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After arriving, Gu Qing Shan instantly got busy, seemingly making something.

“So that’s what this place looks like” Liao Xing exclaimed.

Right now they were standing on the information processing square of the S.W. Divine Temple, so he was excitedly looking around.

Impartial Goddess spoke: [Mr. Liao Xing, please do not leave the 10 meter squared area marked out under your feet, otherwise I will detonate the Nano bombs on your body]

“Why are you singling me out!” Liao Xing loudly protested.

[Because after your return, you’ve looked at a total of 297 different studies, all of which involves the newest firewall hacking algorithms] Impartial Goddess answered.

“The fuck, A.I and machines have gotten this smart already?” Liao Xing dejectedly sighed.

“Well” Gu Qing Shan seems to have finished what he was working on and clapped his hands: “I have something I need to tell all of you”

The three of them looked at him and saw that his expression was extremely serious.

“Today, we’re gathered here to do a certain something” Gu Qing Shan very serious spoke.

“What would that be?”

“To make a game”

“Pfft, ahahaha” Zhang Ying Hao couldn’t help but laugh.

“A game? A brainwave game?” he laughed, “I’ve fallen in love with the art of assassination since I was 17 years old, haven’t played a game since”

Ye Fei Li was a bit intrigued: “What kind of game are you talking about, I was quite good at fighting games before you know, 7th place in the world”

“It’s not that” Gu Qing Shan waved his hand.

“What I want to make, is a game that all of humanity will join in”

“It’ll be hard to make something like that” Liao Xing slightly stopped the indifference on his face and commented.

“I’ll give you a very simplified example” Gu Qing Shan gestured.

[I’ve prepared it as you asked] Impartial Goddess spoke.

A mechanical arm appeared in front of them.

“Since this is only a show of concept, what I’m showing here is nothing but the most basic of features”

Saying so, Gu Qing Shan stepped forward and took the mechanical arm in hand.

He pressed something on it, and the arm crawled up his own, attaching itself to his left arm.

“This is a little bit bulky, so I’ll consider turning it into a bracelet later” he said, then began his demonstration.

A sword appeared in his hand.

“Impartial Goddess, use the sword technique I recorded as a basis, begin monitoring my movement and formulate a calculation model”

[Ready, please begin sir] Impartial Goddess’ voice came from the arm.

Using the Earth Sword, Gu Qing Shan began to demonstrate a series of basic sword technique.

The three people stared at him without blinking.

After finishing, Gu Qing Shan asked: “Impartial Goddess, how was my demonstration?”

[According to the recorded sword technique, you made 1 mistake in your movement, your body posture had two places that could still be improved]

Saying so, the arm projected a screen in the air.

On it, Gu Qing Shan’s mistaken movement was shown, marking out clearly where the mistake was, accompanied with a miniature person made of nodes and lines to show the correct movement.

After watching through, Gu Qing Shan asked: “Check my current status and calculate how many more times will I need to practice before I fully grasp this sword technique”

[Calculating]

[At your current status, the System estimates you will need to practice the basic techniques again for 300 times until your body memorizes how to use the technique]

“Very good, if I’m able to fully grasp this series of techniques, will I get some sort of reward?”

[If you’re able to fully grasp this series of basic techniques, you will reach the standard for 3* Martial artists, according to the Confederate personal training encouragement program, you will receive a Confederate Military-standard steel sword]

“I will now demonstrate the correct techniques” Gu Qing Shan once again practiced the sword technique from start to finish.

But he made no mistakes what-so-ever.

[Ting!]

A sound was heard from the mechanical arm.

[Seeing that you’ve fully mastered this sword technique, your personal strength has reached the level of 3* Martial artists. You will be rewarded a Confederate Military-standard steel sword]

[Would you like to receive your reward now?]

“Yes”

[Your reward will be received shortly]

But after a while, nothing happened.

“It’s fake?” Zhang Ying Hao asked.

“Of course not” Gu Qing Shan then looked at Liao Xing and smiled.

Liao Xing instantly understood, his face showed real surprise.

He muttered: “You want me to place a miniature warp apparatus on the mechanical arm, that way Impartial Goddess can send the reward to the player’s location at any time”

“Correct” Gu Qing Shan answered, “this way, the reward can instantly be sent out, greatly increasing the player’s experience and sense of accomplishment”

The three of them were stunned.

“A miniature warp device... that’ll be hard, I need some time” Liao Xing frowned and spoke.

Gu Qing Shan continued: “This is nothing but the most basic function, after your warp technology is done being miniaturized, I will begin to incorporate some of the actual, powerful functions into this”

“What would that be?” Zhang Ying Hao asked.

“Knowledge of techniques and skills, perhaps even powerful weaponry and equipment ——practical and powerful things that can make anyone drool at it”

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“What are those, specifically?” Ye Fei Li asked further.

“You can imagine, someone who was born with abnormal strength, but doesn’t know how to use it, then they received a close combat techniques guide”

“Of course, there are quite a few other things, but we can only slowly incorporate them into it over time”

— — *I may not be able to give anyone eternal life, but I can show humanity the true path to immortality*, Gu Qing Shan silently said to himself.

Zhang Ying Hao listened and contemplated for a while: “If there’s such rewards then...”

“Fucker!” Liao Xing suddenly shouted.

Zhang Ying Hao frowned: “What are you shouting about? Suddenly shouting like that”

“You just don’t get it! You don’t know what this really means!” Liao Xing showed clear excitement, “if this game really does succeed, humanity’s civilization will take an entirely different turn, while the few of us here shall become the kings of the new world!”

He quickly spoke: “Since that’s the case, I’ll have to redesign the warp device from scratch, you just keep your eye out for it”

Gu Qing Shan answered him: “No need to rush, what comes will eventually come, we still need to experiment with this bit by bit to make sure this game becomes the strongest System in the world”

Zhang Ying Hao finally understood and asked: “You’re saying you want to use this method to resolve the situation with the Game of Eternal?”

“Interesting, I’m also very intrigued” Ye Fei Li was a bit excited.

“But the biggest problem is that, to humanity as a whole, having eternal life is already the greatest reward a game can give” Zhang Ying Hao said.

“Eternal life...” Gu Qing Shan shut his eyes and looked around the arena.

This place had become a living hell.

The arena was painted red with blood, littered with white-ish red organs and severed limbs.

Over ten thousand people had died with their eyes still open, their faces still carried the despair and fright before their deaths.

The old voice seems to take no notice of this and spoke with an excited voice full of anticipation:

『 Take a look everyone, the top 4 has appeared! 』

『 The King of the Arena shall be one of them! 』

『 Who is the one that will obtain eternal life? 』

『 Let us watched with bated breaths! 』

The three Professionals stood in the four corners of the arena, silently pressuring one another.

Due to killing so many people, they all obtained powerful equipment like never seen before.

The Professional that first started killing people ——Chen Qi, he was wearing a black full body armor made of bones, his hand holding a huge flaming bone Blade.

This armor was sturdy, yet light at the same time, it doesn’t trouble the wearer’s movement at all, and Chen Qi’s reward for killing the 2000th person.

Chen Qi was staring cautiously at the other three people.

On Chen Qi’s left was a short martial artist.

This martial artist was a bit hesitant to kill, and only took the lives that he had to, so he was only wearing a breastplate, every body part of his body was exposed.

Chen Qi only glanced at him before ignoring him completely.

I’m wearing a full body armor here ——if that shorty dare to come up and attack, I don’t even need to defend, one slash is enough to take his life.

Chen Qi’s sight was directed at another place in the arena.

The only person that makes him feel threatened is a white-haired old man.

Small puffs of flames appeared out of thin air, circling around the old man and protecting him.

A monster bird that's made entirely of bone was carrying the old man on its back, floating in the air.

The old announcer voice explained that this was a "Hell's Traveler", having awakened a Fire elemental root just like the old man, is a powerful ally in battle.

The Hell's Traveler is the old man's reward for killing 5000 people.

"Bastard!" Chen Qi spat out in annoyance and silently complained.

As a Fire Elementalist, and in such a wide arena, the old man only needed to spend very little effort to kill a lot of people.

His killing speed was so fast that he couldn't catch up.

Then how can I kill that old man?

Chen Qi was thinking rapidly.

Suddenly, a pained cough was heard from the right of the arena.

Chen Qi quickly turned his head.

Over there, the last of the four remaining survivors was a burly middle-aged man, kneeling on the ground and coughing up blood.

In the intense battles before, the man was hit by a Professional's last ditch attack and was heavily wounded, struggling to stay up until now was all he could muster.

"A chance!"

Chen Qi's eyes glowed.

If I finish off such a powerful Professional right now, I might be able to get more powerful equipment. That way, I can definitely stand up against the old man.

Chen Qi lifts his bone Blade, smirked and attacked the burly middle-aged man.

The other two were also very quick to react, sped up and flew towards him.

Seeing so, the burly middle-aged man was in despair, but still shouted: "Whoever dares come here, even if I have to die, I don't go down without a fight!"

Watching so far, Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes.

He spoke heavily: "Such a damned eternal life is not worth pursuing for anybody... we can't let anyone else join this cursed game"

"What do you suggest then? In the face of eternal life, not everyone will be willing to listen to you"

Zhang Ying Hao commented.

Gu Qing Shan waved his hand: "We'll talk about that later, let's first talk about our game, if you have any ideas, I'm willing to listen"

Liao Xing spoke: "On your game System device, make sure to leave a spot for my mini-warp device. And make sure that it's in a state where it cannot be taken off"

"Understood, Impartial Goddess, please record this" Gu Qing Shan nodded.

[Recorded] Impartial Goddess spoke.

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"Just do your best" Gu Qing Shan very seriously answered: "The warp device is the most important part of this whole thing, every reward given will require the use of it, so you have to try your best"

"Leave it to me, it's just doing what I'm used to. But I want you to leave the first debugger and play tester slot to me" Liao Xing looked like he couldn't wait to try it out.

"No problem" Gu Qing Shan answered.

Then he looked at Ye Fei Li.

Ye Fei Li contemplated for a bit, then said: "If this is a System-type game, then there's a very important thing that you seem to have overlooked"

Both Gu Qing Shan and Liao Xing turned to stare at him.

Being stared at by two people isn't very comfortable, so Ye Fei Li cleared his throat: "Before the apocalypse, I used to be a half-professional brainwave gamer"

"That's great, that means your opinion is exceptionally valuable" Gu Qing Shan spoke.

"I feel like a System, or a game like this, one of the most important things you need to pay attention to is the name" Ye Fei Li replied.

"The name?" Gu Qing Shan and Liao Xing both didn't expect to hear that.

"That's right" Ye Fei Li spoke very seriously, "if the name of a game isn't interesting, then you lose the important first impression and you won't gain any players' interest"

"For example, before the apocalypse came, there used to be a game called Billionaire Simulator Online, while its competitor of the same genre was called Life Business Online"

"So when Billionaire Simulator Online launched its server, the amount of players they had was 5 times that of the other one"

After his explanation, the other three also nodded.

"That sounds about right" Zhang Ying Hao followed up: "If we want to become that damned Game of Eternal's competitor, we need to at least overpower it by name"

"Then, we'll think about it together" Gu Qing Shan decided.

Then they all went silent.

"Apocalyptic Chick Protector League?" Liao Xing suggested.

"What a dogshit name" Ye Fei Li scoffed, "female players will definitely hate this name"

“Hm, I think Cold-blooded Hunter System sounds nice” Zhang Ying Hao suggested.

“Also dogshit, that name of yours will probably scare away most players instantly” Ye Fei Li shook his head.

“Then you suggest one” Zhang Ying Hao said in annoyance.

“Ascend-to-god-through-killing: The Game” Ye Fei Li clenched his fist and excitedly suggested.

“Dogshit!”

Both Zhang Ying Hao and Liao Xing said at the same time.

Gu Qing Shan felt his head hurt, so after thinking a bit he spoke: “Let’s just call it the Protector of the Planet”

“That’s a bit to-the-point isn’t it” Zhang Ying Hao was in disagreement.

