stood still.

All the heavenly beings around smiled at him, then flew into the air and turned into sparkles of light one by one.

It was as if they were a sea of stars that shined upon the gloomy grey sky, gradually fading away like grains of sand.

Lines of bloody red text appeared again:

[One minute remaining] [The shelter will collapse after one minute]

(After that, the Sequence will be unable to aid you in combat, only the combat synopsis function will be active, acting as a reference for your following battles]

Gu Qing Shan swiftly skimmed through it all and muttered: “That’s quite enough”

He quickly began to ponder.

The Heavenly Emperor wields the power of miracles, while I wield the power of (True Luck).

Miracles mean the definite fulfillment of a wish.

While luck will result in the best possible outcome.

However, from a power perspective, a great deal of the Heavenly Emperor's strength had already been unsealed, while mine is still fully sealed.

On the other hand, in order to use the Pendant of Fire, the Heavenly Emperor had already paid a great price. —he had lost the power to fight against Apocalypses. At least, during the long years leading up to this point, he had always lacked the power to stand up to Apocalypses.

He was in so much hurry to initiate the Samsara Clash for Supremacy for the sake of regaining total control over the Samsara, once again obtaining supreme power.

At which point, he would no longer need to fear Apocalypses.

No one would be a match for him anymore!

...But I wonder if he has actually managed to reach that point yet.

The bloody red screen in front of his vision was still continuously counting down:

[00:10]

[00:09]

[00:08]

[...]

It's time.

Gu Qing Shan's eyes became focused as endless Apocalyptic power began to emanate from his body.

The entire world in front of him became transparent.

The large vertical iris behind him began to

**move.**

"Do you see it? Those two are the targets this time, do not hold back" Gu Qing Shan whispered.

The vertical iris blinked.

An immense destructive presence began to radiate soundlessly.

—Gu Qing Shan was currently the Ruler of Horror!

And this time, it wasn't just a battle between 'miracle' and 'luck', but also a battle between the Heavenly Emperor and an Apocalypse!

Finally, the countdown in front of his vision reached its end.

[00:00]

(Transporting!)



In an instant, Gu Qing Shan vanished from where he stood.

And suddenly reappeared among the inner walls of the hollow mountain.

At this point—

Xie Dao Ling had only just raised her sword without acting. The Heavenly Emperor was standing on top of the monster's head, muttering something under his breath.

The army of heavenly beings was standing on the side, completely oppressed by the presence that Xie Dao Ling gave off without being able to move.

Gu Qing Shan had just reappeared.

“Why did you return!?”

Xie Dao Ling's expression changed and immediately appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan with her sword raised.

The Heavenly Emperor blinked before swiftly smirking: “Xie Dao Ling, if you dare act against me, I will kill him immediately!”

Xie Dao Ling's sword turned hesitant.

Indeed, I don't mind risking my life against the Heavenly Emperor, as it isn't important, but Gu Qing Shan is my successor, he cannot die!

In that instant—

Gu Qing Shan saw several lines of bloody text appearing in front of his vision:

[The Heavenly Emperor had used the Pendant of Fire]

(The fruits of miracle are about to manifest]

(Xie Dao Ling is about to be sealed, and you are about to die]

(This is an unstoppable force, a supreme Law within the Boundless Void!)

As Gu Qing Shan read these words, the situation had changed—

The Heavenly Emperor immediately took advantage of Xie Dao Ling's opening and activated a technique.

A silver snake emerged from between Xie Dao Ling's hair, which instantly transformed into a metal rope and restrained her.

“This is the strongest Gu insect I possess, I've left it on your body ever since I sealed you numerous years ago!” the Heavenly Emperor coldly declared. As he said that, he turned his vision towards Gu Qing Shan.

Noticing that, Gu Qing Shan didn't hesitate for a single moment.

He dropped dead right away. —[Govern Spirit]

He had taken the initiative and activated (Govern Spirit]!

A line of bloody red text quickly appeared:

(You are dead]

[The miracle has been achieved]

[The power of miracle affecting you has disappeared]

Gu Qing Shan laid motionlessly on the ground.

The large vertical iris behind him swiftly began to move.

It suddenly appeared next to the Heavenly Emperor as well as—

——the void monster was encased in ice underneath his feet!

Fwoom!

The vertical iris erupted into two masses of charred black blood that leapt towards the Heavenly Emperor and the void monster respectively.

“A Sequence? You were using the power of a Sequence?”

The Heavenly Emperor raised his voice.

A dark shadow suddenly appeared from behind him to help him block this mass of black blood.

The void monster was still sealed within the ice, unable to stop the power of the Apocalypse at all, and was directly consumed by the black blood.

At the same time, a visible red glow began to emanate from the Heavenly Emperor’s body as he rushed towards the top of the hollow mountain.

“Despicable! I won’t let your soul run to Huang Quan, I’m going to imprison you!”

The Heavenly Emperor furiously roared.

After a moment of silence, the entire mountain was reduced to ash by the eruption of his power.

—— he had destroyed the entire mountain of the Wraith realm’s shelter by merely releasing his presence!

Gu Qing Shan was no longer dead and got back on his feet, swiftly securing Xie Dao Ling.

He stared straight at the Heavenly Emperor and declared: “Thousand Tribulation!”

(Heavenly Decree – Initiate Tribulation]!

The Heavenly Emperor immediately sensed this change and shouted with a warped expression: “Why aren’t you dead? What did you do!?”

Gu Qing Shan indifferently stared at him without saying a single word.

——Heaven Tribulations could take many different forms, aside from lightning strikes and manifested lightning creatures, there was also the Wind Tribulation, the Measure Tribulation, and many other kinds.

However, all of these Tribulations were far from enough to fight the Heavenly Emperor.

After all, they were only meant to act as obstacles in a cultivator's path.

However, there was a unique Tribulation among the Heaven Tribulations.

The Thousand Tribulation.

This Tribulation directly correlated to the karma of a cultivator.

Cultivators who shoulder heavy karma would be submerged within their own sins and result in numerous karmic trials one after another, it could also be said that they would become extremely unlucky.

Without exaggerating, there was a very real possibility of them choking while drinking water and dying. For that reason, cultivators were said to be constantly facing a Heaven Tribulation during the Thousand Tribulation realm – or Tribulation realm for short.

It was only after a lot of consideration that Gu Qing Shan decided to utilize this Heaven Tribulation.

During the Thousand Tribulation, the Heavenly Emperor's luck would reach rock-bottom with numerous karmic trials waiting to emerge.

Meanwhile, Gu Qing Shan was still under the effects of (True Luck).

With such a huge gap between their luck, the effects of (True Luck] would become extremely pronounced!

"Shifu, are you ok?" Gu Qing Shan asked in a whisper.

"I'm fine, it's just that my powers have been sealed. You can command the power of Heaven Tribulation now?" Xie Dao Ling casually replied.

"I can"

The two of them both turned towards the Heavenly Emperor. From unknown faraway places, certain events had already occurred.

Numerous layered worlds began to manifest above the sky.

A gigantic string-like monster could be faintly seen within the layered illusion, which was giving off the presence of endless destruction.

[I finally found you]

A thunderous voice echoed from the layered illusory worlds.

The Heavenly Emperor's expression became greatly warped and exclaimed in horror: "Apocalypse Envoy!"

The illusory layered world immediately descended and swallowed the Heavenly Emperor.

Taking advantage of that moment, Gu Qing Shan let go of a sword fragment.

The sword fragment transformed into a brass knuckle and struck Gu Qing Shan directly in the chest.

—Divine Sword, [Repel Evil]!

In an instant, Gu Qing Shan as well as Xie Dao Ling, who he was holding in his embrace, both vanished into the far horizon.

The strong wind howled in their ears.

Not waiting any longer, Gu Qing Shan muttered: “Destroy!”

Back on the battlefield.

The ice around the void monster’s body began to crack.

The black blood from before appeared on its body and manifested into long tentacle feelers.

These feelers then transformed into half-human-half-insect monsters that immediately started buzzing towards the army of heavenly beings in the sky. [ By orders of the Ruler, you will all be eradicated! ]

One of the monsters screeched in a high-pitched hoarse voice.