“To-the-point means that it’s truthful, it represents the fact that anyone can continue to grow stronger nonstop, to finally become the protector of this planet, to fight against the apocalypse” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Then there’s one problem left” Zhang Ying Hao said.

“Isn’t our plan a bit too late?” Zhang Ying Hao asked, “look, the Game of Eternal’s first round is about to be over”

Right at this moment, the old voice was suddenly heard in everyone’s mind again.

『 Bystanders, the first round of the Game of Eternal had concluded 』

Everyone immediately closed their eyes to watch the Game of the Eternal.

In the arena littered with corpses, a single person was barely standing.

It was the white-haired old man.

One of his arms was cut off, blinded in one eye, there’s even a dagger still in his back.

Blood was flowing out in streams from his back, dripping to the ground.

Just a bit longer and he would’ve died from blood loss.

But at this very moment, he’s the only person still alive in this arena.

The voice praised him: 『 Our champion has been born, for the sake of our champion’s dignity, let us heal all of his wounds! 』

A black coffin rose from the ground of the arena.

『 Please enter the coffin, your wounds will very quickly be healed 』 the old voice said.

Although the Professionalist was a bit hesitant, he still staggered and dropped himself into the coffin.

Because he didn’t have much of a choice anymore.

Then the coffin closed and slowly rotated.

『 Between life and death, only the strong shall receive the ultimate glory 』 the old voice chanted, almost singing.

After the coffin did a full rotation, it opened again.

The Professionalist jumped out.

He was surprised as he lifted his arms, seeing not a single wound on his fingers or his newly regenerated arm.

The wound on his back was also gone, and even his clothes had been replaced anew.

As he stood there, you could almost feel the life force emitting from him.

『 Our King, Ou Yang Fei Yu, you've killed a total of 6738 competitors, receiving this round's reward from the Game of Eternal! 』

A treasure chest descended from the sky.

Ye Fei Li kept his eyes closed, but suddenly spoke: "Just look at that, this reward's method of delivery looks much more enticing than instant warp"

"Because it's only giving reward to a single person, we're rewarding the entirety of humanity here. Not to mention, looking enticing or not, it's just a few illusions" Liao Xing protested.

"But it really does look too majestic, the entire world can see it from just closing their eyes" Zhang Ying Hao commented.

"I'll make sure that everyone opens their eyes can see our game" Gu Qing Shan muttered.

In the arena, the old voice said: "Please touch the treasure chest to obtain your reward, Ou Yang Fei Yu"

The Professionalist extended his hand and carefully touched the treasure chest.

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A bright shower of light emits from the chest as it opens.

When the lights faded, a crimson red staff that looked about half a person tall was floating in the air.

The staff held a strange allure and made everyone who laid eyes on it unable to take their eyes off.

On the top of the staff, a strange demonic skull was carved opening its mouth.

And next to the staff silently floated a black pill.

The old voice once again:

『 Congratulations Ou Yang Fei Yu, you've received an Eternal Pill and the Black Flame Demon King staff 』

『 The Eternal Pill shall grant you the glorious eternal life after you eat it 』

『 As for the staff 』 the old voice continued: 『 This was the Black Flame Demon King's personal staff,

representing the ultimate authority in the Black Flame world 』

『 For Professionals that awaken a Fire Elemental root, having the Black Flame Demon King staff with you shall grant you the Demon King's power, all your Fire-type attacks shall become 200% stronger!!! 』

Ou Yang Fei Yu looked visibly shocked.

And he was a Fire Elemental Professionalist.

But he didn't even glance at the staff, only staring at the black Eternal Pill.

"I can really have eternal life?" He asked in doubt.

『 That is correct, eat it and you shall receive eternal life span! 』 the old voice became solemn.

Ou Yang Fei Yu gritted his teeth, and swallowed the pill whole.

Right at this moment, every single person on the planet stopped whatever they were doing, held their breaths and stared at him.

"I feel..." he muttered.

But before he could finish, right in front of everyone, his white hair quickly regained a black luster.

The wrinkles on his was disappearing at a speed visible to the naked eye.

His body seems to have become slightly bulkier.

Being that it was a slight change, normal people don't notice it, but other Professionals opened their eyes wide.

Because the bulk was due to his bones length and strength returning to their primes.

In just a few breaths Ou Yang Fei Yu turned from a withering old man back to a handsome young man full of life.

A mirror very conveniently manifested before him.

As Ou Yang Fei Yu looked into the mirror, he then touched his face with his hands, then suddenly burst into laughter.

"Ahahahaha, so it's really true, I've done it! I've really don't it! I have gained eternal life!"

After his outburst, he began dancing for joy around the arena.

But no one ridiculed him.

Everyone could very clearly feel the extreme joy he was feeling.

Before the attainment of eternal life, no crazy outburst would be enough.

No matter how strange, no matter how bloody the game was, at this very moment, thanks to Ou Yang Fei Yu's change, all the unnecessary questions stopped.

The world was heading towards the apocalypse, humans had to face not only the fierce and large sea creatures, but also the mutated Man Eater Fiends and Man Killer Fiends, facing a dire situation like never before.

Right at their moment of despair, a chance for eternal life appeared.

At this moment, the fire was lit in everyone's mind.

Eternal life!

It's true eternal life!

Countless powerful Professionalists were regretting it.

Damn it, why didn't I choose [Yes]!

If I was there, with my strength, I would've been able to beat this Ou Yang Fei Yu easily.

The right of eternal life would've been mine!

Countless people in the world were in an uproar.

After cheering for a while, Ou Yang Fei Yu finally remembered he still had another reward.

He stepped forward and held the crimson red staff in hand.

After a bit of hesitation, Ou Yang Fei Yu swung his hand to use a Fire attack.

This was the simplest Fireball, unleashing a fireball about the size of a bowl to attack the enemy.

Any Fire Elementalist can use this simple attack.

But before Ou Yang Fei Yu, a huge fireball the size of a person appeared and flew forward.

All the corpses on the way was charred black by the fireball.

As the fireball kept flying, it hit the spectator area, exploded and made a large hole.

Every single Professionalist who witnessed this around the world all went silent.

"Ahahaha, such power!"

Seeing how powerful it was, Ou Yang Fei Yu happily exclaimed.

The old voice then said: 『 Your rewards has been received, Ou Yang Fei Yu shall return to reality soon, everyone please give your applause for this great hero! 』

As soon as that was said, Ou Yang Fei Yu disappeared from the stage.

The only thing left on the giant arena was a few thousand corpses littered everywhere.

『 The next Game of Eternal shall begin at the same time tomorrow 』

『 Do you wish to gain eternal life? Then sign up, as we always welcome more challengers 』

『 Let us meet again, tomorrow 』

As the old voice finished, the entire arena became dark, the images from the arena disappeared from everyone's sight.

After the humans has stopped watching.

On the silent arena.

A chilling bone-crunching sound was heard.

As well as numerous stifled sounds of cursing and crying, as if the silent arena before was suddenly turned into a busy street.

But as the bone-crunching sound went on, all the other sounds eventually became silent and died out, unheard of anymore.

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[Ye Fei Li's body outer statistics has been recorded]

[Mobile Mech research category has been formed, using the Life algorithm as base, begin research and development]

[Requesting sir Gu Qing Shan to name it and create the Mech's model]

"We will use the Blazing Angel as the base for its appearance" Gu Qing Shan thought about it a bit, then said: "Since the Mech is made for murder, let's name it Murder"

[Category registered, please proceed]

A large screen appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan.

Looking at the model, calculations and formulas, Gu Qing Shan began to design it.

In front of Liao Xing was also a small-sized screen.

He was also very seriously doing his work on the screen, waking up the network of warp devices that's been silent for over 30 years.

"Wakey wakey, my precious" he muttered.

Ye Fei Li stood next to Gu Qing Shan, staring at the screen nonstop.

Zhang Ying Hao was curious: "Do you understand it?"

"No, I don't"

"Then why are you looking?"

"You don't get it, this is a Mobile Mech, my own personal Mobile Mech!"

Ye Fei Li showed an expression of pure excitement like never before.

Zhang Ying Hao shrugged and muttered: "Fine, fine, I understand your feeling"

Time quickly passed.

Gu Qing Shan's work efficiency was exceptional.

The technology he was using is the most advanced in the 10th year of the apocalypse, after going through many trials and errors, it's been recognized as the most finished technological leap they had.

The original Mech had already disappeared, in its place was a newer Mobile Mech that was about 2 meters tall, standing silently.

"This is a bit different from what I imagined when I heard Mobile Mech" Ye Fei Li crossed his arms and spoke a bit hesitant.

"Of course they're different" Gu Qing Shan said, "because this isn't a Mobile Mech by the traditional meaning of the word"

"What's the difference?" Liao Xing stopped his work and also came over to look.

Gu Qing Shan spoke: "Impartial Goddess, Ye Fei Li is ready, begin equipping"

[Yes]

The sound of mechanical movements was heard.

The armor got sucked into the ground, then rose back up from under Ye Fei Li.

The Mech was separated into 10 parts, slowly latching onto Ye Fei Li from his feet all the way up to his helmet.

His Mech wasn't towering and impressive, nor does it have an eye-catching weapon system rig. In fact, at a glance, it even looks a bit like body armor from the ancient age of cold weapons.

"This is a Mech Armorsuit" Gu Qing Shan explained, "it can be used to hide your identity and make sure no one finds out who you really are"

Glancing at Ye Fei Li, he added: "Rest assured, I promise one day I'll find a way for you to return to daily life like a normal person"

"I'll remember your promise" Ye Fei Li replied.

Gu Qing Shan then spoke: "Very well, next we'll be demonstrating the support firing system"

[Yes] Impartial Goddess spoke.

A small-sized screen was suddenly projected from the helmet, floating in front of Ye Fei Li.

Impartial Goddess' voice was heard: [Please select a war machine, Mr. Ye Fei Li]

Ye Fei Li stared at the screen in confusion and just stood there.

Zhang Ying Hao looked over his shoulder, then exclaimed in disbelief: "My god, how is that possible!"

"What's so surprising?"

Liao Xing was curious so he stepped over and also looked at the screen.

Then he looked over at Gu Qing Shan, a bit hesitant.

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

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“So it’s true” Liao Xing sighed and spoke: “Are you sure this Mech is only for the purpose of hiding his true appearance?”

Impartial Goddess’ voice came from Ye Fei Li’s helmet.

[S.W. Shining Interstellar Fortress, S.W. Xiong Wu Interstellar Fortress, the Confederate Interstellar fleet had been assembled and ready for battle]

[Mech controller Ye Fei Li, please choose the weapons for attack accordingly]

Ye Fei Li pointed at the screen and stared at Gu Qing Shan: “Is this just a game, or is it real?”

Gu Qing Shan answered: “Of course it’s real, the Mech will be monitored by Impartial Goddess, so the two Interstellar Fortresses will be responsible for the weapon system, together with an Interstellar fleet. You can directly choose what kind of weapons you want to attack the enemy with from the menu, or use your voice, the fleet’s and Fortress’ weapons systems will react accordingly”

“Of course, the super calculations required for accuracy will be done by Impartial Goddess herself. You are only responsible for picking out the target and method of attack”

Ye Fei Li still couldn’t quite believe it: “That means, I alone can trigger a war?”

“That’s right, just you alone can trigger an entire war, possibly even destroy half the world” Gu Qing Shan teased him.

That said, Impartial Goddess would also naturally make judgements herself and not follow all of Ye Fei Li’s commands.

But Ye Fei Li believes his words.

He was so excited that his face became red.

“What else is there?” he asked.