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Rumble rumble—

A deep gash was ripped open on the ground, causing dust and dirt to be blown up into the sky, obscuring everyone’s vision.

The entire Elements War Zone was plunged into a giant persistent earthquake.

Gu Qing Shan was still flying through the air as he scanned the ground with his eyes.

“This world looks like it’s about to be ruined!”

He muttered to himself.

Xie Dao Ling curtly replied: “You killed that void monster and established the main Five Elements, of course such a thing would occur”

Gu Qing Shan turned his vision towards the void of space and read the new lines of bloody red text that had just appeared:

(You’ve killed the amalgamation of the void monsters]

[Elemental Earth and Elemental Fire had both settled down)

[The main Five Elements have been established)

(The Human realm will enjoy a prosperous period of development]

(You’ve obtained the following amount of Merit: 50,000 points]

(Attention!)

[The following is a special message:]

[You've killed almost all the monsters of the void, leaving only the last one and their sovereign alive]

[It has hidden its true name and traces, thus taking refuge within the Samsara]

[Find it, and kill it]

[When you kill that void monster, you will obtain the Title: Void War God]

All the red text flashed and disappeared.

50,000 points of Merit was naturally a great amount.

What Gu Qing Shan didn't think about was that there was, once again, hope for him to obtain the [Void War God] Title.

However, he didn't have time to think about that right now.

Gu Qing Shan looked up and stared closely at the illusory layered worlds in the sky.

Numerous ferocious howls could be heard from within the illusory layered world, which reverberated throughout the world.

——the Heavenly Emperor had been pulled in there by some sort of Apocalyptic monster and hadn't emerged.

Could it be...

"Can that Apocalypse kill him?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"He's too powerful, that Apocalypse can only trap him there for a while at most—— you can ignore him for now. We need to quickly come up with a way to conceal the presence of his Sealing Rope, otherwise, the Heavenly Emperor will continue to pursue and eventually find us" Xie Dao Ling said.

She was being tightly restrained by a length of metal rope, both of her hands tied behind her back without being able to move at all.

Examining the metal rope restraining her, Gu Qing Shan felt impatient.

——if only.

If only the Six Paths Great Mountain sword was here, or the Earth sword, or even the Heaven sword, I would be able to destroy this sealing rope with a single strike.

But right now, that's not possible!

Xie Dao Ling silently observed his expression and softly told him: "There is no need for you to feel frustrated, I was sealed once again by the Heavenly Emperor merely because he possessed the power of Miracles"

That's right, he had 'Miracle', while I have 'Luck', but it's very clear that 'Miracle' currently has the upper hand, so what should I do next?

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed and asked: “What should we do now?”

Xie Dao Ling replied: “We need to find one or more treasures—— better yet if they’re a sealing or restraining treasure, I would be able to use it to conceal the presence that this metal rope gives off so that the Heavenly Emperor wouldn’t be able to find us”

Gu Qing Shan immediately thought of something

He looked around, only to see that his surroundings were already filled with snow.

At some unknown point, he had returned to the giant snow plateau from before.

“I understand. I know of a restraining-type treasure here”

Gu Qing Shan looked down.

He first confirmed his location, then quickly found the place he was looking for.

“Let’s go, we’re heading down!”

A brass knuckle appeared once again and lightly tapped him on the chest.

The two of them immediately began to descend like a shooting star in a certain direction.

When they were close to the ground, Gu Qing Shan used martial footwork to slow down and gradually landed.

“Hey, we meet again” Gu Qing Shan said. In front of him, the humanoid snake monster was sitting on the snow-covered ground, its body restrained by several lengths of black chains so that it couldn’t move away from where it was.

What exactly is going on? ]the monster hesitantly asked.

“This place is about to be destroyed, so I’m planning to let you go” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Are you really that kind? I refuse to believe it! the monster scoffed.

Gu Qing Shan turned to Xie Dao Ling.

“That certainly is a restraining item, but it’s not exactly a treasure, so we can only give it a try and see what happens” Xie Dao Ling said.

——there’s no other choice.

Gu Qing Shan continued to shield her while the two of them moved toward the monster.

What are you planning? ]

The monster asked.

——I’ve already suffered enough at this brat’s hand, so I won’t try to fight him again.

If he goes crazy again, I’m the one who’s going to be flayed and buried.

“Don’t move, and loosen your restraints” Gu Qing Shan said. Xie Dao Ling had already crouched down and found the other end of the black chains, which she lightly touched with her hand.

“Light and dark, destruction and creation, a thousand techniques return to one”

She softly chanted.

The black chains then transformed into a black snake that began to slither through the snow and climbed up Xie Dao Ling’s arm.

The silver rope restraining Xie Dao Ling’s body immediately sensed that and transformed into a long insect that began to size up the black snake.

After a few moments.

The two black and white creatures lurched forward at the same time, coiling around one another, trying to rip and tear one another apart.

Xie Dao Ling coldly observed this for a short while before placing both her hands together and forming a seal.

“Coil!”

Instantly, both the black snake and the silver insect twisted around each other to form a black and silver bracelet, which she wore on her hand.

Being released, the humanoid snake monster uttered a loud cry before leaping into the air and running away without a trace.

Gu Qing Shan didn’t want to pay attention to it, only focusing his attention on the bracelet and asked:

“That bracelet— can you throw it away?”

“The Heavenly Emperor’s technique was infused with the power of miracles, so I can’t throw it away” Xie Dao Ling replied. While the two of them spoke, the silver half of the bracelet suddenly leapt towards the black half and crashed into it with considerable force.

Bang!

The black portion of the bracelet fell to the ground and turned back into a mass of broken black chain links.

Xie Dao Ling frowned: “Not good, this Gu insect was probably the strongest sealing technique that the Heavenly Emperor is capable of, other sealing treasures won’t be able to restrain it”

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While she said that, the bracelet had turned back into a silver rope and tied Xie Dao Ling up again.

At the same time—

Far above the sky, the sound of booming thunder could be heard.

The illusory layered world hovering in the sky was continuously collapsing.

The Heavenly Emperor's voice echoed throughout the world:

"You dare try to interrupt my business by yourself!? DIE!"

A desperate scream then followed.

"Oh no, he's going to escape from being trapped soon" Gu Qing Shan muttered.

He began trying to wrack his brain, thinking over and over if there was anything else that could be considered a treasure.

—unfortunately, this was the Elements War Zone, how could there be any actual treasure here?

Xie Dao Ling sighed and spoke with a resolute tone of voice: "From the looks of it, there are no other solutions"

Hearing her words, Gu Qing Shan suddenly realized something.

If there were no other solutions—

Would that mean that the Heavenly Emperor would capture her again?

With Xie Dao Ling's personality, she must have been initially captured because she needed to stall for time so that her main soul could enter reincarnation and escape; not to mention how it happened when she was at her weakest.

How could she let him capture her again?

Most likely, she would rather destroy herself than fall into an enemy's hands once again.

That's right, that's the kind of person she had always been.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly looked up at Xie Dao

Ling.

Only to see that Xie Dao Ling was silently staring back at him.

Her clear, brilliant black irises reflected a rare expression of worry and hesitation on his face, fully discerning his thoughts.

"Within the Samsara, the ultimate thing of desires for the strongest have always been the Samsara Dharmas"

Xie Dao Ling calmly continued: "From the black chains earlier, I managed to siphon another bit of power, which will allow me to pass down everything I know to you. They are the ideals of six unique powers, capable of driving countless Combatants into a frenzy"

"—Because by obtaining them, they would become qualified for the position of Heavenly Emperor"

"Remember, the Dharma was divided into six portions, which respectively present the Heaven realm's Heavenly Arts, the Human realm's Dao Arts, the Asura realm's Combat Arts, the Beast King realm's Transformative Arts, the Wraith realm's Devouring Arts, and the Huang Quan realm's Crossing Arts. They



are all the supreme secret arts of each respective practice, so quickly form this hand seal and touch between my eyebrows, I will bestow them all to you!”