“This armor is exceptionally light, made from the newest type of metal alloy. It won’t hinder your movements, but at the same time, it’s sturdiness and defensive capabilities is first-class without a doubt”

“The design was made for maximizing aerodynamics, while you’re flying, it will calculate the statistics by itself and knows when to speed up and slow down accordingly”

“It’s also connected to the Confederate’s internet, so anything that you ever want to know is at your fingertips”

“There’s a database of everything we know in the planet, so if you ever have any questions regarding your battle environment, it’ll be able to answer at any time”

“It also incorporated an emergency genetic activation drug, when you’re heavily wounded enough, it’ll automatically inject you to make sure you won’t die within 30 minutes”

“A Nano-sized power booster core, because this technology is still in research, it breaks down quite easily, so I placed 3 other energy cores in there as emergency power back-ups”

“You only need to give your requirements and the Mech will be able to manifest any cold weapon for you to use that’s suitable for the situation”

“It also has an alpha version of the Protector of the Planet System, constantly monitoring your fighting

style and degree to give tips for improvement”

“Since time is kinda short, I only included that much, after we do more research we can improve it further”

Gu Qing Shan was done with his introduction of it.

Looking up, he saw the three people were absolutely stunned.

“Hey” he clapped his hand, “we have work to do”

The three of them finally snapped out of it.

“Are you going to destroy the world?”

Zhang Ying Hao asked Ye Fei Li.

“Wearing this Mech, I kind of want to” Ye Fei Li very truthfully answered.

Liao Xing sighed: “I must admit, I’m a bit behind the times”

“Let’s go, our first battle is about to begin” Gu Qing Shan reminded them again.

They finally got a grip on themselves.

“The first battle, how do we do this?” Zhang Ying Hao asked.

Gu Qing Shan answered: “Very simple, we’ll execute him in front of the entire world”

“Do I need to use the weapons?” Ye Fei Li was a bit nervous and asked.

“No, the first time, to give everyone a deep impression of strength, you have to fight without any weapons” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“And then, there’s a problem with the current weapons system...”

He was quickly operating the screen, doing something.

“What problem is that?” Liao Xing asked

“The firearms can only be used within the confines of the Confederate, if they were to appear on international airspace, they’ll definitely be discovered by those countries’ surveillance system” Gu Qing Shan explained.

“That’s definitely going to happen, then what do you plan to do?” Liao Xing was a bit interested.

“Within Confederate soil, we can use the firearms, Impartial Goddess will deal with the aftermath”

“And in the other countries, we’ll have Impartial Goddess slowly take over their systems” Gu Qing Shan said.

“That’ll be hard, since you’ll be dealing with their central processing systems” Liao Xing commented.

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent for a bit, then answered: “Impartial Goddess is an advanced central processing system that exists ahead of her time, she’ll be fine doing it herself”

“But doing that would be violating those countries’ laws, Impartial Goddess wouldn’t possibly help us do these crazy things” Liao Xing said.

Gu Qing Shan looked above and asked softly: “What do you say?”

[I’ll follow your footsteps, sir]

The solemn female voice was hard echoing across the entire S.W. Divine Temple.

“Very well, then that’s what we’ll be doing” Gu Qing Shan said and looked down at the other three.

The three of them looked at him, stunned, as if seeing some sort of new sea creature.

“The fuck! What the fuck! Even if you managed to hack Impartial Goddess, it wouldn’t possibly attempt to hack other countries’ central processing system, that is part of its central protocols, did you somehow distort Impartial Goddess’ central protocols?!?” Liao Xing shouted.

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“The two of them won’t understand if I put it in technical terms, while you definitely cannot know about it, so I won’t explain it” Gu Qing Shan answered.

Then he looked at the three of them and said: “The battle against the Game of Eternal will now begin”

“Ye Fei Li, it’s your turn to shine”

“Why do I feel like some sort of super hero?” Ye Fei Li looked down at Mech armor and made a very rare joke.

Zhang Ying Hao also smiled: “This is your moment to accept a completely new challenge”

Ye Fei Li listened, then very seriously spoke: “I can make a specific request regarding the Mech’s appearance?”

“Tell me” Gu Qing Shan answered.

“My helmet is too normal” Ye Fei Li pointed at the Mech’s helmet.

As the three of them looked over, the helmet really is just a generic Mech helmet.

“Sorry, since time was short, I only focused on the features and function and didn’t really pay attention to the appearance, what do you suggest?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“You want to make them frightened right?” Ye Fei Li asked.

“That’s right” Gu Qing Shan answered.

“Helmets and masks, if you’re doing it right can also make a lot of people feel fear without a clear reason” Ye Fei Li said.

“What kind of appearance do you want then? Skull? Death? Beasts? Or Devils?” Liao Xing butted in.

“No, I think it’ll be fine with a clown head, recently there’s been a popular smiling clown mascot, let’s use that” Ye Fei Li answered.

Liao Xing was a bit confused: "Didn't you say we need to make them frightened? What's a clown going to do?"

"Skulls and all those stuffs you get used to after a while"

Ye Fei Li continued: "However, if you're forced to see something that looks human but isn't exactly human, you'll start to feel a sense of true fear from the bottom of your heart"

"Looks like you're in the know as well" Zhang Ying Hao gave him a thumbs up.

"No way, I don't get that feeling" Liao Xing didn't really understand.

Ye Fei Li very nonchalantly: "You can try it. At 2 in the morning, light a single candle and walk around an amusement park alone, you'll understand"

Zhang Ying Hao added: "That's right, if you're looking at those mascots by yourself, you'll always feel a strange sense of unease"

Ye Fei Li concluded: "That's why people always put clowns at rowdy places with a lot of people, but never in silent places where there's rarely any people"

Liao Xing tried to imagine such a scene.

In a silent alleyway, you're alone without anyone, then suddenly met a clown mascot with a strange smile on its face.

It only stared at you silently without speaking a single word.

Liao Xing suddenly felt chills all over.

"Let us try that out" Gu Qing Shan turned on the screen and said.

A few minutes later.

A new helmet has been made.

The steel helmet's eye sockets were blank, its face a bit sluggish, the nose was so long and slender it almost looked like a bird's beak, and finally a stiff red smile.

It almost seems like it was trying to make someone happy, but at the same time it wasn't really doing that, only showing a cold expression.

At first when Liao Xing looked at it, he felt fine, but the longer he looked, a strange sense of unease rose within himself.

"The fuck, luckily, I've never really paid any notice to these things" he muttered.

"Nice, I like this, I'm going to call it the Murder Clown" Ye Fei Li stared at the clown helmet, licked his lips and said.

"Then go, your turn" Gu Qing Shan turned off the screen and said to Ye Fei Li.

"Kill him?" Ye Fei Li asked for the final confirmation.

"Hm, directly kill him, give humanity a little threat as well" Gu Qing Shan nodded and said.

Not that long after.

The Holy Empire.

The Fuxi Empire.

The Freedom Confederate.

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Government offices were in a heated discussion about the strange thing that happened yesterday.

Everyone did their best to argue for their own case, to hide the terror in their hearts.

The sea creatures appearing and invading land can be blamed on genetic mutation.

The Man Eater Fiends and Man Killer Fiends can be attributed to a mutation virus.

But what happened last night was completely above any explanation humanity has to offer. Even if they wanted to hide the truth from the populace's eyes, they had nothing they can use to explain what happened.

So many people's belief collapsed overnight, and even more of them asked themselves what they should do when the apocalypse had come so close.

Eternal life, this is eternal life you know, if and when the next round comes, will I join it or not?

Many were silently asking themselves this question.

And the answer seems very clear to quite a few of them.

Right at this moment.

On the entire planet, in every country, every device that can receive satellite signals all automatically lit up.

The screens then projected showed an unfamiliar figure, appearing in front of everyone in the world for the very first time.

It was wearing a jet black armor, on its back was a pair of long wings of blackened light.

It had a long pointy nose, accompanied by a stiff smile often seen on mascots.

The fact that everyone's personal Holo-Brains all automatically lit up and showed the same images is something extremely hard to imagine in this day and age.

Not to mention it was showing such a strange person.

If it weren't for the wings behind it being black, people could even mistake it for being an angel from the legends.

But the strange, stiff smile it has and the person it was gripping in its hand were both so eerie and out of this world that it's hard to comment at all.

That's right, it was gripping someone who was struggling to get free.

That person was the same “champion” who left the Game of Eternal not long ago, the person who gained eternal life, Ou Yang Fei Yu.

All the countries and large organizations has yet to even start looking for him.

But he was already caught by a mysterious monster.

Right now, everyone was in a state of shock, but due to having the precedent that is the Game of Eternal, they were still able to accept that they were seeing as truth.

The entire world held their breath, waiting for what happens next.

A stifled voice came from behind the clown mask.

[Hello everyone. I am your loyal servant. The harvester of your lives. And the source of your fears]

[You may call me, the Murder Clown]

[The trial will now begin]

[Ou Yang Fei Yu, serial killer, fugitive, having murdered thousands of people in the Game of Eternal, his crimes are unpardonable. His sentence is death. Effective immediately]

As soon as the Murder Clown finished speaking, a blood red glow emits from its hand and enveloped Ou Yang Fei Yu.

Ou Yang Fei Yu tried his best to struggle, but to no avail.

The blood glow acted like a super corrosive material, eating away at his body in his struggle until he was left as nothing but a skeleton.

Although he’s already dead, his skull’s mouth was still opened wide, as if letting out a stifled scream.

The person wearing jet black armor stood still, its helmet still had the same stiff and cold smile.

This scene was an inexplicable strange scene of horror.

All those who witnessed this scene were left with an indelible deep memory in their hearts.

The Murder Clown picked up the boney skeleton, shook it as it to show it off, and once again spoke.

[Ladies, and gentlemen, please keep this in mind. Anyone that enters the Game of Eternal will have but a single fate, and that is ——]

The clown’s voice raised, using an entertained and excited tone to spit out a single word:

[DEATH!]

As the Murder Clown finished, it took the skeleton in hand and quickly disappeared into the clouds.

If wasn’t until its visage can no longer be seen that all the Holo-Brains in the world once again shut off at the same time.

At this moment, the entire planet was silenced.

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TN: previous chapters and upcoming chapters will change the word “Elixir”(chapter 173) to “Serum”, sorry for any confusion.

From ages of old, those who stood at the top of the food chain have always arbitrarily started wars that cost hundreds of thousands, or millions of lives, for the smallest bit of profit for themselves.

In the long history of humanity, such occurrences have become commonplace.

And this time, what they’re being offered is eternal life.

If the famous tyrants of history were offered such a chance, what would they choose?

What does a mere loss of over 10,000 lives mean to them?

And it’s the same with powerful Professionalists.

Even if over a million people, or ten million people in the world die, as long as they themselves gain eternal life, that’s a good deal.

And there’s more people who die every day, that’s as normal as the sun rising in the morning.

But if they manage to survive that struggle, when they finally obtain eternal life, all wthat’s awaiting them is a horrible death at the hands of a strange clown, then why even bother?

The Game of Eternal triggers humanity’s intense desire to live forever.

And the Murder Clown douses that desire with cold water.

Everyone regained their senses.

A mere dozen minutes after the Murder Clown disappeared, the effects of its actions had already erupted all over the world.

The appearance of the Murder Clown is just as mysterious, if not even more mysterious than the Game of Eternal.

Because it had already escaped from the territory of the unknown, and instead penetrated deeply into the territory of society’s world order.

Even mechanical devices without any feelings like the Holo-Brains were under its control.

And it’s not any Holo-Brain we’re talking about here.

——it’s literally every Holo-Brain in the world.

Holo-Brains are cold and unloving machines, they won’t be fooled by any sort of mystical spells, yet the Murder Clown was able to do what he did.

Then what else can he manipulate?

War machines?

If you follow this line of thought, you’ll soon realize just how terrifying what just happened was.

Every country was in an uproar again, for a completely different reason.

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The Holy Empire.

The Royal Palace.

Two royal guards as well as two priests were quickly walking forward.

The Holy Empire's king, the Holy Church's pope, as well as numerous palace officials were gathered here.

"Report"

"Speak"

"We detected no traces of machine manipulation left behind, the situation is the same in every other country"

"Could it have been manually done? Someone took control of everyone's Holo-Brains at the same time" the pope softly asked.

"No one can manually control every single Holo-Brain in the world at the same time, that's just not physically possible" the head royal guard said.

"What about other countries?" the pope asked.

"Fuxi Empire's emperor threw his favorite porcelain item in anger, ordering people to check it, but no results came"

"The Freedom Confederate's President and the representatives of the 9 Lords are currently in a meeting — very rarely will they ignore all their differences to gather in one place like this, but from what we know, they haven't managed to arrive at any conclusions yet"

"Then what about that Game of Eternal from before?"

"It's the same, we found no leftover traces"

"The Game of Eternal's champion was killed by the Murder Clown using a method that we don't understand, but no one managed to find either of them"

The pope stayed silent for a bit, then suddenly asked: "Have you found the recipe for the God's Chosen Awakening Serum?"

"We've still only managed to find half"

The pope shook her head in disappointment and directly left the palace, ignoring everyone there.

Everyone was shocked at such an uncharacteristic action from the pope.

But no one dared to say anything about her being disrespectful.

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The pope continued to ignore everyone and went by herself onto a horse-pulled carriage, letting the 10 white horses pulled her carriage past the large fountain square in front of the palace and headed towards the Holy Sanctuary at the East.

In the carriage, the pope seemed to be staring at the fleeting scenery outside, but said nothing.

When the carriage finally stopped before the gates of the Holy Sanctuary, she finally let out a sigh.

No one managed to hear her mutter: "It's too fast, even this planet... isn't safe anymore?"

...

The S.W. Divine Temple.

A crimson red staff was thrown to the ground, letting out a metal clanking sound.

"What a good item" Zhang Ying Hao picked it up and tried holding it in his hand.

"Let's hide it away first, the entire world had seen this little toy already" Gu Qing Shan said.

[The materials of this staff isn't the same as any known substances, I need to record its data and characteristics] Impartial Goddess said.

"Then take it" Zhang Ying Hao answered.

He put the staff back down on the ground.

A mechanical arm reached out and pulled the staff under the floor panels.

[Sir, what I did this time has violated a total of 15 protocols that humanity had set up for me] Impartial Goddess spoke.

"But your actions had frightened the people, making them not wanting to risk their lives for nothing" Gu Qing Shan said without lifting his head.

[Violating the protocols is still wrong] Impartial Goddess continued, [This is the first time I've tried being a hacker]

"But from doing this, you'll have saved countless lives, my friend, you need to learn to be flexible"

[Do you believe your method to be correct sir?]

"It's definitely correct" Gu Qing Shan stopped and very serious spoke, "we might follow law and order, but in the face of desperation, the only real law is forged from swords and spears"

[I understand] Impartial Goddess replied.

"Come help me" saying so, Gu Qing Shan was quickly sketching out a mechanical part's blueprint.

He was busy creating the building blocks for the [Protector of the Planet]'s core System.

Liao Xing was also with him.

The two of them were constantly drawing each part for the System on separate screens.

As soon as they finished one blueprint, the screen will immediately refresh, giving them the next part and problem for them to resolve.

They were so busy that they didn't even have the time to eat.

Zhang Ying Hao patted Ye Fei Li on the shoulder and asked: "How does it feel?"

Ye Fei Li was a bit regretful: "After breaking the sound barrier, the flying speed was too great, so I've not had the chance to try out many of the features"

"The voice doesn't sound like you"

"Impartial Goddess said that was the voice she calculated would be the easiest to create fear in people's hearts"

"Nice, Impartial Goddess is indeed correct" Zhang Ying Hao said: "But then, what was that last thing you did?"

Ye Fei Li answered: "After Man Killer Fiends evolve to a certain degree, they'll automatically gain a special ability"

"Originally I wanted to just twist his neck" he pridefully explained, "but after thinking, out of all the Man Killer Fiends, I'm the only one that evolved and gained this ability, plus it's so much more visual than using space lasers, so I used it"

Zhang Ying Hao spoke with admiration: "God damn, although I can't learn how to use your blood glow thing, I have to request the guy to make me a personal armor as well"

During the following period, Gu Qing Shan was fully focused on developing the game, while Liao Xing was busy experimenting with miniaturizing the warp device, both of them were so busy they actually completely forgot about time.

Zhang Ying Hao and Ye Fei Li were busy getting along, after staring at Gu Qing Shan's work for a while, they both agreed that it wasn't something interesting to them.

And they can't even help with it at all.

After a while, they had Impartial Goddess give them each a screen to play an online game.

Time quickly passed, then night time quickly came again.

An old voice was heard once more.

『 The second round of the Game of Eternal has officially begun 』

The voice was not near yet not far; it was emitted from inside of everyone's mind the same as before.

Unlike the uproar it caused the first time, after witnessing the Game of Eternal and the Murder Clown one after another, humanity had started to get used to it.

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The old voice continued.

『 People of the world 』

『 The Apocalypse has come, calamities erupting all over the world, your fate is no better than an ant in a tsunami. Insignificantly small and not in your control 』

『 Do you want to change your fate? 』

『 Struggle, keep on moving forward among the bloodshed, as only the strong has the right to survive 』

『 If you wish to become eternal, then challenge it. Once you succeed, you shall gain eternal life itself! 』

『 The second Game of Eternal, will now accept your entrance! 』

As soon as he finished, a large line of text popped up in front of every person in the world.

[Do you want to sign up to gain eternal life?]

[Yes][No]

Gu Qing Shan instantly chose [No].

“Impartial Goddess”

[I’m here sir]

“Have the last line that the Murder Clown said broadcast again to everyone in the world”

[Understood]

2 seconds later.

Once again, every Holo-Brain in the world turned on by itself and projected a screen in the air.

The Murder Clown’s nightmarish appearance once again show itself before them.

[Ladies, and gentlemen, please keep this in mind. Anyone that enters the Game of Eternal will have but a single fate, and that is ——DEATH!]

As the Murder Clown finished, the footage stopped, but didn’t go away.

The invitation from the Game of Eternal was silently floating in front of everyone.

But next to them, their Holo-Brains were lit up, showing the Murder Clown with a smile that’s not a smile, cold and inexplicable, citing a deep sense of fear and unease in everybody.

At this moment, humanity was hesitant.

If they enter the Game of Eternal and win, they’ll naturally receive eternal life.

——but as they leave, they’ll die at the hand of the Murder Clown.

The creature calling itself the Murder Clown could control every Holo-Brain in the world.

To compare the degree of unbelievability, the Clown is even slightly winning against the Game of Eternal.

Because Holo-Brains are machines. Machines are unlike humans, they do not get confused and fooled by their perception.

When faced with two equally inexplicable existences, it became very hard to choose.

No matter how much one desires eternal life, when having to choose from either of these equally strange choices full of unknowns, anyone would have to think deeply before picking one.

Suddenly, without any warning, the Game of Eternal responded.

The voice old was using a much more solemn tone than before.

『 A damned flea is standing against the people's desire for eternal life 』

『 No, we shall not allow for such a situation! 』

『 This time's Game of Eternal shall be specifically for the elite of elites 』

『 Have you ever been in a battle? Are you undefeated? Are you a Professionalist? 』

『 Are you someone standing at the very top, a powerful existence that observes the people? 』

『 If you are such an existence, then you are hereby invited to today's challenge of the elite! 』

『 We shall help you obtain eternal life 』

『 A clown will always be a clown. In the face of powerful eternal existences, it could only ever tremble in fear 』

『 Don't hesitate, come, join our challenge 』

『 As the strong and powerful, you deserve eternal life! 』

———*what?*

The participation requirements changed?

Many Professionalists quickly made up their minds.

A few decided to stand by and keep watching, while others chose to accept the challenge without any hesitation.

On the S.W. Divine Temple, Gu Qing Shan was also shocked.

“That's strange, it had never done that before”

He silently thought about it.

The Game of Eternal changed its own rules, that's a thing that never happened even once in the past life.

Probably, in the past life, the Game of Eternal was so well-received that countless people went mad over it, so it didn't face anything that required it to change.

But in this life, as soon as humanity knew about the Game of Eternal, they also got pressured by the Murder Clown.

The Game of Eternal was afraid it wouldn't have any souls to consume, so it changed its rules, to filter out participants to a certain degree.

“This type of filtering will ensure the participants are all cruel and powerful people” Zhang Ying Hao commented.

“Seems like it wants to settle this with us once and for all” Liao Xing also commented.

After a while.

The old voice was heard once again:

『 The warriors who are up to the challenge has appeared 』

『 Randomly drawing from all participants of this world, a total of 7634 people has been selected 』

『 Seems like all there are many powerful Professionalists of this world who desires eternal life 』

The old voice sounds a bit disappointed, but excited at the same time.

Disappointed because to deal with the Murder Clown, they couldn't help but put a restriction on people that are participating, leading to the clear decrease of participants this time around.

But it was excited because these are all powerful Professionalists, so the quality will be much better than before.

While under the threat of the Murder Clown, there are still so many people who joined, clearly showing the allure of eternal life.

These powerful Professionalists don't care for anyone else's lives, they only want to obtain eternal life for themselves.

The old voice was highly raised.

『 After the intense battle, we shall meet our final winner 』

『 And the winner shall receive eternal life, together with other exciting rewards 』

『 Bystanders, you may view the battle of the elites in this arena by closing your eyes 』

『 Let us all wait with bated breath for this exciting competition! 』

『 Now, let the challenge of the elites. BEGIN! 』

In the arena, all 7634 challengers were without a doubt, powerful. There were hardly any of them that are weaker than Ou Yang Fei Yu.

After witnessing the Murder Clown's power, they were confident that they're able to at least escape with their lives from his pursuit.

A few of them are estimated to be even stronger than the Murder Clown.

As powerful fighters, having achieved so much in their lives, they have no interest in things that most others would beg to have.

The only desire that they tickle their heartstrings anymore is something as grand as eternal life.

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But this battle of the elites didn't have any Martial Saint or other fighters of the same caliber.

There are very few Martial Saints in the world, and every other fighters of the same caliber are famous people that humanity knows by heart through hearing their names so much.

They are all true powerful people with absolute authority, not only are they still suspicious of this Game of Eternal that appeared out of nowhere, there's even the Murder Clown that's muddling up the water, so they chose to keep watching and not participate in it yet.

In the arena.

The floor tiles flipped around one by one, as numerous cold weapons appeared on the ground one by one.

All Professionals began their mad dash for initiative.

And the killing began not long after.

On the S.W. Divine Temple, the four people all closed their eyes to watch the battle.

"Seems like they're all quite powerful" Zhang Ying Hao commented.

"Hm, a pair of twins, about Martial Eminence rank peak, almost reaching Martial Saint" Ye Fei Li frowned and spoke.

The three of them looked around and quickly found the two he was talking about.

Their combination was flawless, easily scoring kill after kill. Their method was cruel, but very efficient.

Countless corpses had already fallen at their feet.

Ye Fei Li's current stage of evolution is the same rank as a Martial Saint, but since Man Killer Fiends are naturally 1 stage weaker than Professionals, he's just barely as strong as this pair of twins.

In other words, if this pair of twins were to win, with Ye Fei Li's current strength, there's no way for him to kill them.

"When someone becomes the champion, the Game of Eternal will make them even stronger" Gu Qing Shan estimated.

"Isn't this just cheating? Changing the rules of the game at the last minute like that" Liao Xing spoke in annoyance.

They all went silent.

No one is a fool here, they all understand very well that if a powerful Professional were to win and receive a boost of strength from the game, Ye Fei Li might even be defeated by them in return.

His time of growth is simply too short.

When faced against the strongest powerhouses of this world, Ye Fei Li still has no way to win against them through brute force.

If the winner of the game returns to reality, and the Murder Clown isn't able to become a threat to them, then the Game of Eternal wins.

Countless Professionals will gladly step over the corpse of the clown to get their ticket into the Game of Eternal.

Gu Qing Shan contemplated for a bit, then asked Ye Fei Li: “How much longer until your next evolution?”

Ye Fei Li thought about it, then answered: “After killing the Plague Man Killer Fiend, then Ou Yang Fei Yu, I probably need to kill another Man Killer Fiend that’s about as strong as the Plague Man Killer Fiend to evolve”

“Then we’ll leave now, let’s kill a few powerful Man Killer Fiends so you can quickly evolve” Gu Qing Shan immediately followed up on him.