Hearing that, Gu Qing Shan took a step backwards.

“No” he muttered. “Hurry up and come here, after bestowing it all to you, I will no longer have any regrets” Xie Dao Ling urged him.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “The best solution is for you to fuse with your present incarnation, not self-destruct, isn’t that right?”

Xie Dao Ling explained: “I originally had a Secret Art to prevent the Heavenly Emperor from obtaining any of the Samsara secrets from me, but after I awakened this time, the Secret Art was already gone”

“The Heavenly Emperor hasn’t noticed it, but he will soon realize the truth—— if he captures me once again, he would be able to obtain the Heaven realm’s Dharma from me”

“That is why I must destroy myself!”

Gu Qing Shan shook his head: “No, I refuse to accept that outcome”

“Don’t stall—— as a direct disciple of mine, you should be a resolute individual who doesn’t hesitate” Xie Dao Ling frowned.

Gu Qing Shan replied with a heavy tone: “I don’t desire any Heaven realm’s Dharma, or any power from the Asura, Human, Huang Quan, or Wraith realm, they are insignificant to me”

He faced Xie Dao Ling’s gaze head-on and firmly told her: ‘You need to live and find your ‘other’ self, fuse together, and become complete once again—— it’s ok if you don’t want to be the Heavenly Emperor anymore, but you need to survive”

“That is the only thing that this Gu Qing Shan desires”

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While talking to Xie Dao Ling, Gu Qing Shan was continuously emanating a dark glowing aura.

Layers upon layers of dark aura started to manifest into a vertical iris behind his back.

“Go, help that Apocalypse fight the Heavenly Emperor”

Gu Qing Shan muttered his order.

The vertical iris stared at him, then quickly faded away. Gu Qing Shan then turned to Xie Dao Ling and told her in a solemn voice: “That will only buy a short period of time—— the issue just now was with the black chains, as it wasn’t qualified to compete against the silver Gu insect that’s restraining you, right?”

Xie Dao Ling showed a small smile and answered: “Indeed, the more powerful the treasure, the more qualified it would be, but where would we find a treasure in such a hurry?”

Gu Qing Shan replied with a mischievous tone: “It’s currently three against one, I refuse to believe that such an issue can’t be resolved”

“Three against one?” Xie Dao Ling was confused.

“Yes”

Gu Qing Shan took out a black book from his chest.

——the Book of the Sea.

“I want you to tell me right now. Is there a treasure within the Elements War Zone that can be used for my Shifu to deal with the Heavenly Emperor’s Gu insect?” Gu Qing Shan said.

(You would owe me one day’s worth of income) the Book of the Sea lazily answered.

“No problem” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The Book of the Sea opened by itself and began to display lines of text on its pages.

——indeed, the Heavenly Emperor was wielding the Soul Artifact manifestation of one Saint Pillar: the Pendant of Fire.

However, the other three Saint Pillar Soul Artifacts: the Coin of the Earth, Key of the Wind, and Book of the Sea were all currently with Gu Qing Shan!

Gu Qing Shan read from the pages of the book:

(There are many unique treasures hidden within the Elements War Zone, but almost no one can discover them as they are being restrained by Apocalypses as their spoils of war, not even the Samsara can circumvent this fact]

[Among the countless treasures hidden here, only one fulfills your conditions]

[At the foot of the snowy mountain to your North, there is an Apocalyptic statue. By pushing its pedestal aside, you will find a long passage. Follow the passage and defeat all the monsters you see on the way. Move in the exact pattern of Left-Right-Left-Right-Up-Down, you will reach a secret room. There are 300 Apocalyptic monsters guarding the secret room, but there is only a single treasure chest inside the room, which makes it relatively safe—]

[A heavenly set of armor is stored within the chest that will supply your Shifu with enough power to restrain the silver snake on her body]

Gu Qing Shan quickly skimmed through and shouted: “Key of the Wind”

Oong——

A glowing key appeared out of thin air.

——it was the Traveler’s Key that Gu Qing Shan had forged!

Also known as the Soul Artifact manifestation of the Wind Saint Pillar.

Gu Qing Shan said: "I want to enter the location that the Book of the Sea just described, just state a price"

The Key of the Wind was a bit confused: (But you can get inside on your own]

"Time's a factor, and I'm not free enough to be fighting those Apocalyptic monsters" Gu Qing Shan replied.

[Give me ten days of your lifespan, I'll take you there) the Key of the Wind answered.

Gu Qing Shan confirmed: "Deal!"

— the price for utilizing the Key of the Wind was vitality.

The Key of the Wind then landed in Gu Qing Shan's hand and pointed itself forward.

The void of space immediately opened up, revealing a green windy gate.

Holding onto Xie Dao Ling, Gu Qing Shan stepped through the gate.

Instantly, he landed in an open and silent room.

A room with a single chest at the center.

Gu Qing Shan stepped forward and easily opened the chest.

A radiant blue ray of light immediately illuminated the entire room. Some hesitant footsteps could be heard from outside the room without pause.

The monster seemed to have realized what was going on!

Boom—

Suddenly, the Heavenly Emperor's thunderous voice boomed through the thick earth above.

"Xie Dao Ling, did you think you could actually escape me?"

The entire underground complex began to tremble intensely.

The footsteps outside the door immediately shifted.

The monsters shouted in declaration: A Samsara being is approaching. Everyone, charge!]

[ Charge!

| Kill them! ] The monsters cried out one after another and rushed outside.

The secret room returned to silence.

"Tch, what a nice coincidence" Xie Dao Ling smiled and commented.

"While he still hasn't made it here, Shifu, give this armor a try" Gu Qing Shan told her. He took the set of armor out and handed it to Xie Dao Ling.

Xie Dao Ling examined it briefly and slowly relaxed her eyebrows, confirming: "Indeed, it should conceal the Gu insect's presence and make it so that the Heavenly Emperor can no longer sense me"

She lightly stroked the armor and chanted in a whisper:

"Light and dark, destruction and creation, a thousand techniques return to one"

The entire set of armor was instantly reduced to dust, manifesting a faint blue glow that turned into a thin string that wrapped itself around her wrist.

The silver rope immediately sensed its presence, but instead of turning into an insect to fight, it slithered along Xie Dao Ling's arm and coiled around the blue string, turning itself into a silver string.

The silver and blue strings tied themselves into a thin rope around Xie Dao Ling's pale white wrist, almost as if it was a nice accessory.

Xie Dao Ling waited for a moment before smiling: "This Gu insect is also quite a picky one. It looked down on the black chains, but felt satisfied with this armor"

"Is it sealed?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"It is. It'll take a few more days for it to fully devour the armor's power, during which I won't be sensed by the Heavenly Emperor" Xie Dao Ling replied.

Boom—

The tremor outside was gradually growing more intense.

The Heavenly Emperor is coming!

Gu Qing Shan waved his hand to grab the Key of the Wind and said: "To the Human realm"

[Ten days of lifespan) the Key of the Wind answered.

"Deal. By the way, choose somewhere that's a bit peaceful please" Gu Qing Shan replied.

[No problem!]

The green key touched the void of space and instantly opened another gate of light.

"Shifu, let's go" Gu Qing Shan said.

"Is this a treasure of the Boundless Void?" Xie Dao Ling asked while observing the Key of the Wind.

"Yes, it's a Saint Pillar of the Boundless Void" Gu Qing Shan confirmed.

Xie Dao Ling pondered: "No wonder I couldn't destroy that book when I tried to earlier, only able to help you cancel out your debt"

She entered the gate together with Gu Qing Shan.

The two of them vanished from the secret

**room.**

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

The sound of battle outside gradually subsided.

A few moments later.

The Heavenly Emperor's furious roar echoed through the entire world.

"They're gone? HOW COULD THAT BE!?"

The Human realm.

On the peak of a tall mountain.

Gu Qing Shan and Xie Dao Ling both reappeared.

"Hoh— we're safe"

Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief. Xie Dao Ling didn't say anything and instead turned her gaze towards the night sky. "What's the matter, Shifu?" Gu Qing Shan asked in surprise.

"The main Five Elements have been established. Following this, the purgatory of the mutated Five Elements will appear, and the Chosen Saints will need to face and triumph against the chaotic purgatory" Xie Dao Ling replied.

"—Wind-Lightning-Light-Dark-Sound?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Indeed, take a look" Xie Dao Ling pointed at the sky.

A sea of stars had appeared in the night sky.

The numerous stars in the sky were descending towards the ground as shooting stars.

The world itself was lit up as bright as day by the countless shooting stars.

All the shooting stars were silently crashing into the ground, forming a series of bottomless holes.

"All of these holes will lead into the Elements Purgatory, where a number of issues that the Samsara cannot deal with currently reside— this is also a trial of the Samsara for its Chosen Saints" Xie Dao Ling explained.

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

Suddenly, both of their expressions changed as they turned towards a certain valley.

A monster whose entire body was clad in ghostly blue flames had appeared from below the ground, currently heading towards the crash site of a shooting star.

Xie Dao Ling pondered for a bit before continuing:

“Qing Shan, aside from mortals and cultivators, there are also countless ghosts, demons, devils, and unnatural creatures. They were originally scattered throughout the various Samsara fragments, but now that the Samsara has fused back together, they will reemerge”

“Unnatural creatures? Are they going to wage war against humanity?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“They have a relationship of mutual disdain with humanity, but they’ve already known a few secrets of the Elements Purgatory— with their participation, it would be much easier to triumph over the Elements Purgatory” Xie Dao Ling explained.

“How does the Elements Purgatory compare to the Elements War Zone?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

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“It is much more dangerous!” Xie Dao Ling answered.

She said with a serious tone: “Dear disciple, it is now time. You need to summon all the Chosen Saints under my tutelage so that we can face the Elements Purgatory together!”

Gu Qing Shan’s expression froze.

“Shifu, the situation of our sect is a bit unique”

“Huh? What do you mean by that?”

“There are very few of us”

“—It is understandable, even my present life incarnation would rather take fewer disciples than to take disciples carelessly. How many of us are there in total?”

“Five”

“...Only five?”

“Yes”

“Five Chosen Saints, that is too few...”

“Shifu, I mean you only took five disciples. As for Chosen Saints, I suspect that I’m the only one”

“...It will be quite difficult with you alone”

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and said: “Shifu, give me a moment”

“What do you plan to do?” Xie Dao Ling asked.

“I actually arrived at the Samsara quite late, so I’m quite obsolete compared to the others, and I don’t know a lot of things; Shifu had also been sealed away for countless years— neither of us has any reliable information to work with” Gu Qing Shan commented.

“Among other issues” Xie Dao Ling acknowledged this.

“That is why I also need to prepare by gathering some information first”

“How do you intend to do that?”

“It’s just an idea, but it’s worth a try”

After saying that, Gu Qing Shan walked until he was a few dozen meters away from Xie Dao Ling. He silently used (Heavenly Decree)

——[Initiate Tribulation]! In the sky, masses of black clouds quickly gathered and began to circle above Gu Qing Shan.

Xie Dao Ling kept silent and decided not to do anything yet.

Countless wisps started to appear around the void of space.

The sound of rustling could be heard from all around him.

As if something had just arrived.

And quite a few of them as well!

Xie Dao Ling’s gaze became focused and shouted: “That is a Wind Tribulation!”

Malicious laughter was suddenly heard from the clouds: This is indeed a Wind Tribulation. Ahahaha, this unlucky brat decided to face his Tribulation right as we have the initiative, he’s dead meat!

Gahahaha, that’s right, he’s dead meat!

Countless voices followed up.

The Tribulation clouds began to part.

Numerous ferocious-looking evil creatures descended from above, standing to surround Gu Qing Shan.

Their killing intent was so great that it reached the sky——

And it disappeared all at once!

Hah? Isn’t this old Gu? Jan evil creature, whose entire body was engulfed in flames, commented.

A large shadow suddenly stood straight up from the ground and started observing him:

(You’re right, it is him! ]

Ah, old Gu, it’s been quite a few years ] [ That’s right, I’ve been trying to reach you for so many years for a drink, where have you been? ]

A gorgeous-looking man emerged from the wind with a hearty laugh: Gu, my man, where have you been getting rich lately? How come you only called on us brothers after the Samsara had gotten reset?

——this was an Allure Devil.

Gu Qing Shan also laughed heartily and began greeting the evil creatures by name.

He had gotten acquainted with numerous evil creatures both during his time in Triste’s collection world, as well as the Age of Old.

“Business has been really busy lately so I haven’t had time up until now, please don’t hold it against me” he said apologetically.

Hearing him say that, everyone smiled.

Although they would still be fine with or without Gu Qing Shan, he was someone who knew both to talk the talk and walk the walk, a real pleasure of a person to be with.

—occasionally, he could even set up a huge score for everyone to enjoy.

Who wouldn’t be willing to stay on the good side of such a friend?

“I’ll be frank, the Elements Purgatory just opened, want to join me for some fun?” Gu Qing Shan shrugged and stated.

[ Is it profitable? Ja Flame Demon asked.

All the evil creatures went silent, staring closely at Gu Qing Shan.

“Of course, I’ve never made anyone make a useless trip, have I?” Gu Qing Shan casually replied. Xie Dao Ling felt her face slightly freezing up while standing at a distance.

—this kid doesn’t have a single supporter in the sect, is completely clueless about the Samsara, and he doesn’t even know how to enter the Elements Purgatory yet.

But he’s already making promises with a bunch of evil creatures.

Does he take them all for fools?

Xie Dao Ling turned toward the evil creatures.

Only to see them all cheering—

[ Let’s go, let’s go! We’re all going with you! ]

It’s always profitable to go with brother Gu, haha!

That’s right, to commemorate today’s reunion, let’s have a party first!

[ Let’s all have a drink, then head into the Elements Purgatory! ]

Alright! ] [We’re all going home wasted today! ]

The evil creatures called out one after another.

A cheery atmosphere filled the air.

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They didn’t end up having a drinking bout.

[True Luck]’s effects hadn’t ended, so every second was exceptionally precious, and Gu Qing Shan wouldn’t waste it on something like a drinking bout.



And as sharp as the evil creatures were, it only took Gu Qing Shan a random excuse for them to put their party off until a different day.

— the Elements Purgatory was about to become accessible, and since Gu Qing Shan was a Chosen Saint, it naturally made sense for him to be a busy person, the evil creatures were quite considerate.

Everyone only discussed the Elements Purgatory briefly before dispersing.

Xie Dao Ling had been standing on the sideline this entire time, waiting until Gu Qing Shan was done before she spoke:

“Now that you have the evil creatures’ support, you need to take the initiative and enter the Elements Purgatory first”

“Do we really need to be in such a hurry?” Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but ask.

“The Samsara was already broken once so that it could evolve, it would only become stronger than before. Only by becoming one of the most exceptional living beings would the Samsara allow you to wield its power” Xie Dao Ling explained.

“Then what about you?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“The Heavenly Emperor must be searching everywhere for me right now— it seems I need to find a secluded location to take refuge” Xie Dao Ling replied.

Gu Qing Shan turned his gaze towards the string bracelet on her wrist and nodded.

If it wasn’t thanks to my temporary luck, if it wasn’t for the Book of the Sea quickly identifying an Apocalyptic spoil of war— the set of armor that used to belong to the Samsara, and if the Key of the Wind hadn’t been able to directly open a gate into the secret room, the Heavenly Emperor would have been able to catch up to us.

At the moment, the Heavenly Emperor is still the strongest.

And he also has the Pendant of Fire with him.

For the sake of safety, it certainly does make sense to go into hiding first, rather than meeting up with the ‘other’ Shifu.

Gu Qing Shan thought quickly before suddenly speaking to the void of space: “All three of you, come out here, I have something to discuss with you”

The Book of the Sea and Key of the Wind both appeared.

A golden glint manifested as the Coin of the Earth also emerged from the palm of his hand, hovering with the other two Saint Pillar Soul Artifacts.