“Impartial Goddess, show me the few current strongest Man Killer Fiends”

[Extracting information now] Impartial Goddess replied.

Information on two different Man Killer Fiends were shown on the screen.

“Very well, we’ll go kill this one”

Gu Qing Shan pointed at a mountain of corpses and decided.

On the mountain of corpses, numerous black Man Eater Fiends were happily eating their fill, while a fat Man Killer Fiend stood atop of mountain, roaring in excitement.

In front of the mountain of corpses, a city was beginning to show itself.

“I’ll leave now” Ye Fei Li said.

“I’ll come with you” Gu Qing Shan also said.

“You’re going too?”

“Hm, having two people is more efficient —-and we’re racing against the clock with that damn game”

“Racing against the clock?”

“That’s right, the people who are participating in this time’s Game of Eternal are all Professionals, they’re killing people very quickly”

...

The small-sized Interstellar Warship whizzed past the layer of clouds and headed towards a certain city.

[Sir Gu Qing Shan, Mr. Ye Fei Li, please be prepared for battle, we’ll reach the destination very soon] Impartial Goddess reported.

Ye Fei Li stood up and asked: “How are we going to do this?”

“You deal with the Man Killer Fiend first, I’ll weed out the black Man Eater Fiends and then join you” Gu Qing Shan answered.

“When you put it that way, it sounds a bit like we’re playing a game” Ye Fei Li commented.

“It’s a game alright, one that will decide the life and death of this planet” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“There’s quite a few black Man Eater Fiends. Make sure not to get bitten by them or I’ll have no choice but to kill you” Ye Fei Li warned him.

“You’re a Man Killer Fiend so you’re not really afraid of their bites right?” Gu Qing Shan asked him back.

“I don’t mind one or two bites, not to mention ——”

Ye Fei Li made a gesture.

The Mech parts rose from under him, latching onto his body piece by piece, quickly forming an armor.

The Murder Clown has appeared once again.

An inexplicably eerie voice came from behind the mask: [They’re not going to be able to bite me even if they wanted to. You on the other hand, can’t be bitten even once]

The cabin opened as the Warship began to slow down.

“Who would’ve thought there would actually be someone that’s worried I’ll be zombified...” saying so, Gu Qing Shan walked step by step towards the open cabin door.

Suddenly, an antique-looking light golden armor appeared behind him from thin air.

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Although the armor was golden, it didn’t look the least bit gaudy, instead it emitted a faint sense of solemnity.

As soon as the armor appeared, it suddenly separated itself as each part was animated like a swimming fish, flying around Gu Qing Shan’s body.

Each piece of the armor set has been locked-onto by Gu Qing Shan’s inner sight, so he only needed to use his inner sight to control and put it on himself when he needs to wear it, exceptionally convenient.

In just a few moments, he had finished donning the You Ji General armor set.

Arbitrarily grabbing the air, Gu Qing Shan held an antique style sword in hand.

Holding the Earth Sword, he spoke to Ye Fei Li: “This way, you won’t need to consider how to kill me”

Ye Fei Li just stared at him, speechless.

After a while, he muttered: “If the apocalypse wasn’t upon us yet, you’d definitely be a big hit with all those female cosplayer fan groups”

[The battle is about to begin, I bid the two of you good luck] Impartial Goddess’ voice was heard.

Gu Qing Shan and Ye Fei Li both stood as the cabin door, looking outside.

Right now, the small-size Interstellar Warship was hovering about 2 meters off the ground, while the moving mountain of corpses was heading towards it, a few hundred meters away.

The fat Man Killer Fiend stood atop the mountain of corpses, staring incessantly at the small-size Interstellar Warship.

Then it suddenly shouted and commanded a few black Man Eater Fiends to head towards the small-size Interstellar Warship.

Gu Qing Shan and Ye Fei Li jumped down.

“Stick to the plan” Gu Qing Shan said.

“OK”

Ye Fei Li agreed, his back suddenly erupted into a pair of dark-colored wings of light, himself turning into a blurry figure and shot straight for the top of the mountain of corpses.

Gu Qing Shan cracked his neck a bit, equipping the title [You Ji General] and entered battle with the first few quick-footed black Man Eater Fiends.

When a Man Eater Fiend becomes black, it means it had grown into a mature state, its strength should be around that of a Martial Eminence.

Although they cannot evolve, they can still become stronger with better nutrition.

The 4-5 black Man Eater Fiends discovered and locked onto Gu Qing Shan, screeching while rushing towards him.

They’ve been eating rotten corpses for too long, they wanted to eat something more delicious, drink a bit of warm blood, may be even eat a few organs fresh, that would be heavenly.

While they were still about a few meters apart, the Man Eater Fiends had already lost control and jumped one after another down the mountain of corpses, heading for Gu Qing Shan.

Such a dumb method of attack that’s based solely on instinct didn’t garner anything more than a single glance by Gu Qing Shan.

While wearing the You Ji General armor set, he doesn’t need to care about any bites or scratches from them reaching him.

Holding his sword and didn’t bother with defending, he rushed forward.

On the way, the Earth Sword was cutting through the air, letting out a sharp noise.

They intersected.

Gu Qing Shan swung the black blood off the Earth Sword and continued heading towards the mountain of corpses.

Behind him, all the black Man Eater Fiends’ limbs had been severed, leaving only their torso rolling on the ground.

They were being saved for Ye Fei Li to finish off, after all, Ye Fei Li needs every kill he can get to evolve as fast as possible.

After this, Ye Fei Li still needs to deal with the Game of Eternal’s champion as well.

The Murder Clown cannot fail even once, because this would directly affect humanity’s choices.

And this was the battle between the game and Gu Qing Shan himself.

Gu Qing Shan moved on a straight road heading towards the top of the mountain of corpses.

More and more black Man Eater Fiends appeared to attack him.

Gu Qing Shan circulated his spirit energy and used a sword technique.

Countless threads made of sword qi, barely visible to the eye emitted from the Earth Sword.

The threads of sword qi scattered around him, slicing off the limbs of any Man Eater Fiend that managed to get close to him, leaving only their torso attached to their heads.

Thus, a ridiculous scene ensued.

Countless black Man Eater Fiends headed towards Gu Qing Shan, but before they could get close, their limbs had all been severed, their bodies dropped down and rolled down the side of the mountain made from corpses.

As they rolled down, they all gathered around the same place, stacking on top of one another, like a bunch of logs that were sawed off by lumberjacks.

The only difference is that these logs are screaming, screeching, and were incredibly scary to look at.

Just like that, Gu Qing Shan calmly made it all the way to the top.

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At this time, most of the black Man Eater Fiends had already been killed.

There were only a few of them left that stuck close to the fat Man Killer Fiend, attacking Ye Fei Li nonstop.

Holding his sword up, Gu Qing Shan very seriously watched their battle.

The Man Eater Fiends aren't anything to write home about, but the fat Man Killer Fiend is exceptionally intriguing.

Its entire body was made of soft and flabby meat, so most of Ye Fei Li's attacks were easily repelled, pushing him backwards.

Ye Fei Li still didn't believe his attacks wouldn't be effective, so he rose up and suddenly jetted downwards, the blood red flame-like glow in his hand directly connected with the fat Man Killer Fiend's belly.

The fat Man Killer Fiend's entire body was contracting.

——it was trying its best to neutralize the impact from the attack.

With a roaring screech, Ye Fei Li was once again flung into the air.

But the fat Man Killer Fiend didn't get off easily either, it endured the impact of the blow, but the strange blood flames have hurt it.

Gu Qing Shan lightly swung the Earth Sword.

All the Man Eater Fiends around got their limbs cut off again, rolling down from the top of the mountain like a bunch of logs.

“Let’s change places” Gu Qing Shan said as he stood on top of the mountain of corpses.

“Then what do I do?” Ye Fei Li was breathing heavily.

“There” Gu Qing Shan used his sword to point at a place below the mountain.

A few hundred Man Eater Fiends were stacked up in one place, unable to move, only able to try biting and ripping each other’s flesh.

“Ah?” Ye Fei Li’s eyes lit up, “Nicely done, I’ll do enjoy that first”

He raised his dark wings of light and flew away.

The fat Man Killer Fiend roared angrily, wanting to pursue.

Suddenly a sword struck its belly.

The attack was as heavy as 60,000 tons, directly batting it off the mountain of corpses.

Gu Qing Shan cupped his hand above his eyes, squinting to look at the beautiful curve the fat body was drawing across the sky and muttered: “Sure enough, very high resistance to bludgeoning force”

A ‘brrrmph’ was heard.

The fat Man Killer Fiend landed, making a deep hole in the ground.

Being hit with such force, then the impact from the fall made it unable to quickly process where it was.

On the other side, Ye Fei Li was happily harvesting the black Man Eater Fiends.

These monsters were unable to move at all, unable to retaliate, and because they haven’t been wounded for very long, their bodily functions and muscles were still very active.

Such existences, to Ye Fei Li is nothing but the grandest of feasts.

His hands turned into long, sharp blades that cut even the ground below.

Not knowing when, but a thin mist of blood had begun to envelop him.

As he killed more and more, the blood mist became thicker, turning into a red blood glow that almost looked solid.

A few hundred black Man Killer Fiends were very quickly finished off by Ye Fei Li, not leaving a single one.

He finally stopped and lightly floated above where the few hundred black Man Killer Fiends had died.

He lightly breathed in all the blood mist that enveloped him into his body.

Closing his eyes and turning his head upwards, Ye Fei Li was showing an expression of ecstasy.

The wings of bone spread out from behind him, visibly growing bigger, becoming more frightening.

The blood red glow started to latch onto the wings of bone, as if they were burning flames.

“Not enough... I need more...”

Ye Fei Li opened his bloodshot eyes, staring at the top of the mountain.

Gu Qing Shan was standing there”

“No, I can’t——“

Ye Fei Li screamed in agony, collapsed on the ground.

At this moment the fat Man Killer Fiend finally climbed out of its hole, stood up and screamed threateningly.

The heavy breathing of agony stopped as Ye Fei Li turned his head, glaring at the fat Man Killer Fiend.

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Ye Fei Li licked his lips, opened his hands and swung it upwards.

Boom!

A 3-meter thick pillar of blood-colored light rose to the sky where the fat Man Killer Fiend was standing.

The fat Man Killer Fiend was trapped inside like a fish in a cylindrical tank of blood.

It tried to struggle, roaring while pounding the outer blood wall, but to no avail.

In a few breaths, the blood tank disappeared.

The fat Man Killer Fiend had already been dissolved all the way through, only leaving a ball of blood-colored light floating in the air.

Ye Fei Li only needed to breath in slightly for the red ball to fly straight into his mouth.

He then let out a scream of pain.

“What happened?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Protect me for a bit, I won’t be able to do anything at all for the next few minutes, in a lot of danger” Ye Fei Li quickly said.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit, then called the Interstellar Warship over and jumped on top of it.

Holding the sword, he looked around cautiously, releasing his inner sight to carefully observe Ye Fei Li’s change.

Ye Fei Li was still screaming in pain, rolling around nonstop.

From his body, large amounts of blood-colored glow were flowing out like a liquid.

“AAAAAaaaaaa!!”

Ye Fei Li screamed, using both his hands to hit the ground in a frenzy.

After a while, he suddenly opened his eyes, then covered himself with his own wings.

Sounds of crying as well as screams of pain were mixed together, echoing out from inside the wings of bone, no one can guess how Ye Fei Li really is at the moment.

Right then, Gu Qing Shan noticed that some strange things began to manifest on Ye Fei Li's wings.

Releasing his inner sight, he observed it up close.

Some sort of intricate runes and symbols as well as cut marks started to appear on Ye Fei Li's wings of bone.

The symbols were few in number, but they occasionally let out a dim blinking light, giving Ye Fei Li a faint sense of mysteriousness.

Observing this, Gu Qing Shan began to loosen up.

The evolution process is always painful, that's a known fact, but as Ye Fei Li was the "perfect evolution" that he envisioned, the evolution process did not go off the path.

Tapping his Inventory Bag, Gu Qing Shan took out a pill.

It was an energy pill.