Gu Qing Shan crossed his arms and complained: “I say, isn’t it about enough of this? Three can’t win against one, and being chased all over the place like this as well, doesn’t it feel humiliating?”

The Book of the Sea refuted: (We can't be blamed for that—— We Saint Pillar Soul Artifacts all have different functions. For example, my function is to record knowledge, so if you tell me to attack or defend, of course, I wouldn't be able to do it]

The Key of the Wind added: (There is another crucial factor. You are the Earth God, so you can utilize the Coin of the Earth's powers almost completely, but since you aren't the Wind God nor the Water God, you are unable to utilize the power of the Wind and Water Pillars to their limits]

Kaling!

The golden coin also let out a noise to signal its agreement.

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

A Soul Artifact must have a wielder.

This is similar to how weapons must have a wielder to truly be able to exert their true powers.

And more importantly...

He made various considerations before gradually resolving himself.

I'm currently being affected by [True Luck], so everything should proceed in the most beneficial manner to me, which means this is the best time to do this!

Gu Qing Shan cleared his throat before turning to the Key of the Wind and Book of the Sea:

"Then, how about I find you both a new master?"

The Book of the Sea spoke right away: [If you're talking about that woman next to you, then I absolutely refuse—— she nearly ripped me in half with her bare hands earlier!]

Gu Qing Shan could only turn to the Key of the Wind.

The Key of the Wind spoke: (You were the one who forged me, so I'll respect your wishes just this once and see if she qualifies to become my master]

The Key of the Wind flew by itself and began circling around Xie Dao Ling.

While moving, it also started giving off green light that gradually surrounded Xie Dao Ling.

Something miraculous occurred.

As the light illuminated Xie Dao Ling, various colorful spirit flowers continuously manifested, displaying their solemnity and mysticism.

The Key of the Wind flew back and told Gu Qing Shan: (She is surrounded by overwhelming natural spirits, even though she is currently an incomplete soul, if she is able to escape from her current restraints and regain her complete self, her capabilities would be immeasurable—— I'm very pleased]

Gu Qing Shan grinned.

The Key of the Wind is the Spatial Saint Pillar Soul Artifact, so if it's willing to accept Xie Dao Ling as its master, her safety would be guaranteed.

The Heavenly Emperor would never be able to capture her again!

That way, I can enter the Elements Purgatory without any worries.

“Would the Heavenly Emperor detect us during the acceptance ritual?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

(He would not. This is an internal matter between Saint Pillar Soul Artifacts, completely unrelated to the owners—— of course, as you are the Earth God, we won’t chase you away since you’re already here] the Book of the Sea answered.

Gu Qing Shan felt even more assured.

“Shifu, the Key of the Wind in my hands wishes to accept you as its master. As you’ve already seen, it is capable of opening a gate to any location, as long as you can provide it with the necessary vitality” Gu Qing Shan explained.

“I can see that, if it is one of the Four Saint Pillars, then it would certainly be of great help to me—— come!” Xie Dao Ling called out towards the Key of the Wind.

The Key of the Wind replied gently and obediently landed in her hand.

Something immediately occurred——

Lines of bloody red text started to appear in the void of space:

(You’re currently witnessing the following ritual:]

(Xie Dao Ling becoming the master of the Key of the Wind]

[According to the rules of the Four Saint Pillars, as one Saint Pillar forms a covenant, the other three Saint Pillar Soul Artifacts will manifest to witness it]

The bloody red text quickly disappeared.

In an instant, the entire world was nowhere to be seen.

It had become a vast river of stars.

Xie Dao Ling doubtfully asked: “This is——”

“This is the ritual of acceptance of the Four Saint Pillars, when I became the master of the Earth God’s coin, I also experienced the same thing” Gu Qing Shan explained.

The Coin of the Earth and Book of the Sea also took flight, continuously circling around Xie Dao Ling and the Key of the Wind in her hand as if to congratulate them.

A few moments later.

The void of space began to fluctuate.

A fiery red pendant also emerged.

The Fire Saint Pillar, Pendant of Fire!

The other three Saint Pillar Soul Artifacts flew up and began to communicate with the pendant.

They each merrily spoke in their own language of noises for a long while.

Gu Qing Shan didn't say anything, but silently called out in his mind: "Coin, help me ask the pendant if the Heavenly Emperor had used any other countermeasures that he used on my Shifu"

Kaling!

The Coin of the Earth replied to him in his mind, then began to fly around the Pendant of Fire and called out continuously.

Being bothered by it so much, the Pendant of Fire could only reply with some noise.

The Four Saint Pillar Soul Artifacts continued to communicate for a long while before they flew down and circled around Xie Dao Ling, occasionally making noises as if to evaluate or comment on her.

The Key of the Wind was continuously making a metallic thick noise to introduce her to the other three Soul Artifacts.

A few moments later, the four Soul Artifacts all took flight and respectively began to give off a gold, red, green, and black-colored light, which then fused together while resonating with a buzzing noise.

The resonating noise grew increasingly louder until it echoed throughout the entire sea of stars, causing an endless number of worlds to tremble.

All of a sudden, the sea of stars disappeared.

All the supernatural phenomena were gone. Gu Qing Shan and Xie Dao Ling had both returned to the peak of the mountain, standing where they stood previously.

The Pendant of Fire had already vanished.

The Key of the Wind landed in Xie Dao Ling's hand and instantly disappeared without a trace.

A faint green wind-like aura began to drift around her body.

"Shifu, how do you feel?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Xie Dao Ling appeared to be in thought and muttered: "It feels... like this key doesn't only have the ability to open the path to any location, but it's capable of other things as

well"

"Of course, since you're now its master, you can naturally exert the full extent of its powers, but you'll need to figure those powers out by yourself" Gu Qing Shan replied.

—in the past, it wasn't until I obtained the Coin of the Earth that I realized it didn't only possess (True Luck), but also has (Shelter) and [Absolute Prohibition).

As one of the Saint Pillar Soul Artifacts, it's natural for the Key of the Wind to possess other secret abilities.

The Book of the Sea and Pendant of Fire should be the same as well.

The Book of the Sea was still hiding near Gu Qing Shan.

As the two of them spoke, the golden coin fell down and landed in Gu Qing Shan's hand. Kaling! Kling kling kling!

As if boasting its achievements, the coin continuously gave off a chiming metallic noise.

Gu Qing Shan solemnly listened to it.

Even after the golden coin had stopped making noise, he still remained silent.

"What's the matter?" Xie Dao Ling asked.

"I asked the Coin to investigate a bit and ask whether the Heavenly Emperor had used any other miracles on you"

"And what have you found out?"

"There is still another miracle that's affecting the current you and the other you"

"Which is?"

"The Heavenly Emperor was afraid that you might go out to search for your present incarnation, so he paid a heavy price to invoke this miracle:"

"—If you try to search for your present incarnation, it would definitely not bare any results and eventually lead you to the Heavenly Emperor himself, once again being sealed by him"

After listening to his explanation, Xie Dao Ling stayed silent for a while before speaking: "...I've always known that there are countless unique powers within the Boundless Void, but never have I thought that the Saint Pillars' powers would be so great, being able to control even this"

Gu Qing Shan also sighed.

Within the Boundless Void, there are infinite possibilities.

There is even a legend that the Four Saint Pillar Soul Artifacts are directly related to an ultimate secret.

But that's a distant matter.

I don't have the time or strength to be investigating something like that.

"We can't search for your present incarnation... so it seems we need to think of something else" Gu Qing Shan commented.

"Do you have any ideas?" Xie Dao Ling asked.

Both of them both abruptly went quiet.

The sound of rapid footsteps emerged from the mountain road leading up here.

Someone was rapidly approaching!

Xie Dao Ling stepped forward to stand next to Gu Qing Shan and whispered: "If it's a heavenly being, I'm going to open a gate for us to immediately leave this place"

"Understood" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The two of them focused their gazes on the mountain road.

After a little bit, a figure could be seen rapidly approaching

While running as fast as they could, the figure called out towards Gu Qing Shan: “Junior brother! It’s me, it’s me!”