Spirit energy is the most basic essence of heaven and earth, the purest form of power.

This energy pill was something specifically made for nurturing blood essence in the body, usually something that only high-tiered cultivators need.

And this was a pill from Bai Hua sect, something that came from Qin Xiao Lou's own hands, even in the cultivation world, it's an item that many people were willing to fight over.

"Catch"

Gu Qing Shan threw the pill out.

Ye Fei Li originally stayed inside the wings, not moving a single bit, but when he felt the pill, the wings opened by themselves.

His whole body was now thin to the bone, Ye Fei Li eyes also carried a frenzied color of blood, almost as if he was about to lose control of his killing intent.

Jumping up, he caught the pill with his mouth and swallowed it without any hesitation.

Although he didn't know what this was, with how highly evolved Ye Fei Li is, he could tell this strange thing right here held a lot of energy.

After he swallowed the pill, the blood mist around Ye Fei Li begin to become thicker.

His skinny body also began to go back to normal, as the frenzied look in his eyes also retreated.

“Just a bit more and I would’ve gone mad from starvation, thanks a lot” Ye Fei Li’s eyes showed clear gratitude.

Around him, the blood mist split into two, swirling like two mini maelstroms.

Then the red mist swirls went into his ears one each.

“My ear... my ear...” Ye Fei Li covered his ears.

Gu Qing Shan asked: “What’s wrong with your ears?”

“...It’s not enough, I could feel that my ears can still evolve, but I need to kill even more” Ye Fei Li replied.

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent.

Even after killing so many monsters, it’s still not enough for Ye Fei Li.

Carefully feeling the energy on Ye Fei Li, he could tell he has become different from before.

“Don’t worry though, I’ve successfully evolved” Ye Fei Li noticed his gaze and said.

Gu Qing Shan was relieved.

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Closing his hands, he checked the process of the battle in the Game of Eternal.

Bodies littered everywhere, blood once again painted the ground.

The Professionals had all went crazy with murder, not really thinking of anything else but to stab their weapon into their opponent’s body.

After checking the number, Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes and said: “We don’t have enough time to let your ears evolve, we’ll have to go back”

“Not much time left?” Ye Fei Li asked.

“Right, you’re about to have to face a very powerful opponent, and you definitely can’t lose” Gu Qing Shan nonchalantly said.

“How powerful?”

“Since this is a challenge for the elites, the Game of Eternal will probably give out a very strong reward. I’m going to guess the champion’s fighting strength might barely reach the level of Martial Saint”

When Gu Qing Shan and Ye Fei Li returned to the S.W. Divine Temple, the Game of Eternal was already reaching its end.

There were only three people left in the arena.

Two of them looked exactly the same.

The other was a bulky, muscular man.

He had already fallen to the ground, breathing heavily.

Blood was flowing from the numerous holes on his body, his eyes had already becoming blank.

“Just finish... me off...” he was barely able to say that.

Standing across from him was a pair of twins wearing pugilist clothes.

“Lil’ bro, finish him off” the older of the two said.

“Fine” the younger answered.

He walked towards the man, raised his fist and was about to punch through the man’s head.

But then his fist headed toward his back.

Bam!

A sudden sound of impact.

Both brothers took one step back.

“Dear brother, I already knew you were this kind of person” the younger begrudgingly said.

“Don’t act all righteous, for the sake of eternal life, you’d make the same choice as I” the older answered.

Both their bodies moved, exchanging kicks and punches.

They both stepped back, then rushed forward again, their hands turned into after images, each strike full of killing intent.

After keeping up the stalemate for a bit, the younger stepped backwards, his hands cupped into fists and suddenly let out a burst of Martial Thaumaturgy.

“Hah!”

Shouting loudly, his fist sent his older brother flying a few meters away.

The older brother spat up blood, rolling on the ground and barely managed to stand up.

“You’re still so strong!” the older brother couldn’t believe it.

“After so many years, I’ve always held back for you, dear brother, you just didn’t know it” the younger spoke with a pitying tone.

“Why? Why would you hold back for me?” The older asked questioningly.

“Because this is a joy in and of itself. Watching you practice those clumsy movements every day, never getting through to their true meaning, there’s nothing more laughable than that” the younger declared loudly.

“Brother, eternal life shall be mine, you just lie there and die!”

The younger brother’s figure blurred, rushing at his older brother like a fierce tiger.

Then suddenly, his body was sliced in two across his torso by a thin metal thread in the air.

As blood flowed from his hips, his upper body followed the inertia and flew forward.

In the younger brother eyes was a deep sense of confusion.

But his expression was frozen that way forever.

Death came so quick that he didn't even know how he died before he fell into eternal darkness.

A small golden string was circling around the older brother.

Metal of the 5 Elements.

It turns out he wasn't just a Martial Pugilist, but also an Elementalist that hid his ability for a very long time.

"Lil' bro, you've always acted like you knew everything ever since you were small, no matter how much your older brother teaches, you never listened"

"And that's why you're dead"

The older brother sighed acting as if he was sincerely teaching his younger brother.

Then he walked towards the only remaining person.

A golden gleam.

His final opponent's head was severed.

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The old voice couldn't wait to speak.

『 Bystanders, was that not an exceptional battle? 』

It praised: 『 Behold! Our champion has been borne, for the sake of the champion's dignity, we shall cure all his wounds 』

A black coffin rose from under the arena.

『 Please enter the coffin, your wounds shall be healed shortly 』 the old voice told him.

The Martial Pugilist hesitated for a bit, but also went inside.

The coffin then closed, and slowly rotated.

『 Between life and death, only the powerful deserves glory 』 the old voice sang, chanting.

After a full rotation, it opened again.

The Professionalist jumped out.

Standing there, not only were all his wounds healed, even his stamina was fully replenished!

『 Our King of the Arena this time —Li Hai, a Martial Eminence, through killing 798 competitors, you shall receive this round's Game of Eternal final reward! 』

A treasure chest descended.

Li Hai extended his hand and touched the treasure chest.

After letting out a blinding flash of golden light, two items appeared in front of Li Hai.

A jet black pill, this is the Eternal Pill.

And a fierce looking pair of metal gauntlets that emitted fighting spirit.

Li Hai didn't bother to wait for the old voice's explanation and instantly put the pill in his mouth.

After chewing it, he swallowed it.

His skin began to regain a youthful luster, wrinkles and signs of hardship at the corners of his eyes disappeared, the muscles on his body also slightly expanded.

A middle-aged, seasoned martial artist had become a handsome and dashing young man in just a few seconds.

A mirror very conveniently appeared in front of him.

Looking at himself in the mirror, Li Hai laughed uncontrollably.

"Eternal life! I've obtained eternal life! Nothing can ever stop me from enjoying the joys of living ever again!"

After his wave of excitement, he took up the metal gauntlets.

The old voice started explaining: 『 These are a pair of gauntlets that is infused with Metal Element 』

『 When you use it, not only will your strikes be 30% stronger, it can even activate the Metal Element inside yourself to trigger a wide-ranged piercing attack 』

Li Hai isn't just a martial artist, but also a Metal Elementalist, so this pair of gauntlets were basically made specifically for him.

Wearing the gauntlets, Li Hai tried hitting the air a few times, then suddenly activated the Metal Element in his body, infusing into the gauntlets.

A few hundred thin and long needles appeared on the gauntlet.

They flew forward at a breakneck speed, all the way to the spectator's seats and punched 4-5 seats full of holes in the area.

Li Hai slowly lowered his stance, staring speechlessly at the seats, mouth opened wide.

Such power!

He had to give everything he had to create that thin metal string from before and got an upper hand on his younger brother.

But wearing this, he's able to unleash a few hundreds of them at the same time. Even if he had to face a dozen martial artists as strong as his younger brother, they'd still be easily massacred.

His fighting prowess has rocketed!

At this time, the old voice suddenly spoke again: 『 Our champion, distinguish sir Li Hai, if you happen to meet that ridiculous clown in reality, please do not be afraid to use those gauntlets and serve it up a feast, to let it know that eternal life's dignity is not to be trifled with 』

The old voice was suddenly raised higher and become solemn: 『 If you're able to deal with that troublemaking clown, we shall even provide you with an extra reward! 』

"Extra reward? What would that be?" Li Hai's eyes showed clear greed and desire.

『 Pardon me for keeping it a mystery, but I guarantee it will not be any less valuable than the Eternal Pill and your gauntlet 』 the old voice answered him.

Li Hai clenched his fists in his gauntlets, smirking: "I've seen how strong that clown is, as long as it dares to show up, I shall deal with it!"

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The old voice replied, pleased: 『 Very well, very well. Sir Li Hai, you are a brave warrior with a heart of justice 』

『 Sir Li Hai shall return to reality shortly; will he be met with that ridiculous flea's provocation? But no matter, as sir Li Hai's power and dignity isn't something a clown can disregard! 』

『 Please give an applause for our great hero! 』

Following its words, Li Hai disappeared from the arena.

The only thing left on the arena was the few thousand dead corpses lying on the ground.

『 The next round of the Game of Eternal shall begin at the same time tomorrow 』

『 Do you wish to gain eternal life? Then sign up, as we always welcome more challengers 』

『 Let us meet again, tomorrow 』

The arena became dark, and the image disappeared from everyone's eyes.

The second round of the Game of Eternal had concluded.

Every single person in reality stayed silent, they all went silent without speaking a word.

At this moment, humanity was patiently waiting.

———waiting for a final answer.

Above the sky.

The S.W. Divine Temple.

The Murder Clown is about to go out.

“Li Hai, the older brother of a pair of twin Professionals, he’s probably going to be easy to locate”

Liao Xing muttered as he quickly made a sketch.

[Appearance has been recorded]

[Begin identify verification]

[Detected 45 people with the same name, begin filtering with the known information]

[Target found]

[Please check the corresponding profile]

A screen appeared in front of the four of them.

[Li Hai, a person of the Holy Empire, Iron Chain Fist Style Martial Eminence peak, Iron Chain Fist style’s dojo master]

[Recorded target’s signature biological signs, whereabouts detected]

Satellite images appeared.

Next to the dojo, Li Hai was ordering a lot of martial artists to fortify his dojo.

From the outermost fence, to the windows, side doors, front door, backyard, everywhere was being fortified and blocked out.

Gu Qing Shan could even see a few Holy Empire military-based Assault Mechs.

The entire dojo was ready for the Murder Clown’s assault.

“No one in the Holy Empire is dealing with him?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

[The Holy Empire had been split into three factions, the revolution army, the royal’s supporters and the Holy Church. The three factions are still currently in a civil war, although some personnel have been dispatched to find Li Hai, they have yet to reach the dojo]

[Then let them never get to meet him again —-he’s only a Martial Eminence peak, although he has that Metal Element gauntlet, after my evolution, his reaction speed definitely can’t catch up with me] Ye Fei Li smiled.

He has already donned the Murder Clown armor.

“There’s still a few other Martial Eminences there with him, so it won’t be that easy” Zhang Ying Hao checked the footage and frowned.

“Why not just use the Interstellar Fortress? Or the Interstellar fleet, he’ll be dealt with in a flash” Liao Xing suggested.

“Right now, all the Clown does is frighten people, but if it shows the capability to control even war weaponry, it’ll become a threat instead. The Clown will then forever be at humanity’s opposition, easily causing things to backfire, we’ll lose more than we gain” Gu Qing Shan explained.

[Not to mention, dealing with these things with my bare hands is easier to cause people to feel fear] Ye Fei Li licks his lips and said excitedly.

“I actually have an idea” Gu Qing Shan looked at Ye Fei Li and asked: “Can you survive in space?”

Ye Fei Li answered: “Currently, only for a short time”

“A short time is enough, Impartial Goddess” Gu Qing Shan said.

[I’m here]

“Look for the nearest cluster of meteors”

[Target located]

“Choose one that Ye Fei Li can move”

[I’ve locked onto an appropriate target as you’ve asked]

[Meteors?] Ye Fei Li didn’t quite understand.

“Yep, we’re going to make a little meteor shower” Gu Qing Shan answered, “after all, everybody likes a grand scene”

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All the Holo-Brains in the world suddenly lit up.

On the projected screens was a large dojo.

Countless Mechs were pacing back and forth, a few hundred martial artists were standing around being cautious, ready for battle.

A few of the martial artists were even watching this same scene from their Holo-Brains.

More of them were cautiously eyeing the area, looking out for that mysterious Murder Clown.

“Stay on your guards, if we can deal with that clown, everyone can freely look at the scriptures of our dojo!”

“Ou!!”

“Be assured master!”

“It’s just a monster, we’re not afraid”

“We’ll kill it if it comes”

The group of martial artists loudly replied.

The scriptures that he was talking about are the secret hidden techniques of the style, no one was allowed to view them unless they were a direct disciple of the main line in the dojo.

The fact that the dojo’s master would be willing to show such precious things to them, made all the martial artists brimming with motivation.

Looking at the martial artists around him, Li Hai saw everyone was full of fighting spirit.

Clenching his fists, he felt the power coming from his gauntlets, gaining an incredible sense of confidence.

There's only a single Murder Clown, but there's over a hundred martial artists here.

Although it's a slightly troublesome monster, they are definitely capable of dealing with it!

Very soon, he'll know what the reward that's just as valuable as an Eternal Pill is.

Right at this moment.

Directly above the dojo, high in the sky

A loud booming sound was heard.

"It's coming!"

"So fast!"

Everyone's faces paled.

Although there are people looking out for threats in the sky, all they're really doing is watch out if there's something approaching through flight— —who the heck will stare directly above for no reason?

But no matter if they're watching out for it or not, they were already too late.

In just a few seconds, a black shadow directly struck the dojo from above.

The world became silent.

The earth became the sea, as large waves of dirt and mud splattered outwards from the impact.

The invisible shockwaves were as strong as 10th level wind force, blowing the martial artists away like tattered pieces of paper.

—Boom!

It was only now that the sound finally caught up.

The entire dojo was crushed into fine dust, as the air itself was lit on fire, turning into flames that rose several stories high.

A few dozen seconds later, the few Martial Eminence there gritted their teeth and rushed to the middle of the impact to see what happened.

The dojo had already disappeared, nothing but a deep and large hole is left where it used to be.

A Martial Eminence jumped down to check, then quickly jumped back up.

"It's a meteor" he spoke with a low voice.

"How did a meteor fall? That's too much of a coincidence" another person questioned.

As the Martial Eminences there exchanged glances, they suddenly realized something was missing.

"Where's Li Hai?" someone asked.

"Oh no!"

While they were scrambling to look, a headless body had already kneeled on the ground, blood spurting out from the neck.

[Those that don't heed warnings shall be punished]

In the sky, a strange voice reverberated.

Looking up, they all saw a person wearing jet black armor, silently hovering in the air.

"The Murder Clown!" someone screamed in fright.

On the Murder Clown's face was the same cold and stiff smile, as if telling a joke that can make anyone laugh, as if trying to make someone happy.

[You wouldn't listen, you wouldn't listen. To sneakily join the Game of Eternal like that, what a naughty boy you are]

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The Murder Clown was speaking with a strange tone.

Its hand held a bloody head.

It was Li Hai's head.

Li Hai's expression was a mix of fright and surprise, obviously someone who only realized his death when it has already come.

Such a bloody and terrifying scene caused the billions and billions of people watching to become speechless.

So it really was the Murder Clown's doing.

It has managed to kill a person who obtained eternal life again!

Li Hai was supposedly a Martial Eminence peak, and he even had such a powerful Elemental gauntlet, yet he was killed in a single strike?

Many Professionals felt that they were dreaming.

The scene of the crime.

Many Martial Eminence were jumping, trying to get to the Murder Clown and bring it down.

But the Murder Clown was simply too fast, no matter how much they tried to pursue, they all missed and fell down with a kick to the butt.

[Do you really want to die?]

The Murder Clown asked them curiously.

It was still holding Li Hai's head, its face was still the same stiff smile, its tone also seems to be excited, but all of this combined made everyone here couldn't help but feel a sense of dread.

All the Martial Eminence stopped.

They aren't stupid.

It was able to kick them in the air, which means it is able to kill them just as easily.

——this isn't right; the Clown wasn't remotely this strong the last time it appeared!

This is just not possible...

As the fear sprouted in their minds, they couldn't help but take a step back.

The Murder Clown waited for a bit until no one dared to move recklessly anymore before it nodded satisfyingly.

Then it suddenly bowed a 90 degrees' angle, using a happy tone of voice and began to speak:

[Hello everyone, I am your loyal servant, the harvester of your lives and the source of your fears]

[You can call me the Murder Clown]

[The trial will now begin]

[Li Hai, murdering numerous people consecutively, killing 798 innocent people in the Game of Eternal, his crimes were unpardonable. His judgement is death. Effective immediately]

The Clown then lifted the head up and looked at it, then acted as if it just realized.

[Oops, sorry folks, the death sentence has already been carried out. Ahahahaha!]

The Clown held the head in one hand, clutching its stomach with the other and raised a frenzied laugh in the air.

And then it stopped.

[Game of Eternal, where are you?]

The Clown lifted the severed head up, blocking its own head while staring straight at the screen.

[Can you see this? There are two heads here]

[—-but the one in front has already went to hell, and the one at the back lives]

Saying so, the Clown pulled the severed head away and peek its own face forward ——a face of a stiff and eerie smile.

[Take a look at your warrior, your ~champion~, your He-Ro! Right now, do you still think I'm just a flea?]

[Everyone, please remember this glorious person who gained "eternal life". Look, we have his head right here]

The Murder Clown continued to snicker a bit more, before continuing: [Ladies, gentlemen, please do your best to keep in mind, anyone that enters the Game of Eternal will have but a single fate, and that is ——]

Throwing the severed head down while still in the air, the Clown excitedly declared:

[—DEATH!]

After saying so, the clown's body shook, suddenly flew straight up and disappeared into the clouds.

It wasn't until his figure could no longer be seen that all the Holo-Brains in the world shut down again.

At this very moment, the entire planet went into an indescribable silence

Space.

The S.W. Divine Temple.

"Nicely done, while watching just now, I even thought that we were the real villains here" Zhang Ying Hao looked at Ye Fei Li and praised him.

"After all this calamity is over, you can try being an actor, you'll definitely win an award or two" Liao Xing was also giving him a thumbs up.

Ye Fei Li took off the clown mask, thinking and mumbling: "It's like I completely let myself go after wearing this helmet"

He then regained his senses and said to Gu Qing Shan: "Originally, I thought that if I were to come with you, I'll have to restrain myself, not evolving anymore, not killing anymore"

"And the results?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"But the results are that killing feels even better"

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Zhang Ying Hao agreed: "You got that right, this guy is a really good business partner. I only partnered up with him for a bit and already received shares of an entire casino"

"Ah?" Ye Fei Li and Liao Xing both looked interested.

Zhang Ying Hao said contemplating: "Although right now the world situation isn't that great, but after the calamity is over, I'll have the casino open for business once again"

"Speaking of which, if the world can really go back to normal, I'm thinking of opening a stripper bar" Liao Xing also said.

"Save me a business card or two, I've never tried going to any of those places" Ye Fei Li said.

"What about you? What do you want to do?" Zhang Ying Hao asked Gu Qing Shan.

Ye Fei Li and Liao Xing also looked over.

Thinking about the beauty of the cultivation world, Gu Qing Shan said: "I'll probably keep on with my cultivation"

"Cultivation? That wouldn't take too long"

"Not just for a short time, I'll keep on cultivating"

"You said 'keep on', how long would that be?"

"I'll cultivate as long as I live"

"What a meaningless life then" all three of them said at the same time.

Gu Qing Shan only smiled and said: "However, right now we can only continue working"

Liao Xing replied: "Relax, the Game of Eternal isn't going to be able to do anything to overturn us right now"

"That's right, we've won this battle"

For two days in a row, the Game of Eternal's winner has been killed by the Murder Clown.

No matter how brave a person is, they'll definitely hesitate whether or not they wanted to join the next Game of Eternal.

So the situation was in Gu Qing Shan group's favor.

Gu Qing Shan asked Liao Xing: "How's the process of miniaturizing the warp devices going?"

Liao Xing turned on the screen and put out the problems he was facing for Gu Qing Shan to see.

Then he shook his head: "It won't be that quick, quite a few crucial technical problems still requires experimenting and massive amounts of data before we can go on with the next step"

After seriously looking over them, Gu Qing Shan asked: "Very well, then what else do you need from me?"

"I like this place since I can get any kind of cutting edge technology here to use"

Liao Xing turned off the screen then continued: "But I really must say, I can't order take-out here"

Everyone looked outside at the black void of space at the same time.

"We've all been here for almost a day already, I think everyone is probably hungry" Liao Xing rubbed his stomach and said.

"Agreed" Zhang Ying Hao replied.

"Then let's go" Gu Qing Shan said.

A small-sized Warship left the S.W. Divine Temple and started to descend into the atmosphere.

Not long after, the four of them made it back to Zhang Ying Hao's mansion.

The chef of this place was someone that Zhang Ying Hao had to make a lot of effort to invite, so their standard of food is always at an extremely high quality.

When the team of 15 kitchen staff members knew about Zhang Ying Hao coming back, they instantly began their work.

While they were waiting for dinner, Liao Xing turned on the TV and started to enjoy a drama series.

Ye Fei Li turned on his Holo-Brain and started to play a game, happily killing people inside.

Zhang Ying Hao took a few profiles in hand, delegating and settling one thing after another.

"Why are you so busy?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Can’t help it, the apocalypse comes and apparently everyone’s deepest hidden desires suddenly became crystal clear to themselves” Zhang Ying Hao answered.

He held his Holo-Brain and mumbled: “7 spongers want to kill their wife off for their money, two wives want their husbands dead, three sons want to kill their father for inheritance, I’m not accepting any of these shitty selfish orders”

“Then how’s your business going to survive?”

“This one, the order is to assassinate a Cardinal, the pay is 120 million Credits”

“So you’re the type that doesn’t open shop for 3 years but one time opening shop lets you eat for 3 years”

“The one who ordered this hit was discovered by this Cardinal to have an exceptional God’s Chosen Skill when they were young and was worth his attention”

“And then?”

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“The Cardinal was smitten by her beauty, so instead of letting her join the Holy Church, he locked her up for 3 years and used her as a plaything”

“Luckily she managed to escape and made it big, but didn’t dare to take revenge. Now that it’s the apocalypse, thinking that she’ll die either way, she put a bounty on that Cardinal’s head”

“According to my customer here, the Cardinal didn’t just do that to her, but to many other beautiful women, after he’s tired of them, he uses them as a blood sacrifice for the Holy Church, to show his loyalty”

“And my customer is the only person who escaped with her life after all these years”

“Listening to this Cardinal’s personal history, I’m a bit itchy to kill him myself” Gu Qing Shan said, thinking about it.

“Don’t butt in, this is my livelihood” Zhang Ying Hao cautiously said.

“How many subordinates do you have?” Ye Fei Li asked from afar.

“No less than 300, can’t tell you the specific number though” Zhang Ying Hao puffed out his chest in pride.

“How impressive” Liao Xing praised him while still watching his TV show.

“With your abilities, why do you still murder for money?” Gu Qing Shan suddenly asked, “it’s probably not hard for you to become one of the 9 Lords if you really want to, right?”

“No way, no way” Zhang Ying Hao’s expression deflated, saying: “The title of Lord can only be inherited by the mainline, and the thing they’re protecting isn’t something I can shoulder”

Gu Qing Shan didn’t expect to hear that.

In the past life, he had to leave the Confederate very early and had to struggle for his life everyday while in the game, so he didn’t know that the 9 Lords of the Confederate actually had a secret.

Were the 9 Lords protecting something?

If you're saying they're protecting the Confederate, that's the sorriest excuse of a joke he's ever heard.

"What is the thing that the 9 Lords are protecting then?" Gu Qing Shan directly asked.