Gu Qing Shan squinted, then suddenly exclaimed: “Second brother?”

The person practically cried out: “It’s me! I’ve finally found the two of you!”

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“Eiiii! Shifu, third brother, we’re about to arrive”

Qin Xiao Lou’s voice reverberated throughout the surroundings.

The three galloping horses gradually slowed down and began to run along a dirt road.

Xie Dao Ling, Qin Xiao Lou, and Gu Qing Shan were each riding their own horses as they observed the city at the end of the road.

“Ah, I can see it” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The city’s name was Luo Shui.

This was one of the biggest cities in the Human realm.

Ever since the Samsara was reset, Qin Xiao Lou had been taking refuge within this city.

He wasn’t particularly strong, nor did he like to fight, so he hadn’t been able to leave the city in fear of running into the Elemental monsters.

But he was also in a hurry to find Xie Dao Ling as well as his junior sect brothers and sisters, so he had to establish a base in the city, using divination every day to search for any clues regarding the members of Bai Hua sect.

— as soon as Gu Qing Shan and Xie Dao Ling left the Elements War Zone, they were transported to a barren mountain on the outskirts of Luo Shui city.

After which they were found by Qin Xiao Lou.

Leading the way, Qin Xiao Lou boasted:

“Today, I just felt like I should perform divination. Originally, I didn’t think it would produce any results, but instead, it was ‘Great Luck’

“It’s been so long since I got ‘Great Luck’ during divination, so I tried divining everyone individually starting from Qing Shan, Xiu Xiu, Wan Er, then Qing Rou. In the end, I found that Qing Shan’s fortune was identical to the ‘Great Luck’ results that I got earlier”

“I then tried divining a direction— and discovered that you were just a little bit to the North of where I was!”

“I immediately set out”

“Sure enough, I found you here, as well as... Shifu’s previous life incarnation, truly exceptional luck!”

He cautiously glanced at Xie Dao Ling as he said that.

“That’s right, today my luck is quite decent” Gu Qing Shan followed up.

——the total duration for [True Luck] was 24 hours, and it hadn’t been 24 hours yet.

As for divination, it was the most mystical and inexplicable Art among the Six Arts of cultivation, capable of sneaking a peek into heaven’s will. Hardly one among millions of cultivators could even begin to comprehend it, but Qin Xiao Lou was capable of using it just like a fish in water.

Qin Xiao Lou was originally known as the number one expert of the Six Arts whose divination skills far surpassed others; while Gu Qing Shan was currently affected by (True Luck] and just happened to be dropped off on the outskirts of Luo Shui city

That was why they were found so quickly. At this point, Xie Dao Ling suddenly spoke:

“You said you are called Qin Xiao Lou?”

“Yes, Shifu” Qin Xiao Lou respectfully answered.

“Gu Qing Shan is about to head into the Elements Purgatory, while I’m under threat of being captured by the Heavenly Emperor at any moment. With your level of strength, perhaps you should hide to prevent yourself from being caught in the crossfire” Xie Dao Ling suggested casually.

Qin Xiao Lou answered with a stern expression: “Shifu, before the Samsara was reset, I had already managed to foretell a great upheaval within our world, causing the disciples of Bai Hua sect to become scattered”

“Oh? You managed to foretell that?” Xie Dao Ling was intrigued.

Qin Xiao Lou slowly explained: “Indeed. To that end, I’ve drafted several plans layered on top of one another, stockpiling plenty of spirit stones, heavenly jades, treasure metals, as well as numerous ingredients. And since my personal strength is lacking, I’ve already thought of the solution to establish a secret base. All I had to do was wait for the Samsara to change and once again establish the foundations of our sect—— which has already passed the initial phases!” Xie Dao Ling and Gu Qing Shan exchanged glances.

Qin Xiao Lou continued: “Don’t you worry, Shifu, there are ample resources within our Bai Hua sect’s base, hidden in plain sight within a bustling city, furthermore, I’ve installed several transportation formations to facilitate evacuation at any moment, it is completely safe”

“Indeed, what careful considerations” Gu Qing Shan praised.

Xie Dao Ling also nodded and sighed: “My present incarnation truly does have great discerning eyes, taking in disciples with unique talents and such well-rounded hearts, how remarkable”

The three of them entered the city.

As expected, the city was bustling and prosperous, with individuals from the Beast King, Asura, and Human realm casually intermingling with one another.

It was only when some minor evil creatures and monsters showed up that there would be some small-scale chaos.

—at this point, such creatures had only just started appearing in the Human realm, so they were still a rare sight.

But after a while, everyone would gradually come to accept it as the norm and stop paying attention to them.

The three of them walked through a long main street and eventually reached a secluded alleyway.

“Shifu, third brother, we’re about to arrive” Qin Xiao Lou assured them.

“Second brother, we’re currently facing a difficult problem”

Seeing that no one was here, Gu Qing Shan decided to tell him about it ahead of time.

—since Qin Xiao Lou had decided to become more responsible, it was natural to discuss the matters of the sect with him.

“Go ahead, junior brother” Qin Xiao Lou told him.

“We’re currently under the effects of a unique technique which makes it so that we can’t search for Shifu. If we try to, there would be huge problems” Gu Qing Shan said.

He was explaining it in a roundabout way.

“That’s quite troublesome” Qin Xiao Lou mused.

“That’s right, but we still need to quickly come up with something— after all, Shifu must become whole again in order to have a chance to regain her strength” Gu Qing Shan added.

“If we can’t search for Shifu, would it be possible for Shifu to search for us instead?” Qin Xiao Lou asked.

“Hm, that’s certainly a solution” Gu Qing Shan praised.

Second brother is finally reliable, I’m glad.

“—But how would Shifu be able to find us? Do you have any specific plan?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

This is actually a very troublesome matter.

After Xie Dao Ling’s seal was broken and she escaped with the miniature Heaven realm, the Heavenly Emperor was definitely furious.

The Heavenly Emperor would surely send out all of his best subordinates to scour the Human realm in search of Xie Dao Ling.

He might even personally do it himself.

For that reason, Gu Qing Shan and Qin Xiao Lou needed to come up with something.



Not only do they need to attract Shifu's attention and thus make her travel to Luo Shui city on her own accord; but they must also make sure that they didn't actually draw the attention of the heavenly beings.

—how can we achieve this?

From the very beginning, Gu Qing Shan had been thinking about this problem in particular.

Xie Dao Ling also appeared attentive. But Qin Xiao Lou smiled confidently and replied: "No need to worry yourself, junior brother, I've performed many divinations and had been expecting today's situation. That's why I've already come up with a solution as well as made the preparations for it"

Gu Qing Shan narrowed his eyes in surprise.

Xie Dao Ling also found that unexpected: "You've even made the preparations for the solution?"

"Indeed I have" Qin Xiao Lou replied.

"What's the solution?" Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but ask.

Qin Xiao Lou put his hands together and explained: "We have to draw Shifu's attention, but we need to avoid drawing the heavenly beings' attention, so we need to send out a message— the message needs to contain just enough information so that Shifu understands it, but the heavenly beings wouldn't be able to discern its true intentions"

"Makes sense" Gu Qing Shan nodded.

Qin Xiao Lou continued: "If this message is only sent out once, Shifu might not notice or pay attention to it, so it also needs to be a persistent message, one that will rouse discussion, doesn't intrusively draw attention, and one that Shifu will immediately recognize and come to find us when she sees it!"

"You're right" Gu Qing Shan agreed.

"But then, how will you do it specifically?" Xie Dao Ling asked.

—it seems that not just Gu Qing Shan, but this second disciple of mine is also an extremely smart fellow.

Xie Dao Ling thought to herself.

Qin Xiao Lou the made a mysterious expression and replied: "Follow me, I've already prepared everything" The three of them quickly went through the whole alleyway.

Very quickly, they arrived in front of a tall building.

"Take a look!"

Qin Xiao Lou proudly had them take a look at the building

Gu Qing Shan and Xie Dao Ling both looked up to see that there was a large sign being hung in front of the building, which contained two large characters written in brilliant calligraphy.