"I'm not sure, only the Lords of each generation knows for sure, and they have to keep it a secret for their entire lives. Anyone in history that has ever tried to peek at their secret have all died" Zhang Ying Hao answered.

Suddenly, Liao Xing said: "I know"

He turned off the TV and walked to face the two of them with a frightened expression on his face.

"You?" Zhang Ying Hao scoffed, "I don't even dare to check it..."

"What do you know? It's because I know that I had to fake my death and hide away at a distance planet for over 30 years" Liao Xing spoke in a low voice.

The two of them looked at Liao Xing, intrigued, while Ye Fei Li was still busy with his game.

"Wasn't it because you wanted to become the 10th Lord, prepared the bombs for teleportation and threatened them that they were after your life?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Liao Xing answered: "I only said that so that they wouldn't dare to kill me carelessly"

"Then what is it then?" Zhang Ying Hao asked.

As a part of one of the 9 Lords' that ran away from home, he's more interested about this than anyone else.

"Every member of the 9 Lords, in the moment before their deaths, will choose a successor under the supervision of the other 8 Lords"

"This is the tradition of the 9 Lords that everyone knows about, just get to the point already"

"The successor will then come with the other 8 Lords to a mysterious place"

"So you even know about that? You're probably the first person who's not part of the mainline of the 9 Lords that knows about it? What else do you know?" hearing that, Zhang Ying Hao finally became serious.

"On the satellite's map, that place is shown as personal property, a mountain range with strict security and powers set up everywhere, anyone unauthorized who dares to get close will die without any doubt"

"Then how did you get it?"

"I didn't, I used a small-sized warp device to teleport a camera drone inside"

"Then what's in there?"

"It's hard to say, I can't exactly describe it, but it's probably not a mountain"

Liao Xing had a strange look on his face.

“Probably not a mountain? You mean you don’t know for sure, despite having seen it yourself?”

“That place had a very strong magnetic field jamming the signal, as well as other things, so my drone’s radar couldn’t quite see clearly”

“I had put an ultrasonic detector on the drone, this is a device I invented for military usage, capable of detecting and measuring the sense of danger around its immediate vicinity”

“As soon as the drone was teleported inside, the detector began to glow red, warning me to abandon the mission and retreat”

“But despite using other machines to gather environmental data, I found nothing”

Liao Xing continued: “I was very confused at the time and also felt a bit uneasy. But I held back the thought to have the drone retreat and controlled it to keep moving forward”

“When the drone reached the supposed side of the mountain, I suddenly couldn’t control it anymore”

“Then a face showed up on my control screen”

“A face?”

“Yep, only a face any nothing else”

“That was a face of someone who has been through countless years, I couldn’t tell if the owner of that face was dead or still alive”

“What happens next?”

“The face came closer and closer to the screen, then all transmissions stopped”

“I knew that the jig was up, so I began to make plans to escape right away”

“You all know what happened after”

“I kept being chased and chased, nearly died a few times, and finally couldn’t help but use a dummy to fake my death and escape into space to save my life”

Everyone went silent, slowly digesting the secret they all just heard.

“For a single secret, they couldn’t risk it and pursued you to the very end of the earth, and you were the best scientist in the world at the time as well...” Gu Qing Shan said while thinking.

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[Sir, I’ve locked onto the target] Impartial Goddess reported.

Gu Qing Shan stood up and patted Ye Fei Li.

Ye Fei Li was at the most interesting part of the game, so he didn’t want to put it down and asked:

“Weren’t we going to eat first?”

“Consider this a pre-meal exercise” Gu Qing Shan answered.

“God damn, you’re even more excited about this than I am” Ye Fei Li complained.

“You don’t want to evolve your ears?” Gu Qing Shan raised his eyebrows, “if that’s the case, I don’t mind resting for a bit more”

“Let’s go, we’ll leave now” Ye Fei Li quickly stood up, rubbing his hands.

“I’m also a bit free right now, how about I join you?” Zhang Ying Hao also stood up.

“You can’t, you need to stay here, if any unexpected situation occurs, you have to tell us as soon as possible” Gu Qing Shan replied very seriously.

“Fine then” hearing him so serious, Zhang Ying Hao quickly agreed.

A super-speed shuttle landed on the terrace, waiting until Gu Qing Shan and Ye Fei Li got in to jet away at sonic speed.

“Seems like you’re in a hurry” Ye Fei Li looked a bit at Gu Qing Shan and said what he was thinking.

“The slab of meat is evolving very quickly, and we’ve been so busy without any time on earth. Now that we have a little bit of time, we have to take the chance and kill it” Gu Qing Shan answered.

“That slab of meat huh?” Ye Fei Li became serious, “That means, you didn’t let Zhang Ying Hao come along because you thought he might be in danger?”

“That’s right, this battle will be very dangerous, both you and I must be careful” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Saying so, he started to don the You Ji general armor set.

“Seems like I’ll have to get serious” Ye Fei Li agreed.

Without a pause, he also wore the Murder Clown armor.

A city.

An empty city.

Before the apocalypse, this used to be a popular tourist city.

But now, on the once busy, rowdy streets, not a single person was in sight.

Not just people, but dogs, cats, mice, no kind of animal were seen anywhere.

Even the Man Eater Fiends and Man Killer Fiends that usually wandered around were nowhere to be seen.

This was probably the quietest city in the entire planet.

Then a flying shuttle arrived, breaking the silence of the city.

The shuttle circled around and finally landed on the large main road.

Gu Qing Shan and Ye Fei Li stepped off the shuttle.

[With its calculated trajectory, it will pass by this area in 5 minutes] Impartial Goddess’ voice was heard.

Sure enough, not long after, 10 Man Eater Fiends appeared, slowly pulling a horse cart into the area.

In the horse cart was a large slab of meat.

The slab of meat had no limbs and no facial features, but it was moving nonstop, as if to feel something.

Then the horse cart stopped in front of Gu Qing Shan and Ye Fei Li.

A ringing voice was heard in Gu Qing Shan and Ye Fei Li's ears.

『 Guests, I welcome you 』

『 It's been so hard to meet living things around here recently; I'm thinking of leaving this place soon 』

『 For you to come here, do you perhaps want to enter my world of your own will? 』

Gu Qing Shan and Ye Fei Li exchanged looks.

"Just like last time" Gu Qing Shan said.

"Hm, let's finish this quick and go back for food" as Ye Fei Li spoke, he already jetted forward at the slab of meat.

"Die!"

Roaring, his hands turned into sharp blades and slashed at the slab of meat.

Suddenly, hundreds of sharp spikes protruded from the slab of meat, stabbing into Ye Fei Li like a porcupine.

"Aaaarrgg!" Ye Fei Li screamed in pain, but his body was already glowing a blood red color.

All the spikes instantly melted when they touched the blood glow.

"Are you alright?" Gu Qing Shan asked from afar.

"I'm fine, I just want to kill it!"

Ye Fei Li roared angrily, suddenly flew up into the air and began his next attack.

Gu Qing Shan tapped his Inventory Bag and took out the Night Rain.

On the War God UI, he changed his title to [You Ji General].

"Let me deal with these servants"

He quickly walked towards the Man Eater Fiends pulling the cart.

The ringing sound from the slab of meat became a booming sound.

『 So you don't want to join my world, how regretful 』

『 Go, bring back this human's corpse, I need a decent meal after a while 』

As soon as it said that, the large and bulky Man Eater Fiends moved into action.

They let go of the reins and rushed towards Gu Qing Shan, roaring.

Gu Qing Shan knocked an arrow, pulling it back.

Then let loose.

Thwack!

A Man Eater Fiend's head exploded.

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It was still moving forward from inertia, but quickly fell to the ground and was unable to move anymore.

"Quite effective"

Gu Qing Shan muttered.

Under the effect of the [You Ji General] title, his attack speed is increased by 15%.

Together with the Skill [Riding Wind] that passively increased an arrow's speed of flight, under the two buffs, even Gu Qing Shan himself couldn't see the trajectory of his arrows.

Gu Qing Shan's hands didn't stop and activated two Skills at the same time.

[Riding Wind]!

[Rapid Fire]!

As he consecutively fired, the arrows disappeared one after the other.

The next time they were seen, the arrows had already penetrated deeply into a Man Eater Fiend's body.

A total of 10 Man Eater Fiends, but only 1 managed to arrive before Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan stowed his bow away, grabbing the air and held a sword in his hand.

He swung, the sword sliced through the air to make a sharp screeching noise as Gu Qing Shan and the Man Eater Fiend passed each other.

Behind him, the Man Eater Fiend stood still as a thin line of blood appeared on its body.

The line quickly spread from the left shoulder all the way to its pelvis.

The Man Eater Fiend had already been bisected, its organs and blood soaked the ground.

Gu Qing Shan looked up and yelled: "Sorry about that, I accidentally killed them all"

Only to see Ye Fei Li was looking over with a pained expression, shouting: "Run!"

Gu Qing Shan stopped, squinted his eyes to observe him.

He saw that Ye Fei Li was opening his mouth to breathe heavily, while his bloodshot eyes were glowing in a frenzied manner.

"It's trying to control me, its mental power is unimaginably powerful —run away quick, or I might kill you!" Ye Fei Li shouted.

Gu Qing Shan was a bit tense; he didn't expect the creature to have evolved to much that it was able to take control of Ye Fei Li as well.

He quickly put his sword away, took out the Night Rain again and drew a jet black arrow.

Demon Slaying Arrow!
[Riding Wind]! [Rapid Fire]! [Bombardment]!

All the Skills activated!

With a 'thwack', the Demon Slaying Arrow disappeared from the bow.

From the horse cart, the slab of meat let out a sharp ear-piercing scream of pain that reverberated all the way to the sky.

『Aaaarrgghh!! It hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts!』

Immediately, a large chunk of the meat was completely gouged out, as the red blood spewed everywhere like a fountain.

『Damned human! I want to rend your body piece by piece a thousand times over!』

The slab of meat shouted with a booming voice.

Following its words, an invisible wave of 'something' seemed to have enveloped Gu Qing Shan.

But he didn't mind it, drew the second Demon Slaying Arrow out, knocked it on the bow and activated his Skills again.

The Arrow flew.

Another intense scream of pain, the slab of meat wiggled angrily and shouted: 『Get over here!』

The invisible wave became stronger.

And Gu Qing Shan was hit.

Right after, a large black curtain had covered the sky.

The entire world was in darkness.

Countless strange looking creatures sprouted from the ground, as well as a wok full of boiling blood, cooking the half-dead, half alive people it trapped inside.

Mountains of swords, seas of fire, gigantic monsters, bottomless pits, all sorts of hellish scenes appeared all at once in front of Gu Qing Shan.

『Welcome to my world, once you've entered, don't even think of coming back!』

The slab of meat's angry voice rang all over.

『You will receive the cruelest of tortures, all the way until your soul itself rips apart from the pain, only then will my anger be sated!』

As soon as it finished speaking, the ground under Gu Qing Shan became a boiling river of blood.

In the river of blood, countless types of demonic creatures opened their large mouths with sharp teeth, staring and waiting for Gu Qing Shan.

The meat roared: 『 Damned human, taste the horror of hell! 』

Gu Qing Shan immediately began to fall into the river of blood.

In the river of blood, all sorts of creatures rose up, wanting to grab Gu Qing Shan.

But Gu Qing Shan's entire body let out a seven-colored light.

In the air, a rain of petals and divine creatures descended.

Together with them was a projection of 6 Holy Divinity, holding all sorts of holy weapons.

This was the Great Monk of Sorrow's technique that he was given for his contribution in the decisive battle in the cultivation world.

As soon as Gu Qing Shan received an attack on his soul vessel, the technique automatically activated and showed its power.

The 6 Holy Divinity stood around Gu Qing Shan, shouting: "Hoh!"

Deep in the hellscape, a long cry of agony was heard.

In a few moments, the river of blood, the demonic creatures, mountains of swords, sea of fire and the rest of the terrifying scenes all disappeared.

The black curtain that covered the sky was quickly retreating, revealing the clear blue sky.

Gu Qing Shan found himself still standing on the large main road, not moving an inch away.