Gu Qing Shan muttered: "Green— Building—[1]"

The air immediately froze.

A gust of wind blew away from his body and disappeared.

That seemed to be Li An.

Is she angry?

Gu Qing Shan only had that thought for a split second before he stopped himself.

Wiping the cold sweat from his forehead, he began wracking his brain to resolve another bigger issue.

— I need to quickly come up with a way to help Xiao Lou explain, or he's dead!

"What is this about?" Xie Dao Ling asked with an indifferent expression.

Qin Xiao Lou boasted proudly: "The 'qing' is the same 'qing' in Gu Qing Shan's name, and 'lou' in Qin Xiao Lou"

"And? Is that the only reason? Surely there's something else?"

Gu Qing Shan was winking rapidly at him.

Qin Xiao Lou puffed out his chest: "Junior brother, you don't understand. Even though the name is 'Qing Lou', it's actually a restaurant"

"A restaurant?" Xie Dao Ling questioned.

"Exactly, it's my restaurant— I'm sure third brother still remembers it from back then, we used to be in a duo in the 'Qing Lou' airship combo"

"Really now?" Xie Dao Ling turned her gaze to Gu Qing Shan.

"Ah, we didn't actually form a real combo" Gu Qing Shan continuously waved his hand dismissively, so embarrassed that he wanted to find a hole to jump inside.

"After Shifu found out about this, she scolded me for an entire day straight— I bet that our 'Qing Lou' left a very deep impression on her" Qin Xiao Lou added.

"And then?" Xie Dao Ling asked.

"Although my restaurant still hasn't opened, you should know about my spirit cooking skills. Once I officially open shop, its name will surely spread far and wide" Qin Xiao Lou replied.

Gu Qing Shan tried following up for him: "After that, Shifu would hear about a restaurant that specializes in spirit cooking that is the best in the world, she would only need to think about it briefly to realize that you're the owner"

"That's right, then she'll come searching for

*Us!*"

Qin Xiao Lou clapped his hands and

about my plan?"

Gu Qing Shan didn't dare to check Xie Dao Ling's expression and tried laughing it off: "Although the method is a bit unorthodox, it's clear that you put a lot of thought into it"

"There is one prerequisite to this, your spirit cooking must actually be renowned throughout the entire Human realm, otherwise, opening a restaurant called 'Qing Lou' would only make our sect a laughing stock" Xie Dao Ling coldly commented.

Qin Xiao Lou replied: "Don't worry Shifu. When it comes to cultivation or fighting, I'm leagues behind everyone else, but if you're talking about spirit cooking... Hmph, the only person in all the realms that can even compare to me is third brother"

"Can you swear to me that your 'Qing Lou' isn't actually doing 'that' kind of business?" Xie Dao Ling sternly questioned him.

Qin Xiao Lou answered with a similarly stern expression: "Shifu, although I frequently go out drinking with Gu Qing Shan in such establishments, I would definitely not open a brothel"

Gu Qing Shan face-palmed.

Why... did you have to drag me down...

Xie Dao Ling narrowed her eyes and turned to Gu Qing Shan: "Is that the truth?"

What else could Gu Qing Shan say?

He could only pretend like he really didn't mind those words and happily followed up: "It's true, second brother would definitely not have the courage to open a brothel, his spirit cooking skills are definitely a cut above the rest, Shifu can be assured"

"Hmph" Xie Dao Ling scoffed.

"...Shifu, how about you come inside first, senior brother and I will make you a meal" Gu Qing Shan tried suggesting.

Xie Dao Ling shook her head: "As long as it

doesn't matter. There's no need for you to make any food, since you're going to succeed no matter what you do during this period of time, I'd like to examine your second brother's spirit cooking first"

Hearing her say that, Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief.

When it comes to cooking, Qin Xiao Lou's expertise was genuine.

"Then let us go in first"

"Hm"

Qin Xiao Lou began to cook.

Xie Dao Ling personally observed him from behind.

Only Gu Qing Shan remained alone in the dining hall of the restaurant, silently waiting for the results while sipping some tea.

Suddenly, lines of bloody red text appeared in the void of space:

[Attention, the duration for 'True Luck' is over]

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

—has it already been 24 hours?

I feel like... I forgot something... "That's right, Li An, are you here?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

After a while, Li An's voice answered him from the void of space: [ After accompanying you the entire way from before, I returned for a short while earlier ]

"What did you return for?" Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but ask.

Li An replied: [ It's a brothel, so of course you'll need the help of my subordinate Tianma girls, they'll silently protect your Shifu as well as drawing more customers to your establishment, becoming renowned in as little time as possible ] Before Gu Qing Shan could say anything, a group of girls merrily entered the restaurant.

Each of them were eye-candy of the highest quality, capable of alluring people with every smile, gesture, physique, as well as aura.

At this point, Xie Dao Ling had just come out of the kitchen.

She was clasping her hands behind her back and commented with a pleased tone: "Hm, your second brother's skills are——"

She abruptly stopped.

In front of her, the beautiful girls gracefully came forward and spoke to Gu Qing Shan all at once: "Young master Gu, please take care of us from now on"

"I'm Chuchu"

"I'm Xiao Yao"

"Xin Er here, young master Gu~"

The Tianma introduced themselves one by one.

Gu Qing Shan was completely frozen.

(1) In case anyone forgot, this is written as "Qing Lou", which can also mean 'brothel' in Chinese, made up of two characters from Gu Qing Shan and Qin Xiao Lou's names respectively

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The restaurant was closed.

——because it hadn't opened in the first place, there was no need to put up any signs.

This was a relatively secluded location, and there was already a sound-proofing formation arranged around it, so there was no fear of any commotion.

Qin Xiao Lou was sitting on top of a chair with his eyes tightly closed, his expression continuously changing.

“No...”

“Don’t... don’t...”

“We’re just drinking, don’t do anything else...”

He was mumbling non-stop.

His tone was growing increasingly quicker, his body was also squirming uncomfortably.

At this point, a female voice called out:

“Enough”

Qin Xiao Lou immediately turned silent, his body went limp, and he started to snore. —he was now fully asleep.

The Tianma girl who used the charming technique stopped, bowed to Xie Dao Ling, then swiftly stood to one side.

Xie Dao Ling said with an indifferent expression: “Who would have thought that the descendants of the past Profound Immortals would now have to resort to such means against living beings?”

Li An stood out and explained: [ This is merely our means of defense, in truth, we would not let ourselves go and willingly fall into depravity)

“Oh? Are your circumstances tough?” Xie Dao Ling’s tone softened a bit and asked.

[ The heavenly beings of the previous Samsara have all been executed, only our Profound Immortal lineage remains, surviving day by day Li An closed her eyes and lowered her gaze.

Xie Dao Ling looked at her closely and asked: “I’ve kept quiet this entire time because I thought that this was my disciple’s own business, but now that you’ve shown yourself, I need you to answer one thing: Why can your Inner Sight attach itself on my disciple’s body and continue following him?”

Killing intent abruptly appeared from her body, which was fully directed towards Li An.

The entire restaurant fell silent.

Li An paused briefly before casually replying: [ We of the Profound Immortal lineage made a Profound Immortal vow with him to act in conjunction for both of our mutual benefits during the Samsara Clash for Supremacy Gu Qing Shan, having finally found the chance to speak, quickly stood up, cleared his throat, and explained everything that had happened up to this point.

The battle against Qi Yan, eliminating the demonized people, and cooperating against the two High Sequence Apocalypses, all of them were remarkable feats, and Xie Dao Ling just sat there silently listening.

“So that’s how things were, it seems everything had been a misunderstanding” Xie Dao Ling casually commented.

“That’s indeed the case, Shifu” Gu Qing Shan affirmed.

“Hm... You are my disciple, and the original members of the Profound Immortal lineage have all most likely perished, the fact that their descendants have been able to become your allies can also be considered our karma, the karma of the legitimate Heaven realm’s inheritance”

Xie Dao Ling’s tone had gradually returned to normal, it was no longer as frigid as before.

Both Li An and Gu Qing Shan silently sighed in relief.

——when the Tianma arrived earlier, they just happened to run into Shifu as she came out.

Seeing how the descendants of the Profound Immortals acted, especially when they were trying to seduce her disciple, she was only one second away from eradicating them all.

It wasn’t until just now that they were able to clearly explain everything.

Xie Dao Ling stood up and walked next to Qin Xiao Lou, asking him:

“Tell me, how many times did you bring your junior brothers and sister out to drink in brothels?”

“I’ve never brought the junior sisters, and I only brought third brother out once” Qin Xiao Lou’s eyes were still closed and subconsciously answered.

“Tell me in detail everything that happened” Xie Dao Ling continued.

The Tianma girls then turned their gazes away to look at the decoration within the restaurant, acting as if they weren’t listening.

Li An simply gave Gu Qing Shan a sidelong glance. Gu Qing Shan lowered his gaze, wishing that he had something to drink right now.

Qin Xiao Lou then slowly explained: “Explain in detail everything that happened... nothing happened at all. At first, we were sitting in the main lobby, drinking while listening to their singing. But when the owner had us go upstairs to choose the girls we wanted, I was panicking a bit”

“Because of how much money I was spending at the time, I didn’t bring enough with me. If we had gone up that way, we would definitely be chased back down, causing harm to the reputation of our Bai Hua sect—— but since that was the first time I brought junior brother out, I still wanted to maintain my pride, I was stuck between a rock and a hard place”

Xie Dao Ling then asked: “Then, what about your third brother”

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Qin Xiao Lou answered: “Third brother... he appeared very calm when he was looking upstairs, but he was using an empty cup to drink with me—— I assume that he was panicking even more than I was, and come to think of it—— while we had no money to our name, how could we throw away our precious male chastity so easily?”

“And so, we just left”

The restaurant was filled with stifling silence.

Xie Dao Ling then struck Qin Xiao Lou’s forehead with her palm.

Qin Xiao Lou slowly woke back up.

“Huh? Third brother, did I fall asleep just now?”

“—wait a minute, where did so many beautiful fairies come from? Did Shifu accept more junior sisters into the sect?”

He asked with a clearly excited expression.

Gu Qing Shan covered his face.

Li An and the Tianma girls around her all lowered their heads.

Xie Dao Ling narrowed her eyes and stared straight at Qin Xiao Lou:

“For better or worse, you are still the second-ranking disciple of the sect, you should be the role model for all of your junior brothers and sisters. How could you only spend effort on playing around without cultivating yourself?”

Qin Xiao Lou complained: “Shifu, I’ve been cultivating myself this entire time, there’s no chance for me to play around at all”

Xie Dao Ling turned to Gu Qing Shan and asked: “How does he usually cultivate?”

“It’s like this... We have a kite... in the sky...”

Gu Qing Shan explained.

Xie Dao Ling praised: “Hm, as expected of a teaching method that I thought of, but it is still not strict enough”

“Not strict enough?” Qin Xiao Lou was a bit surprised, then suddenly felt a bad feeling.

Xie Dao Ling turned around to look at Li An and said: “In the past, the Profound Immortal lineage was responsible for punishment and rewards within the realm, I’ll leave you in charge of this matter. If the method you come up with can satisfy me, I don’t mind keeping you by my side”

Li An appeared ecstatic and respectfully replied: [ Understood! ]

A while later.

“Shifu, I’m heading out” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Hm, the Elements Purgatory is full of danger, make sure to take care of yourself” Xie Dao Ling replied.

Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist towards her, then turned around and left.

Xie Dao Ling is currently the master of the Key of the Wind, so her safety should be no issue, not to mention she needs some time to master the other abilities of the Key of the Wind.

—the Tianma were allowed to remain.

Xie Dao Ling told Li An to remain by her side, apparently, there were some matters that needed further confirmation.

As for Qin Xiao Lou—

As Gu Qing Shan walked through the main hall of the restaurant, he looked up and clasped his fist:  
“Senior brother, I’ll be leaving first”

“Third brother, take care of yourself, your brother is cultivating, so I won’t be able to help you in the foreseeable future”

Very quickly, Qin Xiao Lou’s voice could be heard from the ceiling.

“Don’t worry about me, senior brother can cultivate in peace” Gu Qing Shan looked up and encouraged him.

A single chopstick was propped straight up on the floor.

Then there was another chopstick on top of that chopstick.

And another one on top of that one. A few dozen chopsticks had been stacked vertically on top of one another until they reached the ceiling.

And Qin Xiao Lou was sitting directly on the topmost chopstick.

His butt cheeks were tightly gripping the end of the chopstick while he sat in a cross-legged posture, focused on cultivating.

This was a method of cultivation that permitted no relaxation at all.

As soon as one relaxes...

That chopstick would...

Immediately...

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed. —Li An certainly fits her reputation as the most exceptional Tianma of her generation.

Gu Qing Shan opened the door and left the building

He left the alleyway, followed the path until he reached the main street, then followed the flow of the people to leave Luo Shui city before making his way back to the mountain top from before.

This was the mountain top where the Key of the Wind had dropped him and Xie Dao Ling off initially.

At the time, he and Xie Dao Ling had both seen an entrance to the Elements Purgatory near this mountain.

Some unnatural creatures could be seen rushing into the entrance.

Gu Qing Shan first looked for a secluded location before taking out the Reincarnation Gloom Orchid.



——It's about time to fight.

I don't have [True Luck] right now, but it's best for me to take a look and see if I can summon an appropriate supporter.

It's great if I can.

If not, I can just undo the summoning.

Gu Qing Shan activated the Gloom Orchid.

Rays of bright red light manifested in the void of space and descended, gradually forming the shape of a gate.

Instantly, lines of notifications popped up in front of Gu Qing Shan's eyes:

(You've activated Moon Invitation!)

[Moon Invitation's summoning target is currently random]

[Attention: Due to the shared Title of 'Pure Love Gang' between you and a certain slumbering individual, you will definitely summon an individual that is compatible with the Title among countless slumbering Professionals]

[Attention, a female individual had joined the 'Pure Love Gang' on her own accord]

[——For her entire life, she had been avoiding the power she possesses, never having the chance to be part of a truly passionate romance, which perfectly fits the Title's requirements]

Gu Qing Shan appeared a bit surprised.

——aren't all of them in slumber right now? How can someone join of their own volition?

What's going on?

Some lines of glowing text then appeared:

(She is a girl carrying a unique title, the spokesperson of countless powerful entities, the fusion form of unique fate]

[She has arrived!]

Fwoom——

The red gates opened.

A girl slowly walked out.

She sported a tight-fitting military uniform, profound facial features with brown eyes that naturally drew one's eyes, black hair cut into a short bob just above her shoulders, only half a head shorter compared to Gu Qing Shan. Overall, a very simple appearance.

However, no one would dare to underestimate the power she possessed. ——they were truly terrifying. "Long time no see" Gu Qing Shan greeted.

“Long time indeed— I assume that they’ve never actually thought that such a day would come” the girl commented.

“What kind of day?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The girl smiled and replied: “While they were from two opposing factions, the (Harbinger of Dawn) and (Songster of Night) would stand together fighting for the sake of living beings”

—among Gu Qing Shan’s numerous Titles, there was a unique one:

(Slumbering Era’s Songster of Night).

Hearing her say that, Gu Qing Shan also felt a bit emotional.

It felt like it was just yesterday when he was still fighting against [Chaos], but the Apocalypses had already swept through the entire Space Vortex.

Too many things had happened since then.

And now, to obtain the ultimate weapon that was the Samsara, he could only do everything within his capabilities.

“I can only help the supporter I summon retain one of their abilities, so which ability did you retain?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Of course a combative ability— you saved me from my Fate in the past, so I’d naturally come to your aid. However, before that, there is something I need to tell you” the girl simply replied.

As the light slowly faded, the red gate that was used for her summoning gradually faded away.

The girl stood immediately in front of Gu Qing Shan.

—she was Ye Ru Xi.

The unique Deity of the (Chaos] faction, (Apocalypse End’s Harbinger of Dawn]

She had arrived in this world!